

Dear Incoming Freshmen,

First of all, congratulations and welcome to the Purdue Food Science Department! I'm so glad that you have chosen to join us. I'm Emily, next year's Food Science Club president. I hope you are enjoying your summer and getting ready for your first year at Purdue. I wanted to extend my well-wishes as well as share with you a little bit about our club.

I know from experience that it's great to get involved early. There are many different clubs here on campus and plenty of different ways to get involved. Food Science Club is a great way to get involved and to meet other food science students (not to mention free food at most meetings!). We will have a callout early in the semester, but here's a little bit about what we do:

- **Info Sessions:** Representatives from industry come in to teach us about their companies. These are great places to make contacts, as well as learn about what different companies have to offer interns and full time employees. Often, we also have info sessions from industry representatives that teach skills such as interviewing etiquette or resume writing.
- **IFTSA:** We urge FSC members to also join IFTSA (Institute of Food Technologists Student Association). This is the student counterpart to the IFT, the professional organization for food scientists. They hold a product development competition and a College Bowl every year.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** We hope that our club can make a positive impact on our community. Through activities such as Spring Fest or our new community garden project, members have opportunities to volunteer their time to help others.
- **Group Activities:** Things such as carving pumpkins, making a Thanksgiving feast, and having eating contests give us all a chance to get to know the other undergraduates. There are also activities with the graduate students, especially for those who participate in our Buddy Program.

As you can see, you have a lot to gain by joining the FSC! The other officers and I are looking forward to seeing you at our callout and getting to know you next year. Treasurer Jason Mueller (jpmuelle@purdue.edu) is a senior in food science. This summer he will be working in Chicago for Diageo. Secretary Katrina Roseland (kroselan@purdue.edu) is going to be a junior in Food Science. She is spending the summer in Pittsburgh working at Heinz. Ag Council Representative, Brock Papariella (bdpapari@purdue.edu), is a senior in Food Science. He will be heading back to Evansville, IN to return for another internship with Ameriqua. Vice President Morgan Goodall (mgoodall@purdue.edu) will be working for General Mills in Minneapolis, as well as spending time in Africa to further her research done here at Purdue. I (ecmckenz@purdue.edu), your President, am a senior double majoring in Food Science and Food Manufacturing Operations. I also will be working at Heinz in Pittsburgh this summer.

Feel free to e-mail any of us if you have any questions or concerns, we're all happy to help you out any way we can! Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I can't wait to meet all of you in the fall!

Sincerely,

Emily McKenzie