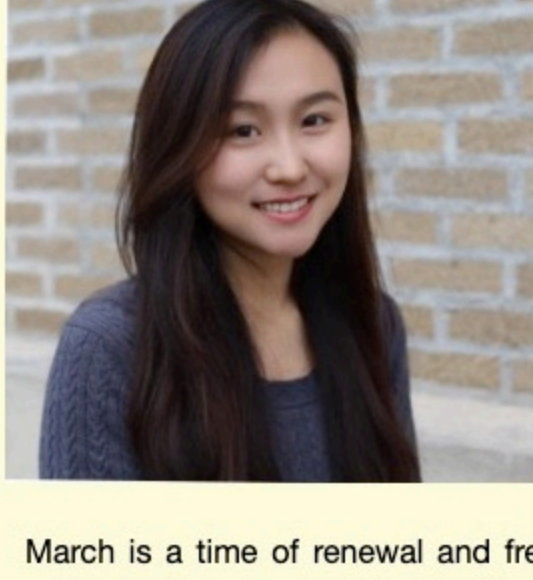


# Philadelphia IFT News

Spring 2025



## President's Note

**Zhixin Wang - Puratos**

As the days grow longer and the promise of spring approaches, I am thrilled to extend a warm welcome to you to the Spring edition of our newsletter. It's been an exciting start to the year with our new Winter Webinar Series as well as the Lunar New Year event. This success is thanks to the hard work and dedication of the entire Philly IFT team behind the scenes. A big thank you as well to all who attended!

March is a time of renewal and fresh beginnings, and I encourage each of you to embrace the opportunities that lie ahead. Whether you're diving into new research, exploring innovative food technologies, or simply seeking to connect with fellow professionals, our Philly IFT community is here to support and uplift you.

We are always looking for fun activities for folks to enjoy, while networking with professionals in the food science (or related) fields. An informal dinner at a local brewery will take place later in March and a summer winery event is in the works. We are also always looking for feedback and suggestions.

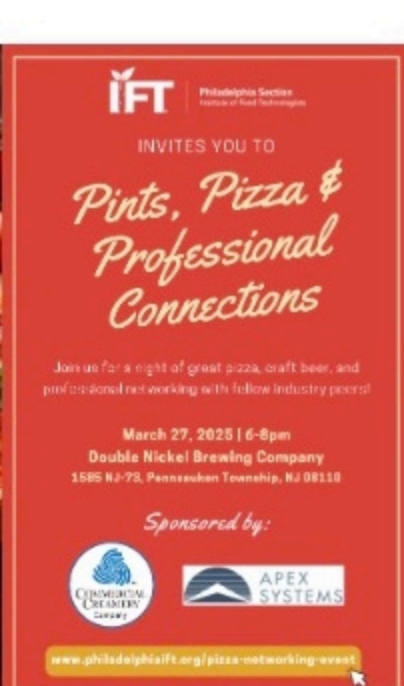
I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to all of our dedicated members, volunteers, and partners who make our Section vibrant and dynamic. Your passion and commitment are the driving forces behind our success and I am honored to be part of such an incredible group.

Let's continue to build on our shared vision, support one another, and make this year a memorable one for Philly IFT.

## Philadelphia IFT Pints, Pizza & Professional Connections

Thurs. March 27 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM  
**Double Nickel Brewing**  
1585 NJ 73, Pennsauken Twnshp, NJ  
\$25 - Members | \$30 Nonmembers

Join us on **Thursday, March 27** for a fantastic opportunity to network with industry professionals, share ideas, and make meaningful connections in a relaxed, fun atmosphere. Enjoy delicious pizza, refreshing brews, and insightful conversations with fellow food professionals. Price includes Salad, Garlic Pillows, Pizza and one drink. *Must be 21 or older to attend this event.*

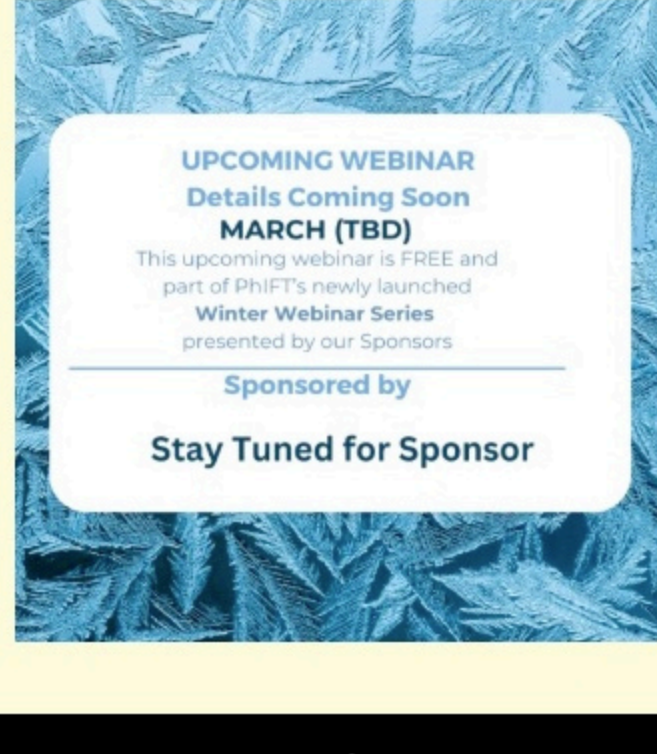


[Details and Registration](#)

## Philly IFT Winter Webinar Series

Are You Interested in Sponsoring a Webinar in March?

Contact us at [phillyift@gmail.com](mailto:phillyift@gmail.com)



[Access the Winter Webinar Series Replays on YouTube](#)

## Philly IFT Student Appreciation Night

### Students Awards & Scholarships

The Philadelphia IFT Student Awards & Scholarships Applications are accessible at <https://www.philadelphiaift.org/student>. The deadline for students to submit their applications for Scholarships and Posters is **March 31, 2025**. Student Appreciation Night, where we will announce the winners, is on April 29.

The event is open to members and nonmembers of Philly IFT, including food industry professionals.



[Learn more](#)

## Welcome New Members!



### January - February New Members

- Maya Ben Shoshan Dvir
- Dr. Brian E. Farkas - University of Delaware
- Elena Gao
- Ana Garcia - Agilent Technologies
- Daniel Kennedy
- Grace C. Mailey - Crown Bakeries
- Pavid A. Okapal
- Peggy Pellichero
- Isaiah Smith

## Career Center

Do you have a position available at your company? Are you looking for a position? Contact Philadelphia IFT at 201-657-1989 or email [phillyift@gmail.com](mailto:phillyift@gmail.com) with the details and we will post the positions on our [Career Center page](#).



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