Subject Line: Give to Support Student Activities at UNL Department of Food Science & Technology

Dear [Donor's Name or Organization],

As a valued member of the food science and technology industry, we wanted to reach out to you with an exciting opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the future of Department of Food Science and Technology. As we strive to provide enriching educational experiences for our students, we are reaching out to seek your support for our upcoming events.

Our department is committed to fostering a dynamic learning environment that goes beyond the classroom. To achieve this, we organize various student events throughout the academic year. These events are designed to supplement classroom learning, expose students to industry professionals, and enhance their practical skills in the field of food science and technology.

We believe that a strong partnership with your organization will greatly contribute to the success of these events. Your support, whether in the form of cash or in-kind contributions, can make a significant impact on the quality and scale of our programs.

Here's how your contribution can make a difference:

1. Battle of the Food Scientists contest – Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 5:00 pm
* Theme: "Flavors from the World"
* Your cash contribution will facilitate the provision of trophies and awards.
* In-kind product donations of a food ingredient are also welcomed.
1. Food Science and Technology Research Symposium – Monday, April 21, 2025 (all day)
* Your cash contribution would support the sponsorship of a lunch to enhance the overall symposium experience.
1. Food Science and Technology Recognition Banquet – Monday, May 5, 2025, at 5:00 pm
* Celebrates undergraduate scholarship and graduate fellowship award winners.
* A networking platform for students, faculty, staff, and industry professionals.
* Your cash contribution would support the sponsorship of a dinner.
1. Corporate Branding and Visibility
* As a sponsor, your company's logo and branding will be prominently featured in our event materials, websites, and promotional collateral, enhancing your visibility among our academic community and beyond.

Additionally, we extend a warm invitation for you and your team to attend these events. Your presence would not only showcase your support but also provide an opportunity to engage with our students and faculty on a more personal level.

By supporting our student events, you are not just investing in the present but are actively shaping the future of the food science and technology industry. Your dedication to education and professional development perfectly aligns with our mission to provide a comprehensive education for our students.

To ensure ample time for coordination, we kindly request your response by February 28, 2024. Here are two ways your organization can contribute:

1. Financial Cash Donation - Give Online
* All monetary donations are processed through the University of Nebraska Foundation and are tax-deductible. You can make your contribution by going to [https://nufoundation.org/fund/01043120/](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/nufoundation.org/fund/01043120/__;!!PvXuogZ4sRB2p-tU!V8ZC2ILj0X7EEWSYMjJB7Adp63GyOSyVkS50x0nS1B5CdOC10ZRwSP0e3p-43GhleQ$). A 4% service fee will be deducted from the donation, and we invite you to consider covering the fee as well.
1. In-kind Product Donation
* Contributions such as food ingredients for the Battle of the Food Scientist, company swag, and other goodies are highly appreciated. Please contact Sarah Gergen at sgergen2@unl.edu to discuss how you can contribute.

If you are interested in supporting our department, please feel free to contact Sarah Gergen at sgergen2@unl.edu or 402-472-5233. We would be delighted to discuss the various sponsorship opportunities available and tailor a partnership that aligns with your organization's goals.

Thank you for considering our request. We genuinely appreciate your commitment to education and look forward to collaborating with you to empower the next generation of food scientists and technologists.

Sincerely,

Sarah Gergen

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