



Director's Message:

It was so great to see so many of you take some time from your very busy schedule to join us for the 25 year DPTC celebration! For those who could not join us, read the many articles in this newsletter to catch up on what you missed.

Twenty five years ago the State's dairy industry hatched an idea that a center for research, development and outreach at Cal Poly was needed in order to help support the State's growing dairy industry leaders and to help train future generations of dairy industry leaders. University leaders led by President Warren Baker, Dean of Agriculture, Lark Carter, and Dairy Science Department Head Gene Starkey and the State's dairy industry led by representatives of producers (CMAB, Ralph Watts) and processors (led by CEO of Dairymen's Cooperative Creamery George Demedieros) came together to secure special legislative funding in 1986 through Senate Bill 2239 to establish the Cal Poly Dairy Products Technology Center. In that same year with the help of people like Louis Calcagno, chair of National Dairy Promotion and Research Board; Ralph Watts, CEO of the California Milk Advisory Board; and other dairy producer leaders, the Cal Poly/UC Davis proposal was selected as one of just six national dairy centers of excellence in the United States. We carved out a 10X20 foot storage room in the University's Food Processing building, remodeled it and it became the first Dairy Products Technology Center. Then about 8 years later with some amazing help from our University leadership and the dairy industry we secured state funding and built a \$7.1 million, 19,000 sq foot facility which is the current home of the Dairy Products Technology Center. On Oct 26, 2012, after seeing many other centers come and go, the Cal Poly Dairy Products Technology Center family celebrated its 25th year of operations October 25-27, 2012.

- It is always risky to mention names for fear of leaving people out, but I have to also recognize the valuable support of the California Dairy Research Foundation (led for over 20 years by Joe O'Donnell, Tom Richardson, the Peter J. Shields Chair at U.C. Davis in 1987, Dairy Management, Incorporated whose products research effort is currently lead by Bill Graves, and the many, many producers and processors across California and the nation.
- The occasion and the accomplishments it represents could not have been done without a dedicated group of faculty, staff and students who have worked every day over the years to make a difference at the Dairy Products Technology Center. In addition to the many former students and staff, the current DPTC includes: Dr. Nana Farkye, Dr Rafael Jimenez, Dr. Amy Lammert, and others including our current DPTC staff: Sean Vink, Andrea Laubscher, Matt Arnold, Katy Lees, Vandna Sikand, Laurie Jacobson, and Kristen Herbaugh, and the dedicated graduate and undergraduate students.

This 25 year period has been full of rewards and successes and they have been recently summarized as follows:

- 3000 short course and symposia attendees
- Over 200 scientific and trade publications
- 500 presentations at technical & industry conferences
- 75 Master of Science students trained
- 100 companies - product/process innovations
- \$7,000,000 public investment in facilities
- \$15,000,000 in sponsored projects
- 1000 undergrads gain dairy foods learnings

Yet, there is so much more we want to achieve and so much more we think we want to and can do to help our dairy sector in the next 25 years. With the continued partnership of the University, dairy producers and dairy processors, the DPTC will continue to make great progress in the advancement of the industry. So thanks to all of you for the opportunity to serve as the DPTC Director and for your continued support of the DPTC.

Sincerely,