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**SNA-KS had another successful conference in Overland Park on March 29-30th!**

**Thank you for all who attended!**

**Below are the wonderful school nutrition professionals and schools who were honored with awards during the conference.**

**Congratulations!**

**Kansas Nutrition Event Awards**

Wolf Creek Elementary, Spring Hill, KS – Taco Tuesday

Sunflower Elementary, Paola, KS – Earth Day

Paola High School Paola, KS – “School Lunch”, Recipe for Success

**Kansas School Lunch Week**

Olathe School District – “Lunch The Greatest Show on Earth”

**Kansas Director of the Year**

Jayci Dalton 2017-2018

Elaine Harris 2018-2019

**Kansas Employee of the Year**

2017-2018 Christiana Deatsch

2018-2019 Jeanine Flory

**Chapter Gold Awards**

Chapter #23 The Good Shepherd’s

## Sen. Roberts Visits Wichita Public Schools Nutrition Services

In April, Senate Agriculture Committee Chair Pat Roberts visited the Nutrition Services department of Wichita Public Schools in his home state of Kansas. As the Senator begins work on a Child Nutrition Reauthorization bill, he toured the district's Food Production Center, had a "simply outstanding lunch" with students at Brooks Magnet Middle School and met with district leadership.

You can watch a video of the Senator's visit here. If you are interested in having a Representative or Senator visit your cafeteria, be sure to check out Cafeteria Visits 101 for details and information on how to plan!

## SNA Responds to School Meal Flexibilities Complaints

In a statement issued in April, SNA expressed its support for the December 2018 final rule on school meal flexibilities in response to lawsuits filed in New York and Maryland challenging U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) actions. "SNA appreciates USDA's efforts to preserve strong standards to benefit students while addressing long-standing challenges to ensure they choose and consume healthy school meals," said SNA President Gay Anderson, SNS. The statement noted that the final rule aligns with the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) scientific recommendations for updating school meal nutrition standards. You can read the full statement here.

## Become an SNF Monthly Maverick Today!

When you partner with the School Nutrition Foundation (SNF) through its "Monthly Maverick" donation program, you will join a special group of people helping to make SNA members' dreams come true—*members who never, ever stop learning.*

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- 3 – Provide your payment information and click on "Donate Now."
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## WEBINAR WEDNESDAYS

Something for Everyone this Month of Webinar Wednesdays!

Unlike other species, human brains have the distinct feature of having millions of neuron connectors between their input and output receptors. Everything we see, touch, smell is utilized to help us create new exciting ideas. Tap into this creativity with research-based tools explained and provided during our May 1 webinar. SNA members, check it out on our On-Demand page.

Then, see how one district has creatively applied tools like these in our May 8 webinar! Don't think procurement takes creativity? Think again! Join us on May 15 to see how on buying group creatively solved their procurement woes. And, as we settle into spring, there's no better time to talk about new Farm to School programs and incentives than during our May 22 webinar. Check out more details here.

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### #ANC19 Early Bird Deadline Extended! Plus enjoy an evening of baseball!

SNA's 73rd Annual National Conference (ANC) is just eight short weeks away! We've got good news for friends and colleagues not yet registered -- the early bird deadline has been extended through May 31, offering two more weeks to save on registration! Join SNA or renew your membership to ensure member pricing! Additionally, we are also super excited to announce that SNA and the St. Louis Cardinals have come together to offer discounted tickets for conference attendees to enjoy a fun night at the St. Louis ballpark! Learn more.

Members should plan now to come a day early and earn extra CEUs by attending pre-conference workshops. Choose from full, half-day or new two hour-express workshops designed for all career levels—employees, managers and directors—and be sure to check out these three—(the first two are back by popular demand!) Knife and Cooking Skills Train-the-Trainer Lab with Chef Brenda Thompson-Wattles, RDN; “Supervisory Skill Development for Managers” and a special Community Activity: Helping Heal Childhood Hunger in Missouri,” with an opportunity to visit the local non-profit Operation Food Search. Register now!



### SNA: Helping Win Over the Public on School Meals

Does everyone in your community know that today's school meals are nutritious and delicious? Tackling age-old stereotypes about school meals is daunting, but SNA has developed a host resources to help you educate community members about the benefits of school meals. Visit [www.schoolnutrition.org/PR](http://www.schoolnutrition.org/PR) for a wide variety of members-only tools. Here's a quick overview of our most popular resources:

- Media and Outreach Guides: From our recent “Winning Over the Public on School Meals” webinar (available on-demand), to tip sheets on prepping for media interviews, these tools outline successful tactics for spreading the good news.
- Talking Points and Customizable PR Tools: Whether you're preparing for a presentation before the PTO or an interview on unpaid meal charges, SNA can help!
- Backpack Brochures and Flyers: SNA offers customizable handouts to help you promote your program, including colorful new “Parents: Did You Know?” flyers and fact sheets detailing the benefits of school breakfast and lunch.

SNA's About School Meals section of the website is a great resource to share with parents, administrators, legislators, or anyone who wants to learn about school meal programs. The site offers a wealth of information, including: one-pagers on school nutrition standards; the latest statistics on school meal participation, reimbursements, and more; and tips for getting involved in school meal programs.

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## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE TOP 10...

- 1** Free webinars on pertinent topics like food safety, food allergies and procurement
- 2** Tools to help you meet and track USDA's Professional Standards requirements for yourself and your staff
- 3** Educational conferences tailored to *your* needs and professional standards
- 4** Marketing tools to promote your programs to parents, students and the school community
- 5** Legislative and advocacy efforts
- 6** Certificate and credentialing programs for you and your team to grow professionally
- 7** Relationship building with key stakeholders and industry representatives
- 8** Professional development scholarships for you and your team
- 9** A subscription to SNA's award winning magazine, *School Nutrition*
- 10** Access to the latest news and issues from the SNA website and daily e-newsletter, *SNA SmartBrief*

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