

Welcome to IoPP's Student Digest!

With the fall semester underway, now is the perfect time to explore membership opportunities designed to help students like yourself grow, both in the classroom and after graduation. Be sure to take advantage of your exclusive Student member benefits or [join today](#), to gain access.



Student Membership

Joining IoPP as a Student is an Investment in your Future



Student Member

If you engage in IoPP activities, you will raise your stature among professional peers as someone serious about their forthcoming packaging career. As an added bonus, when you graduate as a student member in good standing, you will receive one year of free [Premium professional membership](#) (a \$269 value) and be able to attend virtual happy hours with industry professionals.

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There's a reason why the packaging industry looks to the organization with **Professionals** in its name as a leader with industry reach, mentorship opportunities, peer-to-peer connections, and increasing knowledge!

For the small fee of \$25 per year, you will receive access to [exclusive member benefits](#), learn more about packaging, and get noticed within the industry.



Certified Professionals in Training

Jumpstart your Packaging Career



Looking to gain a leg up on the competition when it's time to graduate? Invest in your professional development through certification! Our [Certified Professionals in Training \(CPII\)](#) program is offered to packagers with fewer than six years of academic and/or work experience.

Becoming certified will enhance your packaging degree, validate your packaging knowledge, and serve as a source of recognition by industry leaders. Certification is also a commitment to excellence in your future packaging profession.

[Get Certified!](#)



PackChat

Connections at your Fingertips



The Packaging Ideas Exchange

A community of packaging professionals and fellow students awaits! [PackChat](#) is a valuable online resource for IoPP members to receive answers to your most pressing packaging questions, network with packaging subject matter experts, learn new trends, and so much more. Join the conversation today!

[Exchange Ideas](#)



Mentor Match

IoPP's Newest Member Benefit Helps you Find a Mentor



[Mentor Match](#) is our newest online tool, connecting students with packaging professionals in a one-on-one mentorship relationship. Connecting with a mentor will help you build confidence, gain new professional skills, receive actionable career advice, and further your professional development. Mentor Match is available only to IoPP members.

[Find a Mentor](#)



Career Center

Finding your First Job is Challenging



IoPP is here to assist with your job search! As a student member, you can post your resume for free in our newly revamped [Career Center](#). Packaging professionals looking for talent are ready to find you. Looking for a more proactive approach? Search available jobs posted by employers, ready to build their team.

[Post Resume](#)



AmeriStar Awards Competition

Winners Become Instant Standouts in the Industry



As a winner, you also earn a coveted industry recognized accolade for your resume. The deadline for the 2022 competition is April 15, 2022. Students who enter also get their resumes shared with our partner companies, including major consumer product companies.

[Learn More](#)

Student members receive free entry into the competition! The [AmeriStar Package Awards Competition](#) honors the most innovative package designs in the industry's oldest and most prestigious design competition.



Scholarship Fund

IoPP Supports Students Through Scholarships



More than \$30,000 in scholarships is up for grabs through the [IoPP Packaging Education Scholarship Fund](#) and [IoPP Chapters](#) each year. Will you be a Junior or Senior undergraduate student, in Fall 2022? If so, check out our [scholarship fund](#) eligibility requirements for the March 31 application deadline. [IoPP Chapter](#) websites provide additional information on local scholarships available to students.

"When someone asks me what my greatest achievement is, the first thing that always comes to mind is the Institute of Packaging Professionals (IoPP) PepsiCo R&D Scholarship," says Sarah Windisch, University of Wisconsin-Stout. "IoPP shared my achievement through all of their social media platforms for the entire packaging industry to see. In the professional world, people often say it's not what you know but who you know, and a lot of people learned my name that day. IoPP has truly changed my life and I look forward to continuing to give back and stay involved as a member for the rest of my packaging career."

[Scholarship Details](#)



Instructors

Students Benefit from IoPP Programs



We appreciate your support as a leader in the packaging industry, educating and preparing the next group of packaging innovators to move our industry forward. As an instructor, we encourage you to share this digest with your students. Set them on the path to success today in school and in the future as packaging professionals.

For more information about IoPP educational programs, contact Jim George, director of education, IoPP, at (571) 485-8330 or jimg@lopp.org.