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Nominate Someone You Admire for an SNA Award

Are you inspired by your school nutrition colleagues, friends, and mentors?

Nominate someone you admire for **Employee of the Year, Manager of the Year or Director of the Year award.**

Being nominated for an SNA Award is a great honor. All state, regional and national winners will be recognized at the Red Carpet Awards Ceremony at SNA's Annual National Conference 2016 in San Antonio, Texas.

Nominations are due online by March 1, 2016 (unless otherwise noted by your state). To learn more and to submit your nomination online today, please visit www.schoolnutrition.org/SNAawards. For questions, please contact StateSupport@schoolnutrition.org.



!!! SAVE THE DATE !!!

Be sure to mark your calendar for the 2016 SNA-KS Fall Conference scheduled to take place from October 21-23, 2016 in Wichita, Kansas.

Look for more program and exhibition details on the website in the coming months!

SNA 2016 Election!

The 2016 election will take place over a two week period in February, beginning February 15 and closing February 29. This new election schedule is part of the governance changes approved by the House of Delegates last July at ANC. Candidates elected in February will be installed at the ANC General Session installation ceremony each year.

The biographies and photos for 2016 candidates for the Board of Directors and the Leadership Development Committee (formerly the Nominating Committee) are posted on the SNA website. A list of the candidates is on the Election page of the website at www.schoolnutrition.org/SNAelection. The election will again be conducted through the same secure online voting process through SNA's website. Make casting your vote a top priority to elect the leadership talent needed to lead SNA into the future!

STEPS February Challenge: **Spread Some Love**

This February, the STEPS Challenge is focusing on spreading good feelings all around you. Do something nice, call an old friend, write a card for a co-worker or cook dinner for your spouse. When you do nice things for other, you feel better about yourself! At the end of the month, be sure to add up your points and enter them online at www.schoolnutrition.org/STEPS – you could win a prize!

Celebrate National School Breakfast Week



It's almost that time of year again; to kick off National School Breakfast Week starting March 7th.

This year's theme, "Wake Up to School Breakfast" reminds us that school breakfast provides a healthy and energizing start to the day. Resources to help you activate this campaign can be downloaded at <https://schoolnutrition.org/nsbw/>



Win a Free Registration to ANC 2016!

We want to hear from you! Tell us how SNA's Annual National Conference helps you LEARN, LEAD and SUCCEED in 100 characters or less. Three winners, drawn at random, will win free registration to ANC 2016 in San Antonio, Texas!

Visit <https://schoolnutrition.org/ANCsweeps/> to enter. Sweepstakes ends **March 31, 2016**.



New Resources for Professional Standards

Got questions about professional standards? Visit www.schoolnutrition.org/professionalstandards—SNA's main hub for professional standards information—and download the newly released *USDA Guide to Professional Standards for School Nutrition Programs*. The Guide provides detailed information on Job Categories, Training Standards, Hiring Standards and State Agency Standards.

SNA members are encouraged to pay special attention to:

- Page 3: USDA suggests at least 15 minutes per training segment
- Page 7: New detailed record keeping requirements
- Pages 8-10: Concrete examples for how to achieve annual training hours for professional standards
- Page 16: Glossary

Additionally, SNA's [professional standards hub](http://www.schoolnutrition.org/professionalstandards) is where SNA members can access members-only tracking tools, FAQs and user-friendly summaries. For questions, please email SNA at education@schoolnutrition.org.



New Webinars for the New Year

SNA has a host of relevant topics coming up that you won't want to miss. Register now to take advantage of these webinars and earn CEUs. Participation in Webinar Wednesdays will help you earn CEUs toward your USDA Professional Standards annual training requirements, along with your SNA Certificate or SNS Credential.

Wed, February 17, 2016: [Blueberries: Nutrition, Benefits, Recipe Ideas and Food Pairings](#)

Tue, February 23, 2016: [Welcome Webinar for New Members](#)

Wed, February 24, 2016: [Managing Food Allergies](#)
All webinars are held at 2pm Eastern Time (1pmCT/Noon MT/11am PT). For more information and to access the webinar archive, please visit <http://schoolnutrition.org/Webinars/>

SNA-KS Elections 2016-2017



Get ready to cast your votes. The election will take place from March 28th thru April 25, 2016.

SNA-KS will be using a secure online voting website, where members can only vote once and voting choices remain anonymous. Each ballot has one, secure voting key.

How does it work?

All members with a valid e-mail address will receive an email on March 28, 2016 that contains a link and a unique key code. The link will connect you to a secure website where you can see your online ballot and select your candidates. Members without a valid e-mail address will receive a ballot in the mail.

***** Any changes to your contact information need to be updated at <https://my.schoolnutrition.org/>**

SNA-KS

BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATES

2016-2017

◆ **Vice President**

Tara Cox

Tara Cox is the Director of Nutrition Services at Shawnee Heights School District USD 450, and has been for 15 years. Tara has been a proud member of SNA-KS for 23 years and has served on the SNA-KS Board as Secretary and Area Representative. Feeding children is her passion. Nothing she does in her profession is anything less.

◆ **DDS**

Josh Mathiasmeier

Josh Mathiasmeier is the Director of Nutritional Services for Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools, USD 500. He has been with Kansas City for 2 years. Kansas City serves over 30,000 meals a day during the school year and over 75,000 meals during the summer. For the previous 2 years, he worked as a Registered Dietitian and Project Director at the Kansas State Department of Education on the Child Nutrition and Wellness team. Josh has been a member of SNA for 4 years and enjoys the collaboration and professional development that his SNA membership brings.

◆ **Treasurer**

Stephanie Smith

Stephanie Smith is in her 7th year with Manhattan USD 383 and currently in her 5th year as Director of Food Services. Prior to her career in school nutrition she was employed within the contract food service industry at the K-State Union. She is a graduate of Kansas State University with a BS in Dietetics and a minor in Business. Finding a balance between work and family is important to Stephanie. She has three children ages 8, 11 and 14 so they keep her busy. Any free time is usually spent taking walks in the beautiful Flint Hills, cooking a new recipe or curling up with a good book. You will often find her cheering on her kids at their events. Stephanie's ongoing mission is to change the perception of school food, even if it is one student or parent at a time.

◆ **Southwest Area Representative**

Connie Vogts

Connie Vogts is in her 11th year as Director of Nutrition Services for Liberal Kansas School USD 480. She has been in school nutrition for over 25 years. Connie has served on the SNA-KS Board as a Single Unit Representative, Public Communications, Public Policy and Legislation, as well as two time President, President Elect and Vice President. She has also served on SNA Resolutions/Bylaws Committee and SNA Leadership Development Committee. Connie lives in Southwest Kansas where the Buffalo roam and not much else happens! She enjoys spending time with her family, watching her 2 granddaughters and grandson ages 16, 12 and 10, race micro sprint cars, going to Nascar Races and just relaxing when time allows. With 11 grandchildren there is always a game or race of some kind to go to, but she loves every minute of it!

◆ **North Central Area Representative**

Shelly Gunderson

Shelly is the Coordinator of Child Nutrition for Geary County Schools USD 475. She has been in this position since the 2006-2007 school year, so next year will be her 10th year. She began working for the district in 1993, and was asked to be the secretary of the SNA-KS local chapter shortly after and has been officially and unofficially ever since. Shelly has been with SNA for around 23 years. She is currently the Wellness Coach for KSDE and travels out to districts to advise them with their Wellness Programs.

Kyleen Harris

Kyleen has been working for the Abilene Public School District USD 435 as the Director of Food and Nutrition Services since 2012. She attended Kansas State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health Nutrition and Dietetics. Kyleen has been actively involved in the School Nutrition Association of Kansas for the past 3 years. She is currently the president of SNA-KS Chapter 6, and for the past 2 years she has greatly enjoyed being the North Central Area Representative. She would love to continue to be a part of the SNA-KS and serve another term as the North Central Area Representative. She is grateful for the opportunity to share her passion for Child Nutrition with others.

◆ **Southeast Area Representative**

Terri Jo Markham

Terri is from Chanute Public Schools USD 413. She has been married to her husband Skip for 30 years this June. They have 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls all raised in Chanute. Terri started as a high school manager in 2001 and in 2010 she had the opportunity to apply for the Director position and was hired. She loves working with the staff and students. Terri has been a member of SNA since 2013. She is also the Cook for Kids Chapter 13 president and has been for 14 years. She is thankful for all of you and for what you do for the children every day.