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Holiday Appreciation Day for Students and 5th Annual State-Wide Competition for Food Safety Modernization Act, Food Safety, and Food Science Students

*Meeting to be Held via Zoom due to Ongoing Respiratory
Pandemic/Endemic*

Date and Time

Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021, from 4:00 to 7:30 pm (central time)

Tentative Agenda:

Zoom link: <https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/92315846388>

Passcode: PHMLab (Case sensitive passcode: first four letters are Uppercase)

4:00 to 4:30 pm: Students arrival and testing of the online Zoom system

4:30 to 5:00 pm: IFT Keynote Presenter and Competition Information

5:00 to 5:45 pm: Oral Presentations by Finalists

5:45 to 6:00 pm: Poster Presentations by Finalists

6:00 to 6:15 pm: Food Policy Presentations by Finalists

6:15 to 6:30 pm: Judges Deliberations and Discussions

6:30 to 7:00 pm: Announcement of Awardees

Question:

Competition Organizer, A. Fouladkhah.

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Previous years' competitions:

<https://publichealthmicrobiology.education/annual-competitions>



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Submission Guideline:

You are cordially invited to submit an abstract for the 2021 graduate poster and oral competitions. Students who are planning to present/compete in IFT22 or closely allied organizations are strongly encouraged to apply. Please submit the title of your research, 250-word abstract, and name of your advisor by **Friday, December 3, 2020, 11:59 pm** (central time). Please also let us know if you would like to be considered for competition in poster or oral division, or both. This year students from AGSC 5540 Food Policies and Regulation class and course alumni will additionally present their policy presentations in the third category. Please note that no late submission will be accepted, and only selected abstracts (finalists) will be scheduled for competition due to limitations in space and time for presentations.

You will be notified of the status of your abstract on **Monday, December 6, 2021**. Up to 6 accepted abstracts in oral and poster divisions will be entered for the Zoom competition evaluated by the judges. A new category exists this year for AGSC 5540 Food Policies and Regulation students. The top three individuals* in each category will be awarded \$300, \$200, \$100**.

The competition is free of cost for attendees. Applicants in any institutions in Tennessee are cordially invited to apply. Please note that per the policy of the funding agency for this competition meals will not be provided. Recent graduates (those who graduate late in 2020 and 2021) could also apply to compete as long as the abstract is from work completed as a student.

**Awards will be mailed to the awardees approximately up to three months after the event, after completion of W-9 forms and other paperwork. There is a myriad of regulations for issuing the awards using extramural grants and appreciate in advance the awardee's patience. The awards are supported by Public Health Microbiology Laboratory Food Processing Support Center and Public Health Microbiology Laboratory extramural grants (USDA NIFA projects 2017-07534; 2017-04975; 2017-06088).*

***Awarded values will be divided if two competitors are tied.*



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4th Annual State-Wide Competition for Food Safety Modernization Act, Food Safety, and Food Science Students 2020 Emerging Leaders Category:

1st Place (tied): Dr. M. Naraghi, Vanderbilt Uni. of Medical Sci.

1st Place (tied): Dr. Tylor-Bowne, TSU

2nd Place: Dr. Md Niamul Kabir, TSU

2020 Oral Competitions for Students:

1st Place: Sabrina Wadood, TSU

2nd Place: Jyothi George, TSU

3rd Place: Sadiye Aras, TSU

2020 Poster Competitions for Students:

1st Place: Andrea Nieto Veloza, UT

2nd Place: Anika Chowdhury, MTSU

3rd Place (tied): Akiliyah Sumlin, TSU

3rd Place (tied): Shreya Hamal, TSU

3rd Annual State-Wide Competition for Food Safety Modernization Act, Food Safety, and Food Science Students 2019 Graduate Oral Competition Winners

1st Place (tied): Monica Henry, TSU

1st Place (tied): Trent Kerley, UT

2nd Place: Abimbola Allison, TSU

3rd Place: Shan Hong, UT



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2019 Graduate Oral Competition Winners

1st Place (tied): Jennifer Vuia-Riser, UT

1st Place (tied): Kaleh Karim, TSU

2nd Place (tied): Shreya Singh Hamal, TSU

2nd Place (tied): Purni Wickramasinghe, UT

3rd: Place Jayashan Adhikari, TSU

2nd Annual State-Wide Competition for Food Safety Modernization Act, Food Safety, and Food Science Students 2018 Graduate Competition Winners

1st Place (tied) Monica Henry: Graduate Competition, TSU

1st Place (tied) Grace Shupe: Graduate Competition, UT

2nd Place Devendra Bhandari: Graduate Competition, TSU

3rd Place Michelle Heatherly: Graduate Competition, UT

2018 Undergraduate Competition Winners

1st Place Braxton Simpson: Undergraduate Competition, TSU

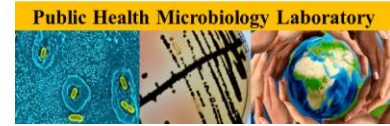
2nd Place Akiliyah Sumlin: Undergraduate Competition, TSU

3rd Place (tied) Kristin Day: Undergraduate Competition, TSU

3rd Place (tied) Kayla Sampson: Undergraduate Competition, TSU



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1st Annual State-Wide Competition for Food Safety Modernization Act, Food Safety, and Food Science Students

2017 Competition Winners

1st place: Danielle Gunter-Ward, TSU

2nd place: Li Wang, TSU

3rd place: Shreya Singh Hamal, TSU

2021 Competition Committee

Organizer and Chair	Dr. Aliyar Cyrus Fouladkhah	Vol. section IFT Public Health Microbiology Laboratory
Graduate Competition Co-chair	Dr. Shahid Chowdhury	Public Health Microbiology Laboratory, TSU
Graduate Competition Co-chair	Dr. Md Niamul Kabir	Albany State University

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