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Help Us, Help You - Update Your Contact Information with SNA!

Making sure that SNA has your correct mailing address, email address, and phone number will help you get the most out of your membership. This will ensure that you receive your membership and/or certificate renewals, the *School Nutrition* magazine and get the latest news and updates emailed to you from SNA!

Staying in touch with SNA can be easy! Go to www.schoolnutrition.org and click on the red **Login to My Account** button in the upper right-hand corner. Enter your user name and password to login or click **Member Registration** to create an account. Once logged in, click on the **Member Record** tab and select **Member Contact Information**. Update any needed information and click **Save Changes**. Need help? Contact the SNA Service Center at (800) 877-8822 or servicecenter@schoolnutrition.org for assistance.



Successful school days

start with a healthy breakfast.

School Breakfast Programs provide the opportunity for students to receive a nutrient-rich, balanced meal that will get their day started off right! Breakfast helps students concentrate, behave, and learn better. Students who eat breakfast every morning score 17.5% higher on standardized math tests than those that don't start the day off with a healthy meal. Many schools across Kansas are taking breakfast out of the cafeteria and into the classroom with positive results. Are you working to move to a breakfast in the classroom or grab and go model? Resources and success stories are available from SNA, KSDE Child Nutrition & Wellness and Midwest Dairy Council to help you overcome the challenges you may face when moving breakfast outside of the cafeteria.

Grant funds are available to high-need school districts to cover some up-front costs associated with implementing an alternative breakfast model. Learn more at: www.breakfastintheclassroom.org.



Nominate a 2016 School Nutrition Hero!

The third annual Celebration of School Nutrition Heroes will be held on Monday, February 29, 2016, at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, DC, during SNA's Legislative Action Conference (LAC). Your assistance is needed in identifying the men and women in SNA who have gone above and beyond their daily responsibilities to make a difference in their schools and communities. Please nominate the person who often goes unnoticed, but who has made a significant difference in the lives of others. [Click here](#) to learn more and please complete the [nomination form](#) to tell us about a member of SNA who you believe is the example of a School Nutrition Hero.

The deadline for nominations for the 2016 Celebration of School Nutrition Heroes has been extended to Friday, October 30.

Let's Recruit and Win! Join the 2015 Back to School Membership Drive

Our state association is participating in this year's [Back to School Membership Drive](#), and we could win big! This drive began on September 1, 2015 and will end on November 30, 2015. Our state association could win a free registration to National Leadership Conference 2016- so, help us recruit more members.

You could be a winner, too! Recruit five or more new members between **June 1, 2015** and **May 31, 2016** and you will be automatically entered into a drawing to win 1 of 5 VIP registrations to SNA's 2017 Annual National Conference (ANC) in Atlanta, Ga.*Let's [recruit](#) and win together! Visit www.schoolnutrition.org/recruit for more information and complete rules.

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Great Learning Opportunities with SNA Webinars

Join us for SNA's Talk Tuesday and Webinar Wednesday series! SNA webinars are here to help you gain important information that impacts you day-to-day. By participating in Webinar Wednesdays you can earn CEUs towards SNA's certificate and credentialing programs and required annual training hours for USDA Professional Standards. Be sure to frequently check the [SNA Webinars page](#) for updates and new topics:

- **Tues, November 3:** [Grow, Learn and Celebrate with SNA Awards & SNF Scholarships](#)
- **Wed, November 4:** Join #SocialMedia Guru Dayle Hayes for [Growing Your Online Brand: Maximizing Your Results, Minimizing Your Time](#)
- **Tues, November 17:** [Welcome Webinar for New SNA Members](#)

All webinars are held at 2pm Eastern Time (1pmCT/Noon MT/11am PT). For more information and to access the webinar archive, please visit schoolnutrition.org/Webinars.



steps Challenge!

The STEPS Challenge is a wellness program created just for school nutrition professionals. Sign up for the free program and you'll gain access to recipes, exercise ideas, success stories, prizes, wellness tips, and more.

Download the toolkit at:

<https://schoolnutrition.org/STEPS/Toolkit/>



2015 Fall Conference



On October 2-4, 2015 over 170 SNA-KS members gathered in Topeka for the annual Fall Conference. This signature SNA-KS event provides an opportunity for members to attend education sessions, network with fellow food service professionals from across the state, gather new information about products and equipment and to earn required CEUs for USDA Professional Standards as well as SNA Certificates.

This year's conference featured keynote speaker Jeff Joiner. Jeff has presented at numerous state and national conferences. His website says that attendees at his seminars and presentations will laugh, cry, learn and leave inspired to reach new heights in the personal and professional lives – and everyone in attendance would certainly agree.

Robyn Stuewe from the Midwest Dairy Association and Orville Miller (dairy farmer) presented a very educational session about sustainability and dairy farms at the opening breakfast. A sold out Industry Show brought in food and equipment vendors who were happy to answer questions and provide product taste tests. There were twelve education sessions offered on Saturday afternoon, including sessions on Food Safety, Team Building, Leadership, Farm to School/School Gardens, Social Media, Procurement, Successful Wellness Plans, and Breakfast in the Classroom.

Something new to conference this year was a general session devoted to membership: how to access and utilize the SNA website (www.schoolnutrition.org), membership benefits and time for Mega Issue discussions.

The Award Banquet Saturday night recognized the SNA-KS award winners as well as the KSDE Sunflower Spotlight Award Winners. Those winners can be found on the SNA and KSDE websites. Sunday morning concluded with a Public Policy & Legislation update, Star Club Awards and the touching and motivational conclusion of Jeff Joiner's two-part Keys to Excellence address.

SNA-KS would like to thank all of the Industry Partners who helped support our conference and who participated at the Industry Show. Many thanks to our speakers for providing interesting and timely education sessions. A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers who helped make the conference a success!



Star Club Award Winners ★



100th year Dairy Council anniversary celebration toast with school milk!

