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## Summer Social: Winery Tour, June 26<sup>th</sup>

The Aksarben Section of IFT invites you to join us for a tour of the Soaring Wings Winery and Brewery on Thursday, June 26th from 5-7PM. The tour will begin promptly at 5PM. After the tour, the tasting room will be open for attendees to purchase wine tastings and/or beer.

The tour will be free for section members and only \$5 for non-members. All attendees will also be entered into a raffle for the chance to receive a bottle of Soaring Wings' award winning wines or some of their craft beer.

This is open and fun event, so please feel free to bring family and friends. If you have questions, please contact us at [IFTAksarben@gmail.com](mailto:IFTAksarben@gmail.com).

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ift-a-summer-fun-tickets-11851302565>  
Or Email [IFTAksarben@gmail.com](mailto:IFTAksarben@gmail.com) to get added to the distribution list.

## Upcoming Events:

- 6/22-24/2013 | IFT Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA
- 6/26/2014 | Summer Social: Winery Tour at Soaring Wings Winery

## IFT Aksarben Scholarships

One of the Aksarben IFT section goals is to support students through scholarships, networking, and education. This year, thanks to generous donations to our Silent Auction Fund-raiser, we were pleased to offer three \$500.00 scholarships to undergraduates of the UNL Food Science and Human Nutrition Department. These student scholarships were awarded to recognize academic achievement, leadership, volunteer service and professional development.

Jennifer Mancuso (Section Chair) and I had the honor of attending the UNL Student Awards Banquet at the Lincoln Station Great Hall on April 16th to present the scholarships. The hall was filled with young adults waiting to be recognized for their achievements, along with their mentors, professors, and families. The recipients of the 2014 IFT-Aksarben Student Achievement Scholarships are: Erica Marshall, Kaitlin Reimer, and Stephanie Teten. Thank you students for your hard work and dedication!

Sincerely,  
Amanda Geaslin  
IFT-A Section Member at Large  
and Scholarship Work Group Leader

## Section Website

[www.ift.org/sections/aksarben/](http://www.ift.org/sections/aksarben/)



Far Left, Amanda Geaslin after announcing IFT Aksarben Section Scholarship Winners during the UNL Student Awards Banquet. Also Pictured, Jennifer Mancuso, and the scholarship winners (left to right): Stephanie Teten, Kaitlin Reimer, and Erica Marshall

## Spring Meeting Recap

The IFT-A Spring Meeting was held on April 10th in Lincoln. Following an overview of their business, Mark Fleck of the Universal Pasteurization Company led thirty-five section members and students on a tour of UPC's High Pressure Pasteurization (HPP) facilities. Once the tour concluded, attendees made the trek to Lazlo's in the Haymarket for a social hour. After the social hour, Dr. Roland Flores of UNL delighted meeting attendees with an outline of the UNL Food Science Department's faculty and facilities. He concluded his speech with renderings of the new Innovation Campus and Food Science building that is scheduled to be completed next year. The night was rounded out with the announcement of the UNL Student Scholarship recipients and the announcement of the new section officers.



## Section of Excellence

Thank you Section Members!

The officers were notified earlier this month that the Aksarben Section is being recognized as a 2013-2014 Section of Excellence.

“This recognition symbolizes the section’s commitment to IFT, section members, and the food science and technology profession. You are vibrant communities of dedicated professionals that embody the spirit of IFT. The events held throughout the year, exemplary volunteers, dedication to students, and excellence in leadership demonstrate ongoing devotion to ensuring that the sections will flourish for years to come.”

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- **Steven Harrison—Chair Elect**  
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- **Sarah Ellington—Secretary**  
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- **Kaye Ivens—Member at Large**  
University of Nebraska—Lincoln
- **Kaelyse Clapper—Student Representative**  
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## Aksarben Section 2013-2014 Outstanding Volunteers

- Nick Shields
- John Rupnow

## Exiting Officers:

- John Rupnow
- Katie Hilgren
- Kari Jordan

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