

It is a perfect time of year to take a moment to celebrate the accomplishments of the current year and look forward to the promise of the New Year. Indulge us as we pause to reflect on some of the reasons why 2017 was a year to celebrate.

### **CIFS-IPP 2017—Top Reasons to Celebrate**

#### **1. Cornell Food Science has amazing faculty doing exciting research. Read on for a few highlights.**

- Professor Rui Hai Liu has been named as a 2017 Highly Cited Researcher among the most influential contemporary scientists in the world by Clarivate Analytics and Web of Science, November 15, 2017.
- Dwayne Bershaw contributed to the CNN Health article, "[Is Wine Healthy?](#)"
- Listen to Dr. Robin Dando, Assistant Professor, talk about his research and other aspects of taste with other experts in the field, in the episode "Hacking Taste", of the popular podcast Gastropod. [Link on iTunes](#)
- Professor Joe Regenstein has been named the recipient of the International Collaboration Award for Science & Technology from the Jiangsu Province Government.
- Rachel Miller and Dr. Martin Wiedmann have been highlighted in the [Cornell Chronicle](#) for their work on Salmonella's effect on DNA.
- Professor and Department of Food Science Chair Olga Padilla-Zakour won the CALS Alumni Association Outstanding Faculty Award.

#### **2. Cornell Food Science has some really talented students. Check out what they have accomplished this year.**

- The IFTSA & MARS Product Development team placed first in the IFT competition and took 2nd place at the CIFST/IFTSA Global Product Development Competition in Wuxi, China with their product "*Jack'd Jerky*". Team leaders - Jessica Kwong, Brandon Yep and team members Halle Bershad, Will Borchert, Micah Martin, Molly Mandel, Isabel Alster, Alexa Capano, Anna Xu and Kaitlin Steinleitner.
- Vipul Saran (MPS, '17) has been highlighted along with MBA student Michael Annunziata for their Natural Cuts startup, focused on shelf-stable cut vegetables in [Cornell's Medium channel](#). The Natural Cuts team won the first prize at Hotel Ezra Cornell's Hospitality Business Plan Competition in March.

#### **3. We're extending the holiday season with an engaging event to welcome the New Year.** Please join us for our first event of 2018, the [Winter Tastemakers Gathering](#) on January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. RSVP [here](#).