### NJAFP NEWSLETTER



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## **NEW!** NJAFP **FEBRUARY VIRTUAL SEMINAR\***

**February 11, 2021** 11:00 AM —12:30 PM



**Update on Food Safety Guidance for Direct-to-Consumer and Third-Party Delivery Service Food Delivery** Dr. Don Schaffner **Distinguished Professor and Extension Specialist, Rutgers University** 

Register for this Zoom seminar at: https://rutgers.zoom.us/meeting/register/ tJIvceGppz4tHN2jvVYpAz7lA6EofMKfyuoG

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

\*This seminar is the fifth in a series of 5 virtual seminars that will be offered at no cost to NJEHA members and others who may wish to participate. Participants who successfully complete this educational program will be awarded 1.5 New Jersey Public Health Continuing Education Contact Hours (CEs). The New Jersey Association for Food Protection has been approved by the NJDOH as a provider of New Jersey Public Health Continuing Education Hours (CEs).



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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

Happy New Year!!! Though I have some big shoes to fill, I'm excited to be ringing in 2021 as the new President of our association! With 2020 behind us, I couldn't be prouder to be part of an industry that continued to push through, work together (6 feet apart), and succeed in providing safe food! At the end of the day, members of our amazing association and the food Industry as a whole worked together to get the job done.

The fight against COVID-19 is far from over. However, with vaccine distribution at the forefront of everyone's mind, it gives us a bit of light at the end of the tunnel. The past year has been plagued with myths, such as becoming infected with COVID-19 by touching contaminated take-out bags or Amazon packages, to the infamous toilet paper shortage (which seems to have LUCKILY come to an end - at least here in NJ!) Only time will tell what our new 'normal' will look like! We are facing historic challenges right now; but our industry continues its hard work to continue to keep our food supply safe and to promote healthy habits (like disinfecting often, washing hands frequently and thoroughly, and wearing masks) to help the world move forward.

Thank you all for continuing to be members of NJAFP and for supporting and attending our virtual webinars during such uncertain times! One thing that we can be certain about is that the hard work and dedication of food workers (academia, food industry, regulators) did not go unnoticed.

Don't forget to renew your annual NJAFP membership to continue accessing our newsletters and free webinars!! Although we are hopeful for 2021, we have begun planning for a wide host of speakers for our ongoing virtual seminar series.

If you haven't yet, it is not too late to register for our upcoming seminars:

January 21 - 11:00 - 12:30 - Legal Marijuana in New Jersey Shaya Brodchandel, The Harmony Foundation Register for this Zoom seminar at: https://rutgers.zoom.us/ meeting/register/tJYscequqToiGN0of6KAElczGgHS3m6CMvAI

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Thank you again to all of our members for being a part of our amazing association and thank you to all of the NJAFP Board Members who continue to lend me their unconditional support and advice. I look forward to a great educational, fun, and informative year ahead!

Robyn Miranda NJAFP President

# Congratulations to Our NJAFP 2021 Sustaining Members

HEALTH AND SANITATION SYSTEMS  Ted Diskind  Highland Park, NJ	RK ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES Jessica Coronato Westwood, NJ	
E.B. COHEN & ASSOCIATES INS & RISK MGMT George Garcia Roseland, NJ	<b>TRUE WORLD FOODS NY, LLC</b> Helder Cabrita Elizabeth, NJ	
PASTER TRAINING  Tara Paster  Gilbertsville, PA	<b>WIM WAM SOFTWARE</b> Neal Nover Mt. Laurel, NJ	
READINGTON FARMS, INC. Patrick Boyle Whitehouse, NJ	THANK YOU!	

We truly appreciate your support and dedication to NJAFP!



## Need Money? Check Out NJAFP Scholarships for Student Members



NJAFP awards two \$1,000 scholarships to full or part-time graduate or undergraduate NJAFP members each year. Recipients must be enrolled in a college or university where he/she physically attends classes, and has declared a major in one of the following fields (other majors will also be considered):

Food Safety	Environmental Health	Nutritional Sciences
Public Health	Food Sciences	Agricultural Sciences
Environmental Sciences	Food Defense	Biology/Microbiology

To learn more about NJAFP scholarships and obtain a membership application, please visit the NJAFP website at <a href="https://www.njfoodprotection.org">www.njfoodprotection.org</a> and click on the scholarship tab.

### NJAFP EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

### 2021

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### WANTED!

If you are a local health department professional, employed at a food processor and are involved with QA or QC, or are involved with food safety academically...we want you to join our organization!

NJAFP is the foremost food safety organization in NJ. We are the NJ affiliate of the International Association for Food Protection (IAFP), the world's largest association of food safety professionals from industry, government, and academia.

If food safety is a critical component to the success of your company, then you need to be a part of NJAFP! We invite you to join us! It's inexpensive (\$25/year) and worth your time.

Please contact our NJAFP Board members for additional information.

The NJAFP Executive Board is also looking for a few new members. The Board meets or holds conference calls approximately six times per year. Members of the Executive Board are expected to attend all meetings and seminars. If interested, please contact us at info@njfoodprotection.org.

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