



Chicago Section
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Introduction to Current & Past CSIFT JBT Scholarship Recipients

The Chicago Section IFT provides several scholarships annually. One of these scholarships is the Jonathon Baldwin Turner Scholarship for \$8,000.00. The scholarship is awarded in the name of Chicago Section IFT by the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana to an entering freshman. Previous recipients are also supported as part of this annual contribution.



Janique Tyler

Meet current recipient Janique Tyler.

Janique Tyler was awarded the JBT Scholarship in August 2013 and will continue to receive the award for four years. She hopes to graduate in 2016 or 2017.

In response to the question, **“What has receiving this scholarship meant to you and how did it impact your research at school?”** this is what she had to say.

“Winning this scholarship means so much to me. It greatly helps me pursue my passions in food science. I am so grateful for the generosity of others. I may not have been able to study at the U of I without the aid of the scholarship.”

With the help, I get to take the classes I need to graduate, while learning through the experience of my professors. This has helped me to discover that I am most interested in the research and development side of food science. I enjoy the other aspects, such as sensory, and quality, but development inspires me the most.

This summer I will be involved a summer research internship with the College of ACES to compare different varieties of strawberries and blueberries after they are sun dried or made into fruit leathers. This was partially made possible because with the aid of the scholarship, I am more qualified for this research because I can spend more time on my school work than on a job. Thank you so much for all of your help and support.”

“Did winning the scholarship impact your involvement in IFT? If so, how are you involved in IFT now?”

“I had actually recently joined the IFT before I found out that I won the scholarship. I found it kind of ironic. It was so nice to receive a scholarship from a wonderful organization that I am just starting to get involved with. I am a part of the Association of Food Technologists, which is the college version of the IFT, where I currently serve as treasurer. It is so wonderful to be involved with a large interconnected group that are all fascinated with food.”

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“What is your favorite IFT event and why?”

“Since I recently just joined and have been very busy with school, I haven't been able to go to many of the events. I hope to go to the Expo. I hope to present my summer research project there this next year. I greatly enjoy reading the magazines that I receive. The emails are also very helpful with staying up to date with what is going on in the community. I hope to become much more involved as I advance my education and career.”



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Meet 1997 Recipient Andrew Moltz

Andrew Moltz graduated from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with a Bachelors of Science in Food Science and Human Nutrition. He earned his Masters of Science in Food Microbiology at University of Illinois as well and also earned an Associate Degree from the Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago – Le Cordon Bleu.

He currently is employed by Pepsico / Quaker Oats as a Corporate Executive Chef.

The Jonathon Baldwin Turner Scholarship played an integral role in setting me onto my current career path. Following High School I had a strong passion to gain a more in depth perspective of the culinary arts but I also felt the need to attend a University and attain a bachelor's degree. Learning about the Jonathon Baldwin Turner Scholarship brought me into contact with the field of Food Science and Human Nutrition which I immediately knew was the right major for me. Once enrolled I participated in various events sponsored by both the University and IFT which brought me into contact with not only food scientists but chefs who understood food science as well. From that point on I could see very clearly that the career of a research chef was in my future.

Winning the JBT scholarship immediately made me aware of the importance that professional societies hold for both networking and career development. By attending regional events as well as annual conventions, I was not only able to meet people with similar interests but also learn about the breadth of knowledge and disciplines the field of Food Science has to offer. Learning to appreciate the importance of staying connected with professional organizations through IFT has stuck with me to this day as I now find myself actively immersed in other career specific organizations.