

99th
Collegiate Dairy
Products Evaluation Contest
Awards Program

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*The 99th Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest
Is Dedicated to*

Chris Thompson



On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is a pleasure to dedicate the 99th Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest in honor of Chris Thompson. Chris has been associated with the Collegiate Dairy Products Judging contest for over 7 years.

Chris became the contest superintendent in 2017 and under his leadership the contest seamlessly navigated transitioning to an electronic scoring system to modernize the event. He also led the contest through its only interruption since WW1 and WW2 and reestablished it after 2 missed years to preside over the 98th contest in 2022.

Chris Thompson serves as the International Standards Director of the Dairy Program within the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service. He has over 30 years of experience in implementing and managing dairy industry service and regulatory programs. In addition to working with domestic standards activities, Chris provides USDA leadership in putting forth U.S. positions relating to international standards, and he regularly participates in export certificate negotiations and interagency market access activities on behalf of the U.S. dairy industry.

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Presiding

Christopher Thompson, Director of Dairy Standardization Branch,
United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service

Matthew Siedschlaw, Contest Superintendent, Dairy Products Marketing
Specialist, United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural
Marketing Service

Introduction of Teams, Judges, and Officials

Awards Presentations

Christopher Thompson, assisted by the presidents, officials or
representatives of the following organizations that provided awards to
individuals or teams:

CDPEC Board of Directors

Arthur Nesbitt

Saputo

Adjourn

Awards and Recognitions

Joe Larson Merit Award The Joe Larson Merit Award, established in 1998, honors two undergraduate students that best uphold the ideals of the Contest with \$500 and a plaque. The awards are not based on technical placement in the Contest, but reward individuals for other key attributes necessary for industry leadership. These awards are made possible by a generous contribution from Joe Larson.

Genevieve Christen Award The *first place winner in the All Products graduate* student competition receives an award honoring the memory of Dr. Genevieve Christen. Dr. Christen was a devoted coach from the University of Tennessee and a strong supporter of the Contest. The winner receives \$250 and a plaque.

Shirley Seas Memorial Scholarship This scholarship is awarded annually to the university that places first in the All Products category. This scholarship is given in memory of Shirley W. Seas, who was a Professor of Dairy Science at South Dakota State University. Seas was actively involved in the dairy processing technology teaching program and management of the South Dakota State University dairy plant. Professor Seas was best known as an outstanding teacher and for his dedication as a Collegiate Contest coach. He coached 21 teams and was named as “Coach of the Year” five times. His teams placed first in Butter 17 of his 21 years as coach and won the Contest seven times.

Dairy Recognition and Education Foundation The Dairy Recognition and Education Foundation (DREF) was founded to recognize outstanding students studying food and dairy science curricula. Qualified students majoring in dairy processing technology, agri-business or food science are granted scholarships through the Foundation. DREF has assisted more than 2,000 students since 1953. Special awards are presented annually by the DREF to the student participants who finish *first, second and third in the All-Products* individual competitions of the Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest, and to the *coach of the winning All Products team*.

• The *first place All Products individual* winner receives the \$400 **Robert Rosenbaum Award**, in recognition of the person whose efforts were instrumental in forming DREF in 1953.

- The *second place All Products individual* winner receives the \$350 **Everett Byers Memorial Award**. The Byers Award was first bestowed in 1978, in memory of Everett Byers, who served for 12 years as a Contest judge in the Ice Cream and All Products categories.
- The *third place All Products individual* winner receives a \$300 award, which was established with funds donated by **Harold Roberts**, Professor Emeritus and Coach, Kansas State University.
- *First place individual winners in each of the six product categories* receive a \$200 award, which was established by the DREF Board in 1993.
- The *coach of the winning All Products team* is recognized as coach of the year, presented with the **Aurelia and George Weigold Coach's Award**, and receives \$150. This award was created in 1982, with funding to DREF by **Mr. and Mrs. George W. Weigold**. The award recognizes the devotion, hard work and interest by the college coaches.

Special contributions have been made to DREF either honoring or in memory of the following individuals:

Neil Angevine	Glenn Hoffman
Edward L. Koepenick	John Kinnett, Sr.
I.E. "Bud" Fear	June V. North
Don Merlin	Fred Uetz
Charles M. Fistere	John T. Walsh
Edwin S. Moses	Robert "Pinky" Holtgrieve
E.W. Gaumnitz	Arthur G. & Heppie M. Weigold
George & Aurelia Weigold	Irv Horrocks
E. Fred Malatesta	Mike Bender
A.C. Routh	William Jordan
Robert Everett	Robert Grigsby
Wilbur Gaunt	Arthur & Wilma Weigold
Alfred M. Ghormley	Bea Prescott
Howard Grant	Joe Larson

Bert Aldrich Award Saputo Inc. established a unique award in 1989 for the *first-place individual in the Butter* competition. This continuing award is made in memory of Bert Aldrich, who was lead Butter judge for many years and was dedicated to the education of future dairy leaders. The award consists of an award of \$200.

Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest Awards The CDPEC board of directors provides monetary awards to the top 2 Graduate students for All Products and the high college team in All Products. In addition, the second and third place individuals in each of the six product categories receive cash awards.

Chr. Hansen sponsors the *top cheddar cheese college student and coach* to attend the 2024 World Championship Cheese Competition. The top student will have the opportunity to evaluate cheese together with experts in the field.

QCS Purchasing Cooperative will recognize the *top undergraduate student and their coach of the first place all products team* with an all-expenses paid trip to their QCS Annual Conference. Students have the opportunity to participate in many of the conference activities including meeting potential employers. In addition, QCS Purchasing Cooperative provides a \$1000 cash contribution to support the winning team's dairy judging program.

Arthur Nesbitt sponsors lifetime memberships in the National Dairy Shrine for the *three top ranking individuals in All Products*. National Dairy Shrine lifetime members include dairy product specialists, scientists, journalists, marketers, dairymen and students from all dairy-related fields. National Dairy Shrine recognizes today's dairy leaders; honors great dairy leaders of the past; inspires dairy leaders of the future; and records the history of the dairy industry. The National Dairy Shrine supports the Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest by serving as the administrator of contest funds.

Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest Travel Stipends The CDPEC Board of Directors provides monetary travel stipends to each of the schools competing in the Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest. Travel stipends are based on the number of miles from the contest site.

Our Sponsors

The Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest is held annually and is supported by a number of dairy corporations, trade organizations and individuals.

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Special Recognitions

Very special thanks to our 2023 Collegiate Contest host, WCMA. This year's contest would not have been possible without the sponsorship of WCMA and the tireless efforts of Judy Keller and the entire team.

Matthew Siedschlaw, Contest Superintendent, Dairy Products Marketing Specialist, United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service

Lineage for coordinating sample logistics.

Mike Opperman, Contest Financial Management, National Dairy Shrine

Arthur Nesbitt, who provided trophies, award plaques, awards program printing and National Dairy Shrine lifetime memberships.

Mike Roemer, photographer, for capturing the contest events.

Dairy Management Inc. for their help in producing this awards program.

Chad Galer, who coordinated the events of this year's contest.

CPDEC Board of Directors

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- Judge Board Member: Brandon Prochaska, Center for Dairy Research
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**Denotes a member of
the Executive committee*

Contest Judges

We wish to express our appreciation to contest judges for their considerable time and effort

Butter

Ron Thompson, Lead, Continental Dairy Facilities, MI
Matthew Buss, Allied Blending, MO
Josh Busby, DFA
Allison Reynolds, USDA/AMS
Lydia Meredith, USDA/AMS
Oliver Janevski, Leprino Foods, CO

Cheddar Cheese

Brandon Prochaska, CDR WI
Valerie Stastny, FMMA, USDA
Laura Enriquez, Edlong Corporation, IL
Gina Hafele Schultz, Flavorsum
Jackie Seibel, Sartori, WI
Claire Collins, Sartori, WI

Cottage Cheese

Doug Allen, Lead, Denali Ingredients, WI
Doug Vargo, IFF, IN
Gary Pieper, Chr. Hansen, WI
Hoss Langhoff, (Retired) Saputo Dairy Foods, WI
Phil Brown, IFF, NY
Kevin Young, DFA, MI

Ice Cream

David Hoyda, Lead, Tate and Lyle IL
Scott Halverson, Denali Ingredients WI
Joe Loquasto, Crest Foods IL
Tori Boomgaarden, Artisan Row, MN

Milk

Jane Zeien, Lead, Denali Ingredients, WI
Thomas J. Gruetzmacher, Retired
Julie TiaTia, Marathon Cheese Corp
Justin Larson, Mars Wrigley
Derek Janssen, Mars Wrigley
Rebecca Hummel – Mars Wrigley
Barry Stevens - Retired

Yogurt

Don C. Tribby, IFF, MO
Herb Wyckoff, Crest Foods, IL
Vanessa Teter, NY
Kevin Harrah, Corbion
Troy Hancock, Valley Natural Beverages, CA

All Products

Kevin R. O'Rell, Good Karma Foods, CO

Contest Officials

Noreen Ratzlaff, Retired USDA/AMS
Bao T Cheng, USDA/AMS

Contest Participants

Aims Community College

Amy McFarland, Coach
Rylie Boyd, Undergraduate
Cassie Harmon, Undergraduate
Ivy Hockenberry, Undergraduate
Justin Trujillo, Undergraduate

California Polytechnic State University

Chi Kong (Vincent) Yeung, Coach
Ashley Andes-McCullough, Undergraduate
Monica Novoa Diaz, Undergraduate
Avery Orr, Undergraduate
Bonney Shehadey, Undergraduate

Clemson University

Sara Cothran, Coach
Jessica Hardiman, Undergraduate
Rachel McHugh, Undergraduate
Ian Smith, Undergraduate
Natalie Williford, Undergraduate
Isis Soto, Undergraduate
Javin Goodine, Graduate

Iowa State University

Stephanie Clark, Coach
Advait Anand, Undergraduate
Matthew McGarry, Undergraduate
Olivia Ruffer, Undergraduate
Chinwendu Ozoh, Graduate

North Carolina A&T State University

Roberta Silva, Coach
Alaina Brock, Undergraduate
Christopher Carter, Undergraduate
Chandler Dix, Undergraduate
Taylor Peele, Undergraduate
Rycal Blount, Graduate
Tyler Davenport, Graduate
Jannatul Ferdous, Graduate
Ebony Thorton, Graduate

South Dakota State University

Maneesha Mohan, Coach
Becca Hermann, Undergraduate
Seth Hinsch, Undergraduate
Joey Otta, Undergraduate
Caitlin Swanson, Undergraduate
Aditya Lnu, Graduate
Ting Mao, Graduate

University of Tennessee

Charles White, Coach
Meagan Buskey, Undergraduate
Elena Cota, Undergraduate
Tucker Fain, Undergraduate
Kacy Knezovic, Undergraduate
Kiana Lane, Undergraduate
Joel Villalobos, Undergraduate
Abby Rodriguez, Graduate

University of Wisconsin – Madison

Beth Button, Coach
Zachary Olson, Undergraduate
Kenneth Sutedjo, Undergraduate
Evelyn Yap, Undergraduate

University of Wisconsin – River Falls

Grace Lewis, Coach
Yihong Deng, Undergraduate
Ashley Gruman, Undergraduate
Rafael Larosiliere, Undergraduate
Kate Petersen, Undergraduate

Trophy Status

A team must have three first place wins in any one category before it is allowed to retain the trophy. The wins do not have to be consecutive. When a trophy is retired, a new one is provided. Past winners are listed below. The asterisk (*) indicates two wins to date.

All Products

2013 South Dakota State retired trophy
2014 South Dakota State University
2015 South Dakota State University*
2017 University of Tennessee
2018 South Dakota State retired trophy
2019 University of Tennessee*
2022 Clemson University

Butter

2013 Clemson University retired trophy
2014 South Dakota State retired trophy
2015 South Dakota State University
2017 University of Missouri
2018 South Dakota State University*
2019 South Dakota State retired trophy
2022 University of Tennessee

Cheddar Cheese

2013 University of Missouri
2014 Iowa State University
2015 South Dakota State University
2017 South Dakota State University*
2018 University of Tennessee
2019 South Dakota State retired trophy
2022 South Dakota State University

Cottage Cheese

2013 South Dakota State University
2014 University of Tennessee
2015 South Dakota State University*
2017 University of Tennessee*
2018 U of Tennessee retired trophy
2019 University of Tennessee
2022 University of Tennessee*

Ice Cream

2013 South Dakota State University
2014 South Dakota State University*
2015 South Dakota State retired trophy
2017 University of Tennessee
2018 South Dakota State University
2019 South Dakota State University*
2022 California Polytechnic State

Milk

2013 Clemson University
2014 University of Minnesota
2015 University of Missouri
2017 Clemson University*
2018 Clemson University retired trophy
2019 University of Tennessee
2022 South Dakota State retired trophy

Yogurt

2013 Iowa State retired trophy
2014 University of Tennessee
2015 Clemson University
2017 The Pennsylvania State University
2018 South Dakota State University
2019 University of Tennessee*
2022 Clemson University*

Tally Sheet

Product	Individual Winners	School	Team Winners
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Butter

3rd	_____	_____	_____
2nd	_____	_____	_____
1st*	_____	_____	_____

Graduate Winner _____

*(Bert Aldrich Award)

Cheddar Cheese

3rd	_____	_____	_____
2nd	_____	_____	_____
1st	_____	_____	_____

Graduate Winner _____

Cottage Cheese

3rd	_____	_____	_____
2nd	_____	_____	_____
1st	_____	_____	_____

Graduate Winner _____

Ice Cream

3rd	_____	_____	_____
2nd	_____	_____	_____
1st	_____	_____	_____

Graduate Winner _____

Milk

3rd	_____	_____	_____
2nd	_____	_____	_____
1st	_____	_____	_____

Graduate Winner _____

Yogurt

3rd	_____	_____	_____
2nd	_____	_____	_____
1st	_____	_____	_____

Graduate Winner _____

All Products

Individual

School

10th	_____	_____
9 th	_____	_____
8th	_____	_____
7th	_____	_____
6th	_____	_____
5th	_____	_____
4th	_____	_____
3rd	_____	_____
2nd	_____	_____
1st	_____	_____

Individual Graduate Students

2nd Place Winner _____

1st Place Winner _____

The Genevieve Christen Graduate Student All Products Award

Aurelia and George
Weigold Coach's Award _____

Joe Larson Merit Awards _____

Shirley Seas Award Winner _____

Supplies and Services

We would like to thank the following companies that donated samples, supplies and services.

Milk

Denali Ingredients

Prairie Farms

Butter

Associated Milk Producers Inc. - MN

Continental Dairy Facilities, LLC – MI

Continental Dairy Facilities Southwest, LLC

- TX

Dairy Farmers of America – TX

Dairy Products, Inc. - NE

Foremost Farms USA – WI

Grassland Dairy Products Inc. - WI

Land O' Lakes, Inc. – MN

United Dairymen of Arizona - AZ

Cottage Cheese

Prairie Farms Dairy (3) – IL, IN

Winchester Farms - KY

Westby Cooperative Creamery - WI

DFA Brands (2) – IL, MI

Saputo Dairy Foods USA – NY

Hiland Dairy Foods – KS

Daisy Brand – TX

Anderson-Erikson, IA

Crystal Creamery – CA

Darigold – WA

Belfonte - MO

Berry Plastics (cups)

Chr. Hansen (shipping coolers)

Cheddar Cheese

Cabot Creamery Coop., Inc – VT

Foremost Farms USA – WI

Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. – KS

Hilmar Cheese Company – CA

Marathon Cheese Corporation – WI

Southwest Cheese - NM

Associated Milk Producers Inc. - MN

Yogurt

Anderson Erickson Dairy

Auburn Dairy

Belafonte Dairy

Braums Dairy

Danone YoCrunch

Danone Lite & Fit

Danone Oikos

Hiland Dairy

Kroger- Heritage

Kroger- Lawton

Kroger- Tamarack Farms

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Producers Dairy

Safeway Stores

Upstate Farms

Ice Cream

Umpqua Dairy – OR

Hershey Creamery – PA

Stewart's Processing – NY

Belfonte Dairy – MO

Velvet Ice Cream – OH

Lochmead Dairy - OR

Dairy Farmers of America - IL

Dairy Farmers of America - TN

Dairy Farmers of America - AL

Wells Dairy – IA

Turkey Hill – PA

Kemps - MN

United Dairy, Inc. - PA

Smith Dairy Products Co - OH

Hiland Dairy Foods Co - MO

Eberhard's Dairy Products - OR

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