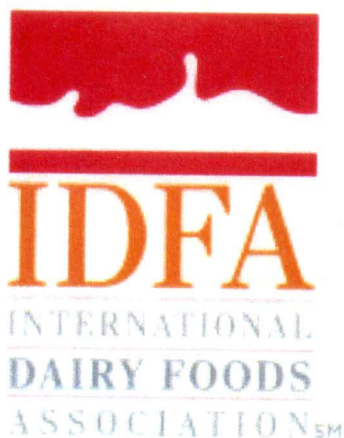


**94th**  
Collegiate Dairy  
Products Evaluation Contest  
Awards Program

September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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*The 94th Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest  
Is Dedicated to  
**Arthur Nesbitt***



When the Board of Directors of the Collegiate Dairy Products Judging Contest decided to name the 94<sup>th</sup> contest in honor of Art Nesbitt, they chose a man who has worked tirelessly to see that each year the contest is a success. When the collegiate contest recently faced financial troubles, Art was at the front in not only promoting the contest, but soliciting funds from the industry processors and suppliers for support.

Raised on a dairy farm in Pennsylvania, Art's first job was working at an agricultural extension service after graduating from Penn State University in Ag Economics in 1950. Later, he was Executive Secretary of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association and helped make the group a model for other state associations.

In 1959, Art joined the sales department of NASCO International in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. He was soon promoted to Sales Manager and then to President and Chief Executive Officer. NASCO International operates both a mail-order division and a manufacturing division. The mail-order division serves agriculture, education, health, and industry

with 30 different catalogs in the United States and 180 foreign countries. Art and NASCO support the contest each year by ensuring plaques and trophies are provided to winners.

Art has served as Director and Chairman of the GEHL Company, West Bend, Wisconsin; Director and Past President of the Dairy and Food Industries Suppliers Association, Washington, D.C. (now the Food Processors Suppliers Association); Director for many years of the World Dairy Expo Inc., Madison, Wisconsin; Director of Competitive Wisconsin, Inc.; Past Member of Penn State Development Council; and a member of the National Speakers' Association.

Recently, an internationally known dairy leader called Art, "An important man with a common touch. He is at home demonstrating Whirl-Pak® Sample Bags (a NASCO product) in an industry trade show booth, chairing a meeting for college alumni, or hosting an annual meeting for his corporation."

Collegiate team coaches have been heard saying that "Art was instrumental in assuring that we still have the collegiate contest today".

Art Nesbitt recently retired. Art and his wife, Nancy, reside in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.



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## **Introduction of Contest Officials**

### **Introduction of Teams**

**Award Presentations:** CDPEC Executive Officers assisted by representatives of the following organizations that have provided awards to individuals or teams:

International Dairy Foods Association  
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## **Adjourn**

## Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest Awards and Recognitions

**Joe Larson Merit Award** The Joe Larson Merit Award, established in 1998, honors 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. Joe Larson Merit 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 Award** This is awarded annually to the university that places first in the All Products category. This award 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 also 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  
 Edward L. Koepenick  
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 Mike Bender  
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 Robert Everett  
 Robert Grigsby  
 Wilbur Gaunt  
 Arthur & Wilma Weigold  
 Alfred M. Ghormley  
 Bea Prescott  
 Howard Grant  
 Joe Larson

**Bert Aldrich Award** was established 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 a \$200 cash award.

**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.

**Quality Chek'd Conference** Quality Chek'd provides an all-expenses paid trip for the Top 2 All Products individuals and their coaches, to attend the Quality Chek'd Leadership Conference. Students have the opportunity to evaluate products alongside dairy product experts and participate in the conference activities. In addition, Quality Chek'D, provides a \$1,000 donation to each school.

**Chr. Hansen's US/World Cheese Competition** Chr. Hansen sponsors and pays the travel expenses for the top cheddar cheese college student and coach to attend the U.S. or World Cheese Competition. The top student will have the opportunity to evaluate cheese together with experts in the field.

**American Cheese Society** American Cheese Society provides a travel stipend to the top All Products graduate student to participate in the American Cheese Society cheese contest. The student will be evaluating cheese entered in the competition with cheese experts.

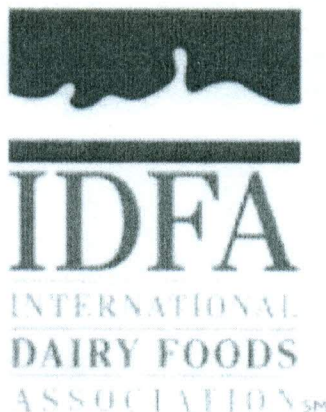
**Arthur Nesbitt** sponsors lifetime memberships in the National Dairy Shrine for the three top ranking individuals in All Products. National Dairy Shrine lifetime members include dairy product specialists, scientists, journalists, marketers, dairymen and students from all dairy-related fields. National 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.

### **2015 Host Sponsor:**





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**Special Recognitions** Very special thanks to our 2015 Collegiate Contest host, IDFA. This year's contest would not have been possible without the sponsorship of IDFA and the tireless efforts of Robin Cornelison and other staff.

Ken Vorgert, Acting Contest Superintendent, Chief, United States Department of Agriculture, Dairy Grading Branch, Washington, DC

Robert A. Elliott, Assistant Contest Superintendent, Alliance Process Controls

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

Tonya Schoenfuss, who created unique fused glass awards for individual winners.

Appreciation to Ryan Shermann, Jason Damm and NASCO for their cooperation in producing this awards program.

Tori Boomgaarden, who coordinated the events of this year's contest.

**Contest Judges** We also wish to express our appreciation to contest judges for their considerable time and effort.

**Butter**

Ron Thompson, Lead, CS  
Facilities, MI  
Jackie Seibel, Schreiber Foods, WI  
Matthew Bus, DairiConcepts, MO  
Brenda Boyd, Land O'Lakes, MN

**Cheddar Cheese**

Rich Holtquist, Lead, Kraft Foods  
(Retired), IL  
Michael A. Comotto, DairiConcepts, MO  
Virgil Metzger, Kraft Foods (Retired), IL  
Tim Czmowski, Agropur Dairy, IA

**Cottage Cheese**

Doug Allen, Lead, Denali Ingredients,  
WI  
Gary Pieper, Chr. Hansen, WI  
Doug Vargo, DuPont/Danisco, PA  
Roger McFarlane, Kroger Co., OH  
Hoss Langhoff, Saputo Dairy Foods, WI

**Ice Cream**

Tom Gottemoller, Lead, Archer Daniels  
Midland Company, IL  
David Hoyda, Tate and Lyle Custom  
Ingredients, IL  
Jonathan Hopkinson, DuPont, KS  
Scott Halverson, Denali Ingredients, WI  
Bruce Tharp, Tharp's Food  
Technology, PA  
Chuck Yarris, Quality Chek'd Dairies, IL  
Jason Dompeling, Profile Food  
Ingredients, IL

**Milk**

Jane Zeien, Lead, Denali Ingredients, WI  
Thomas J. Gruetzmacher, Stillwater, MN  
Barbara Gross, Paradox Manufacturing  
Services, Inc., FL  
Julie Wiser-Tiatia, Kraft Foods, TN  
Barry Stevens, Continental Ingredients  
Canada, Ontario

**Yogurt**

Don Tribby, Lead, DuPont, MO  
Troy Hancock, Shamrock Foods, AZ  
Craig Muncy, DuPont, CO  
Kevin Harrah, Denali Ingredients, WI  
Herb Wyckoff, Crest Foods, IL  
Vanessa Teter, YoCrunch Company, NY

**All Products**

Kevin R. O'Rell, YoCrunch Company, CT

**Alternate Judges**

Michael Levy, International Flavors and  
Fragrances, NJ  
Sheri Kahnke, Davisco Foods, SD

**Computer Tabulation**

Ann Pataky, Kraft Heinz, IL  
Malcom Proctor, USDA, Washington, DC

**Aims Community College**

Aileen Rickert Ehn, Coach  
Glenda Wilcox, Undergraduate  
Shilow Wertz, Undergraduate  
Mackenzie Graybill, Undergraduate

**Clemson University**

John McGregor, Coach  
Kinsey Macdonald, Undergraduate  
Lindsay Jenkinson, Undergraduate  
Paige Lindquist, Undergraduate  
Amy Haile, Graduate

**Iowa State University**

Stephanie Clark and Vaishnavi Manimanna  
Sankarlol, Coaches  
Abigail Sparks, Undergraduate  
Samantha Lobb, Undergraduate  
Cheng Chan, Undergraduate  
Katherine Lowe, Alternate  
Karyzi Ren, Graduate

**Michigan State University**

John Partridge and Joshua Hall, Coaches  
Allison Burg, Undergraduate  
Josh VanderWeide, Undergraduate  
Megan Theisen, Undergraduate  
Javier Salas, Alternate  
Aeneas Koosis, Alternate

**North Carolina A&T State**

Bonita I. Haraty, Coach  
Shannon Walston, Undergraduate  
Kayla Harris, Undergraduate  
Gabrielle Jackson, Undergraduate  
Imani Grimes, Graduate

**Pennsylvania State University**

Kerry Kaylegian, Coach  
Simon Itle, Undergraduate  
Lisa Caprera, Undergraduate  
Juan Mogoginta, Undergraduate  
Evelyn Hartono, Alternate  
Adam Fuller, Alternate

**South Dakota State University**

Lloyd Metzger and Natasha Laska, Coaches  
Nicole Jax, Undergraduate  
Michaela VanderWal, Undergraduate  
Kaylee Wegner, Undergraduate  
Dikshi Bawa, Graduate

**Washington State University & University of Idaho**

Michael Costello and Helen Joyner, Coaches  
Jose Orenday-Ortiz, Undergraduate  
Kristen Sparkman, Undergraduate  
Lauren Celmer, Undergraduate  
Arianne Kreger, Alternate  
Zachary Cartwright, Graduate  
Hannah Damiano, Graduate

**University of Alberta**

George Patocka, Coach  
Austen Neil, Undergraduate  
Sujata Patel, Undergraduate  
Wai Yan Wong, Undergraduate  
Sihao Wei, Graduate

**University of Minnesota**

Tonya Schoenfuss, Coach  
Rebecca May, Undergraduate  
Lauren Tebben, Undergraduate  
Yinxin Zhong, Undergraduate  
Alexander Amann, Graduate  
Geoffrey Dubrow, Graduate

**University of Missouri**

Richard Linhardt, Coach  
Adam Berge, Undergraduate  
Courtney Kleekamp, Undergraduate  
Julianna Kubiak, Undergraduate

**University of Tennessee**

Charles White and Eric Goan, Coaches  
Cody Palmer, Undergraduate  
Valerie Nettles, Undergraduate  
Grace Ottinger, Undergraduate  
Stephanie Nash, Alternate  
Corey Hemphil, Alternate  
Monae-Mcgee, Alternate  
Emilee Riordon, Alternate  
Cacee Frost, Alternate  
Carrie Yard, Graduate

**University of Wisconsin**

Robert Bradley, Coach  
Eleanor Miller, Undergraduate  
James Strelow, Undergraduate  
Yuko Nishikawa, Undergraduate  
Bingging Cai, Graduate

**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**

2010 South Dakota State retired trophy  
2011 South Dakota State University  
2012 South Dakota State University\*  
2013 South Dakota State retired trophy  
2014 South Dakota State University

**Butter**

2010 South Dakota State University  
2011 South Dakota State University\*  
2012 CAFRE Loughry College  
2013 Clemson University retired trophy  
2014 South Dakota State retired trophy

**Cheddar Cheese**

2010 South Dakota State University  
2011 South Dakota State University\*  
2012 South Dakota State retired trophy  
2013 University of Missouri  
2014 Iowa State University

**Cottage Cheese**

2010 University of Missouri\*  
2011 Mississippi State University  
2012 University of Wisconsin  
2013 South Dakota State University  
2014 University of Tennessee

**Ice Cream**

2010 South Dakota State retired trophy  
2011 Univ. of Missouri retired trophy  
2012 Washington State University  
2013 South Dakota State University  
2014 South Dakota State University

**Milk**

2010 South Dakota State retired trophy  
2011 South Dakota State University  
2012 South Dakota State University\*  
2013 Clemson University  
2014 University of Minnesota

**Yogurt**

2010 Iowa State University  
2011 South Dakota State University  
2012 Iowa State University\*  
2013 Iowa State retired trophy  
2014 University of Tennessee

## Tally Sheet

<b>Product</b>	<b>Individual Winners</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Top Teams</b>
<b><u>Butter</u></b>			
3rd	Paige Lindquist	Clemson	Clemson
2nd	Nicole Jax	South Dakota State	Univ - Wisconsin
1st *	Katherine Lowe	Iowa State	South Dakota State
*(Bert Aldrich Award)			
Graduate Winner	Amy Haile	Clemson	

### **Cheddar Cheese**

3rd	Eleanor Miller	Univ – Wisconsin	Univ - Tennessee
2nd	Valerie Nettle	Univ - Tennessee	Clemson
1st	Kaylee Wegner	South Dakota State	South Dakota State
Graduate Winner	Zachary Cartwright	Washington State / Idaho	

### **Cottage Cheese**

3rd	Adam Berge	Univ-Missouri	Univ - Tennessee
2nd	Nicole Jax	South Dakota State	Washington State/Idaho
1st	Lauren Celmer	Washington State / Idaho	South Dakota State
Graduate Winner	Hannah Damiano	Washington State / Idaho	

### **Ice Cream**

3rd	Valerie Nettle	Univ – Tennessee	Clemson
2nd	Kaylee Wegner	South Dakota State	Univ - Minnesota
1st	Yingxin Zhong	Univ – Minnesota	South Dakota State
Graduate Winner	Dikshi Bawa	South Dakota State	

### **Milk**

3rd	James Strelow	Univ-Wisconsin	Univ - Wisconsin
2nd	Nicole Jax	South Dakota State	South Dakota State
1st	Lindsay Jenkinson	Clemson	Univ - Missouri
Graduate Winner	Hong Jiang	Univ - Wisconsin	

### **Yogurt**

3rd	Valerie Nettle	Univ – Tennessee	Michigan State
2nd	Nicole Jax	South Dakota State	South Dakota State
1st	Kinsey McDonald	Clemson	Clemson
Graduate Winner	Carrie Yard	Univ-Tennessee	

<u>All Products</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Top Teams</u>
10th	Jose Orenday-Ortiz	Washington State/Idaho	Penn State
9th	Allison Burg	Michigan State	Univ - Minnesota
8th	Megan Theisen	Michigan State	Univ - Missouri
7th	Lindsay Jenkinson	Clemson	Washington State/Idaho
6th	Kaylee Wegner	South Dakota State	Iowa State
5th	Eleanor Miller	Univ - Wisconsin	Michigan State
4th	Michaela Vanderwal	South Dakota State	Univ - Wisconsin
3rd	Kinsey MacDonald	Clemson	Univ - Tennessee
2nd	Valerie Nettle	Univ-Tennessee	Clemson
1st	Nicole Jax	South Dakota State	South Dakota State

### Individual Graduate Students All Products

2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Carrie Yard	Univ- Tennessee
1st Place	Dikshi Bawa	South Dakota State

The Genevieve Christen Graduate Student All Products Award

### Shirley Seas Award - High All Products Team

South Dakota State University

### Aurelia and George Weigold Coach's Award

Lloyd Metzger, South Dakota State

### Joe Larson Merit Awards

Kinsey Macdonald	Clemson
Abigail Sparks	Iowa State

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

**Milk**

Dean Foods – Chemung  
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Alcam Creamery – WI  
Westby Cooperative – WI  
Gavilon Ingredients – NE  
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**Cottage Cheese**

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Smith Dairy Foods - OH  
Friendship Dairy – NY  
Westby Cooperative Creamery - WI  
Dean Foods – IL  
Saputo Dairy Foods USA – CA  
Hiland Dairy Foods - KS  
Berry Plastics (supplies)  
Chr. Hansen (supplies)

**Cheddar Cheese**

Cabot Creamery Coop., Inc – VT  
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Kraft Heinz Co, - IL  
Glanbia Foods, Inc - ID  
Foremost Farms USA – WI  
Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. – MN  
Le Sueur Creamery - MN  
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Green Meadows Foods – IA  
Valley Queen Cheese Factory – SD

Hilmar Cheese Company – CA  
Mullins Cheese, Inc. – WI  
Agorpur – IA  
Land O' Lakes – WI  
Marathon Cheese Corporation - WI

**Yogurt**

Cabot Creameries  
Prairie Farms Dairy  
Superstores, Inc  
Hiland Dairy Foods  
Belfonte Ice Cream Company  
Anderson Erickson Dairy  
Publix Supermarkets  
Borden Dairy Co – Lala Branded Prods  
YoCrunch Yogurt  
Yoplait Yogurt  
Safeway Stores  
Kroger Dairies  
Dean Foods  
Braums Dairy Stores  
Crowley Foods  
Upstate Farms Dairy

**Ice Cream**

Umpqua Dairy – OR  
Shoep's Ice Cream – WI  
Hershey Creamery – PA  
Blue Bell Creameries – TX  
Stewart's Processing – NY  
Belfonte Dairy – MO  
Publix Supermarkets - FL  
Velvet Ice Cream – OH  
Lochmead Dairy - OR  
Dean Foods - IL  
Dean Foods - TN  
Dean Foods - AL  
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Turkey Hill – PA  
Kemps - MN  
United Dairy, Inc. - PA  
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