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## May 2022 Letter from the Chair

Dear CSIFT Community,

It was a joy to reconnect with members and colleagues at the 60th Tanner Lecture. Dr. Kantha Shelke presented on the food industries need to drive better education to consumers. We in the industry have an obligation to our consumers to help navigate them through the modern food marketplace and build their confidence in us.

Dr. Shelke ended her presentation quite literally putting her money where her mouth is by donated to the Chicagoland Food Science Foundation seed money for a new scholarship. This was an amazing showing of generosity that was unexpected and deeply appreciated. We welcome anyone in our section to donate to the foundation as these donations all go towards competitive scholarships for food science students.

Also, during the Tanner Lecture we honored 50-year members of the IFT as well as the Foundation awarded scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students. We want to thank those long-standing members as well as congratulate each scholarship winner.

Lastly, since this will be my last newsletter as Chair, I want to express my gratitude to everyone on the executive committee, each of our committee chairs, IAMI, and all the volunteers that help make this possible. Without your commitment and energy, we would not be able to provide events and opportunities for our section.

It was a pleasure leading the section this year, we had to pivot and adjust our plans, but we stayed committed to the section member experience. Thank you again for all that you do, and I am looking forward to great things next year.

If you are interested in volunteering or know someone that is, please contact [BusinessOffice@ChicagoIFT.org](mailto:BusinessOffice@ChicagoIFT.org) or myself for more information.

As always, stay safe and warm!

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