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SNA-KS Elections



It is that time of year that SNA-KS members have the opportunity to select next year's Executive Board Officers. All members vote for Vice-President, Treasurer and DDS Representative.

The other positions are by **area only**, vote only if you are in that specific area. If you need information concerning the candidates, their bios are posted on the SNA-KS website.

Everyone with a valid email will be receiving their ballot online from elections@electionbuddy.com Anyone without an email will receive a paper ballot in the mail.

All voting must be completed/ post marked by April 25, 2016.

Candidates

- ◆ **Vice President**– Tara Cox
- ◆ **Treasurer**- Stephanie Smith
- ◆ **DDS**– Josh Mathismeier

Only Members in their specific area vote for the Area Representatives

- ◆ **SW Area Representative**– Connie Vogts
- ◆ **NC Area Representative**– Kyleen Harris and Shelly Gunderson
- ◆ **SE Area Representative**– Terri Jo Markham

NOTE: Ballots should be mailed to: 14140 Black Bob Rd. Olathe, KS. 66062

Attn: Lynelle Munn By: April 25, 2016.

So everyone cast their votes. Looking forward to the results!!!!

Elaine Harris – Immediate Past President

SNA-KS Fall Conference

October 21-23

Save your dates, make your plans ---you will want to be at this year's conference.

We have a full schedule of events that will excite everyone. This year we have three nationally acclaimed speaker/trainers:

- ◆ **Jeff Joiner**
- ◆ **Matthew Essner**
- ◆ **Craig Widel**

Each of these gentlemen will be conducting in depth training classes with round table discussions and lots of interaction with our attendees. The topics for the two hour classes will be in areas that are fundamentals of our working environment.

Please visit www.sna-ks.org for more information.

Here is a sample of the class content:

- Leadership Training/ defining your kitchen expectations.
- Teamwork/the value of ME in the workplace.
- Who is managing kitchen behaviors/ Happy, Helpful, Friendly?
- Leadership Training/ Bringing out the best in your staff.
- Reducing stress in the workplace.
- Dealing with difficult people.
- My heroes have always worn hairnets.
- Handling complaints with positive results.

Lobby Congress in Support of School Meals

Cindy Jones, Glenda Johnston, Lynelle Munn and Cheryl Johnson joined school nutrition professionals from across the nation at School Nutrition Association's (SNA) 44th annual Legislative Action Conference (LAC) in Washington, D.C. During the conference (February 28 – March 1), LAC attendees urged Congress to invest in healthy school meals and pass a robust Child Nutrition Reauthorization bill.

New regulations and rising expenses have increased the cost of preparing school meals, forcing local school districts to shoulder the financial burden. The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) [estimated](#) updated nutrition standards will cost school districts more than \$3 billion in additional food and labor costs by the end of Fiscal Year 2016. These higher costs threaten the bottom line for meal programs and hamper their efforts to invest in further menu improvements for students.

LAC's "Charge to the Hill" allowed the Kansas SNA representatives and other attendees to meet with their members of Congress to discuss the importance of school meal programs and share [SNA's 2016 Position Paper](#), which urges Congress to help restore the fiscal solvency of these programs.

ANC Registration:

We hope you're getting excited to **LEARN, LEAD and SUCCEED at #ANC16**.

The 70th Annual National Conference (ANC) will be held from July 10-13, 2016 in San Antonio and there are 3 BIG reasons to attend.

- ◆ **New Products and Solutions**
- ◆ **Top Notch Training**
- ◆ **Inspirational General Speakers and Events**



Additional ANC registration information can be found in the March magazine or on the website <https://schoolnutrition.org/ANC>

ANC Sweeps:

Win a free registration to ANC 2016

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! Enter at <https://schoolnutrition.org/ANCsweeps/>

Sweepstakes ends **March 31, 2016**.



High School Students attend 2016 Legislative Action Conference with SNA of Kansas

SNA of Kansas invited and paid for the registration of two Olathe North High School students to join them at the 2016 Legislative Action Conference in Washington D.C. February 28th thru March 1st.

Seniors Alisha Gupta and Carly Coltvet earned the invitation based on their work on USDA school food and drink regulations as Co-Presidents of the DECA business organization and as Political Science Distinguished Scholars. Both were honored to accompany SNA-KS President, Lynelle Munn and Public/Policy Legislator Cindy Jones to discuss with members of Congress the impact of the USDA Smart Snacks regulations on the student business operations.

They are the first high school students to ever be invited to join SNA's Legislative Action Conference and were introduced at their opening session in front of a crowd of over a thousand attendees.

Their business teacher Andy Pollom, who accompanied them, commented "Alisha and Carly were extraordinarily poised and professional when sharing their experiences with Senator Pat Roberts, and Representatives Kevin Yoder and Tim Huelskamp." The students gained a great appreciation for the enormous challenges that school food services face trying to meet USDA regulations and provide cost effective, nutritious foods that students want.

The students and their teacher were extremely grateful to SNA-KS and wished to thank all members for the incredible opportunity to be a part of this very important legislative effort.



Alisha and Carly are pictured just to the left of Senator Roberts along with SNA-KS Board Members Cheryl Johnson, Lynelle Munn, Glenda Johnston, and Cindy Jones

New Fuel Up to Play 60/ USDA School Nutrition Equipment Grants



Midwest Dairy Council is excited to share that USDA is partnering with [Fuel Up to Play 60](http://www.fueluptoplay60.com) through a commitment of \$30 million in nutrition-equipment grants that will combine with a \$5 million commitment from America's dairy farmers to improve nutrition at school. These dollars will be instrumental in helping schools achieve their wellness goals particularly around serving nutritious meals that students want to eat.

The purpose of these grants is to assist School Nutrition Directors in the purchase of equipment that will enhance the long term implementation of their school breakfast and lunch programs. Funding will support the purchase of new equipment and/or the renovation/ replacement of existing equipment. Equipment may include large and small items such as utility carts, utensils, large-capacity food processors, industrial scales, steamers, freezers, etc. Infrastructure elements may include building needs related to physical space, electricity, plumbing, ventilation and other remodeling needs related to school nutrition services.

Schools may apply individually, or districts may apply for multiple schools within their district. More information on the grant and application can be found at <https://www.fueluptoplay60.com/funding/nutrition-equipment-grant>

SNA Election Results 2016!



SNA congratulates the 2016 candidates for election to the Board of Directors and Leadership Development Committee, and thanks to all the candidates for their enthusiasm and commitment to serve the national association. For results, please visit <https://schoolnutrition.org/>

SNA Certificate Program Updates:



Update! The Certificate in School Nutrition website and Program Guide have been updated with important information. Make sure to review the changes and download your updated Certificate in School Nutrition Program Guide today!!

SNA has made a change to how CEUs can be calculated and implemented the [Certificate Program Submission Cover Sheet](#) for Levels 2 and 3.

The following is a brief summary of the CEU changes, however you should download the newly revised [Certificate in School Nutrition Program Guide](#) to review all changes.

SNA has recently updated its policy on bundling training. While SNA encourages you to participate in **1 hour trainings** to earn CEUs for the Certificate Program. SNA is also aware of the challenges finding appropriate training, so we have recently updated the allowable CEU minimum for the Certificate Program.

- ◆ 1 Continuing Education Unit (CEU) = 1 hour of training for Professional Standards.
- ◆ **CEUs CANNOT date back further than five (5) years from the date you apply.**
- ◆ **Renewal CEUs must be completed during the certificate year.**
- ◆ CEUs must be a minimum of one hour in length.
 - ◇ Two 30-minute trainings within the **same subtopic code, within the same year** will be accepted as one CEU.
 - ◇ Four 15-minute trainings within the **same subtopic code, within the same year** will be accepted as one CEU.

Subtopic codes can be found in the [USDA Professional Standards Learning Objectives](#), or the [SNA Professional Standards Training Guidelines](#).

Chapter Connection

Did you know?? Did you know that SNA-KS offers a FREE (new) membership for each Chapter every year? Are you actively recruiting new members? Take advantage of this opportunity by advertising it at your Chapter meetings or in your districts. Paperwork should be submitted to the Treasurer. Get your new member involved with meetings and conference and they will be hooked! Annual renewal fees are up to the individual.

The School Nutrition Association is the strong organization it is today because of members like you who recognize the value of SNA membership and the benefits it provides to your career, your school nutrition programs and the children you serve. You can help build the future of SNA by recruiting new members and retaining existing members. In recognition of your recruiting and retention efforts you will become part of SNA's exclusive Star Club!



How Does SNA's Star Club Work?

The Star Club is SNA's way of recognizing and thanking members who recruit and retain SNA members. Each time a new member writes your name in the referral section of the membership application form you receive one credit, plus you get an additional credit every year they renew! Credits don't expire, so once you have three credits you become a Star Club Member for as long as you are an active SNA National member!

How Star Club Credits Grow

You accumulate credits when you recruit new members and get them to renew each year. For example if you recruit 3 members this year, get all 3 to renew next year and recruit 4 more new members, you will have 10 credits in two years and become a Bronze Star.

Star Club Levels

Level	Star Club Credits
Star Club Member	3
Bronze Star	10
Silver Star	50
Gold Star	100
Platinum Star	150
Diamond Star	250

Star Club Recognition

As a member of SNA's Star Club, you will be recognized for your hard work and recruiting efforts throughout the year and at SNA meetings, including special recognition at the Annual National Conference. In addition, you will also receive a gift of appreciation each time you reach the next Star Club level!