

Springfield, Missouri, November, 2012

The 91st Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest in Springfield, Missouri provided a refreshing blend of the familiar and the fresh.

Familiar was the team at the top. South Dakota State University once again finished first in the All Products category, led by Cassandra Hulstein who took overall individual honors. South Dakota's victory was a solid one as teammates Austin Asche and Lee Alexander placed third and fourth respectively in the Individual All Products category.

South Dakota State's Laura Mealy also placed first in the Individual Graduate Student All Products competition.

South Dakota State's team victory earned their institution the Shirley Seas Scholarship, sponsored by Chr. Hansen, Inc. SDSU's head coach, Lloyd Metzger won the Aurelia and George Weigold Coach's Award.

Fresh were the teams who participated in the contest for the first time, or for the first time in years. Loughry College of Northern Ireland, under the tutelage of Michigan State University's Head Coach John Partridge acquitted itself well with a team victory in butter judging.

Vicosa Federal University of Brazil, coached by Iowa State University's Stephanie Clark also participated. Vicosa Federal's Renata Cassia Campos took first place in the ice cream competition and placed fifth in the all products competition.

Although South Dakota State University won the overall completion, they had to share the hardware in some of the product categories. The University of Wisconsin, led by Katie Trokey's second place, took team honors in the Cottage Cheese division.

The Washington State University/University of Idaho School of Food Science team collected first place in the Ice Cream competition on the strength of Lisa Piontek's second place.

Lisa Schimdt's individual first in Yogurt lifted Iowa State University to first place in that category.

South Dakota State took home first place trophies in Milk and Cheddar Cheese, with Austin Asche leading the way with first place finishes in both of those categories.

Loughry College's depth carried it to first place in Butter, even though none placed among the top three individuals.

Iowa State University's Michael Rathe won the 2012 Joe Larson Merit Award, which recognizes the contestant who exhibits leadership, professionalism and maturity and demonstrates the greatest understanding of the importance of sensory evaluation in the production of high quality dairy products.

The number of schools participating in this year's contest nearly doubled over last year. Kansas State University competed for the first time since 2001. Pennsylvania State University brought a team to the competition for the first time since 2005. Clemson University, North Carolina A&T, and Southern Illinois University all returned to the contest for the first time since 2009.

We welcome them all and look forward to their continued participation.

This year's contest was hosted by DairyConcepts, LLC of Springfield, Missouri. DairyConcepts provided a terrific venue for the contest and their hospitality was appreciated by all the teams and individual contestants.

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After the 2009 contest, some declared the contest "dead" due to a change in the funding that was available for administration of the contest and travel stipends for teams. Arthur strongly disagreed with that diagnosis and made it his personal mission to keep the contest running.

The most critical need for the contest was a firm, reliable fiscal footing, so Arthur volunteered to head the contest's fundraising effort. He assembled a strong team and together they attracted enough money that, for the first time since 2009, support was available to underwrite some of the travel expenses incurred by the teams.

Arthur's hard work and vision was vindicated, not just by the contest's survival, but by its renaissance. The number of schools participating in this year's contest is a direct result of the hard work he and his team invested over these past four years.

We will miss his leadership and energy. The contest probably would not have survived without him. His retirement leaves a strong legacy for the board of directors to live up to.

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Participating Teams in Alphabetical Order

Clemson University
Iowa State University
Kansas State University
Loughry College
Michigan State University
Middle Tennessee State University
Mississippi State University
North Carolina A&T University
Pennsylvania State University
South Dakota State University
Southern Illinois University
University of Alberta
University of Missouri
University of Minnesota
University of Wisconsin
Vicosa Federal University
Washington State University

Head Coach(s)

John McGregor
Stephanie Clark
Karen Schmidt
John Partridge
John Partridge
Tim Redd, Liz Troup & Charles White
William Gillis
Salam Ibrahim
Kerry Kaylegian
Lloyd Metzger
Amer Abu Ghazaleh
George Patocka
Richard Linhardt
Tonya Schoenfuss
Robert Bradley
Stephanie Clark
Michael Costello

Undergraduate Student Division

Individual Winners, Butter

1 st	Lisa Schmidt	Iowa State University
2 nd	Allison Hoy	Pennsylvania State University
3 rd	Natalia Junqueira	Kansas State University
3 rd	Anna Schartner	University of Wisconsin

Team Competition, Butter

1 st	Loughry College
2 nd	Mississippi State University
3 rd	University of Wisconsin

Individual Winners, Cheddar Cheese

1 st	Austin Asche	South Dakota State University
2 nd	Russell Perryman	Mississippi State University
3 rd	Lisa Schmidt	Iowa State University

Team Competition, Cheddar Cheese

1 st	University of Missouri
2 nd	Mississippi State University
3 rd	South Dakota State University

Individual Winners, Cottage Cheese

1 st	Christopher Jeffers	University of Missouri
2 nd	Katie Trokey	University of Wisconsin
3 rd	Austin Asche	South Dakota State University

Team Competition, **Cottage Cheese**

- 1st University of Wisconsin
- 2nd University of Missouri
- 3rd South Dakota State University

Individual Winners, **Ice Cream**

- 1st Renata Cassia Campos Vicoso Federal University
- 2nd Lisa Piontek Washington State University/University of Idaho
- 3rd Sarah Hermes University of Wisconsin

Team Competition, **Ice Cream**

- 1st Washington State University/University of Idaho
- 2nd South Dakota State University
- 3rd Middle Tennessee State University

Individual Winners, **Milk**

- 1st Austin Asche South Dakota State University
- 2nd Katie Trokey University of Wisconsin
- 3rd Ruth Surgenor Loughry College

Team Competition, **Milk**

- 1st South Dakota State University
- 2nd Mississippi State University
- 3rd University of Missouri

Individual Winners, **Yogurt**

- 1st Lisa Schmidt Iowa State University
- 2nd Bronwyn Dean University of Minnesota
- 3rd Curtis Hickman Middle Tennessee State University

Team Competition, **Yogurt**

- 1st Iowa State University
- 2nd Middle Tennessee State University
- 3rd University of Minnesota

Undergraduate Individual All Products

- 1st Cassandra Hulstein South Dakota State University
- 2nd Lisa Schmidt Iowa State University
- 3rd Austin Aschee South Dakota State University
- 4th Lee Alexander South Dakota State University
- 5th Renata Cassia Campos Vicoso Federal University, Brazil
- 6th Yee Lung lai Iowa State University
- 7th Elizabeth Griswold Mississippi State University
- 8th Bronwyn Dean University of Minnesota
- 9th Anna Schartner University of Wisconsin
- 10th Russell Perryman Mississippi State University

Team All Products

- 1st South Dakota State University
- 2nd Mississippi State University
- 3rd University of Wisconsin

Graduate Student Division

Individual Winner, **Butter**

Laura Mealy South Dakota State University

Individual Winner, **Cheddar Cheese**

Yu-Ting Chen Mississippi State University

Individual Winner, **Cottage Cheese**

Laura Mealy South Dakota State University

Individual Winner, **Milk**

Joanne Corcesky Clemson University

Individual Winner, **Yogurt**

Yu-Ting Chen Mississippi State University

Individual **All Products**

- 1st Laura Mealy South Dakota State University
- 2nd Ann Pataky University of Minnesota