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**Prior Award Recipients**

1987 - Emily Anderson

1988 - Elwood Caldwell

1989 - John Ringstrom

1990 - Karen Dragon

1991 - Rusty Nelson

1992 - William Davidson

1993 - Lorraine Smith

1994 - Edmund Zottola

1995 - Gary Richter, John Hall, Alden Drew

1996 - Elizabeth Knight

1997 - Katherine Swanson

1998 - Larry Pearson

1999 - Purnendu Vasavada

2000 - Gary Geist

2001 - Anand Rao

2002 - Frank Busta

2003 - Joseph Warthesen

2004 - Robert Freemore

2005 - Michael Mensing

2006 - Daniel Kennedy

2007 - Cheryl Dienken

2008 - Award Not Given

2009 - Award Not Given

2010 - Award Not Given

2011 - Award Not Given

2012 - Award Not Given

2013 - Award Not Given

2014 - Cheryl Dienken

2015 - Tina Hacker

2016 - Brenda Knapp-Polzin

2017 - Lisa Pannell

2018 - Sharon Herzog

2019 - Dana Dronen

2020 - Mary K. Schmidl

2021 - Award Not Given

2022 - Mike Getter

**History of the President’s Award**

The President’s Award was established by the Minnesota Section of the Institute of Food Technologists in 1987. In the words of the Bylaw adopted to formally establish the Award, its purpose is “to recognize a member in the section who has served the Section and the profession in an outstanding manner”.

The Award consists of an engraved plaque with the citation and an honorarium. The presentation is featured at the first dinner meeting of the year for the Minnesota IFT Section.

All members of the Minnesota Section are eligible for this award. The selection of the award is made by a committee of the Section, which is comprised of current and former Presidents of the Minnesota Section.

Nomination for the award may be made by the any member of the Minnesota Section. The Award recognizes the dedication that many IFT members have for their professional scientific society and says “thank you” to all who have given their time to improve the future of the food sector.

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The Minnesota Section President’s Award for 2022

Presented to:

**Mike Getter**

Practice Lead at Actalent Scientific

MN IFT Supplier’s Expo Chair

Thursday

September 22, 2022

St. Paul, Minnesota

As the Chair of the Expo Committee, Mike was integral in leading the MN Section through the challenges of the pandemic in 2020 and 2021. As it became apparent that we would not likely have an in-person Supplier’s Expo in 2020, he researched options, pulled in experts, and ultimately found a solution that enabled the section to have an online Expo in partnership with the Chicago Section of IFT. Though the 2020 Expo was smaller than typical, it allowed the MN Section to receive some income, contribute to student scholarships, and maintain connection and relevancy with our membership and local industry.

Fast forward to 2021, and though some are still hesitant to attend large in-person events, the 2021 MN IFT Supplier’s Expo was a success. Under Mike’s leadership, the event came close to pre-pandemic numbers and served as a pivotal moment for the MN Section to re-introduce in-person events to engage with members and industry partners.

On a personal note, Mike is from St. Paul and now lives in White Bear Lake with his wife (Jen), and three children (Teddy – 7, Poppy – 6, and Landry – 3). He attended St. Olaf College and has a BA in Economics and Finance.

**2022**

**President’s Award Recipient**

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**Mike Getter**

Mike is a Practice Lead at Actalent Scientific supporting talent resourcing for the Food and Beverage and Consumer Products industries in Minnesota. In this role he has been able to support Food Safety, Regulatory, and R&D professionals to build their teams and progress their careers in these skill sets.

Mike has been a long-standing member of MNIFT sitting on the New Professionals Committee, Employment Committee, Golf Committee, and now serving as the Chair of the Expo Committee since 2019.

**Program Agenda**

4:00 – 5:00 PM MNIFT Board Meeting

5:00 – 5:30 PM **Tour of UMN Pilot Plant**

5:30 – 6:30 PM **Social Hour**

6:30 – 7:30 PM **Speaker Presentation**

7:30 – 7:45 PM **Recognitions from MNIFT**

7:45 – 8:00 PM **Closing Remarks**

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**President’s Award Committee**

Emily Grisbeck, General Mills

George Annor, University of Minnesota

Kumar Mallikarjunan, University of Minnesota

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***We recognize and applaud the dedicated service of Mike Getter, presenting to him the President’s Award for 2022 from the***

***Minnesota Section of IFT.***