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**Meet your President and President Elect**

**President Karla Capansky**

Hello I am Karla Capansky the current President of SNA of Kansas.

I am the foodservice Director for USD 254 Barber County North Schools in a small town of Medicine Lodge. I have worked for this district for 15 1/2 years, starting out as a dishwasher and moving up to the position that I currently have. I have been a SNA member for 11 years. I started getting involved on the board when I held the office of the South Central Area Representative after the board member that held this position was retiring and talked me in to running for this. This was the best decision that I could have made for my job and life. The people that are on this board have helped me grow and learn so much. So in these Trying times when they tell us that we sometimes must pivot even though it feels so much more like we are doing a complicated dance, we always must remember the main reasons we feed children. Just turn our aprons around and soar like the superhero that we are. I get up every day and go to work because that is where my heart is with the children that I see each and every day. I hope everyone has a blessed year and remember we are School Foodservice Workers we will prevail. See you all next year.

**President Elect Richard Hampton**

I have been the food service director for Mulvane since July 2006. Before working in school food service I was a district manager for Wendy's restaurants for many years. When I entered this job I would definitely say it was a much easier job to learn than it is for people entering the job today. If you could figure out how to serve the components you had your menu pretty well done and there seemed to be a lot less paperwork. I was blessed with having good people mentor me on the job. I was able to pick up the phone and call another director to ask for help and benefited from their years of knowledge. I make it a point to try and make myself available to anyone who might need help when getting started in this field of work.

I became an SNA member soon after I started working in school nutrition. I became more active in SNA as I was helping to work on the Mulvane spring convention. I am a member and acting president of the Kansas School Food Purchasing association.

At Mulvane we run four onsite kitchens and have a central warehouse for all receiving. We have 23 food service staff and about 1850 students. We serve breakfast and lunch at all buildings and participate in the after school snack program and the summer food service program. Our summer program also services our neighboring community of Udall.



## LEARNING CENTER™

### WEBINAR WEDNESDAYS®

SNA is kicking off 2021 with brand new webinars and content. Start the new year off right with training for you and your team! SNA webinars are always free for members and take place at 3:00 pm EST unless otherwise noted.

We will kick things off on **January 19** with [Advocating for SNA's 2021 Position Paper](#). Join SNA and the Congressional Management Foundation (CMF) to hone messaging strategies and prepare for a successful 2021 Legislative Action Conference (LAC) and advocacy- filled year!

- National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) is also right around the corner, and SNA has teamed up with Kellogg's to present you with [Marketing Ideas to Help You SCORE BIG for Breakfast](#). On **January 21**, get ready for an exciting panel discussion with operators from across the country to discuss how they have overcome obstacles while still striving to promote school breakfast this year.
- Join us for our last webinar of the month, [Making the Most of USDA Foods](#), on **January 27**, when ACDA and SNA representatives will show you how to make the most of USDA Foods as you plan for the next school year.
- We are delighted to announce our first-ever Black History Month webinar as part of SNA's new Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Series, made possible with sponsorship from Titan-A LINQ Solution! On **February 4**, hear from SNA leaders who have shaped the school nutrition profession in [Celebrate Black History Month with SNA](#).

These are only a few of the many webinars we have planned this year. You can register for all of these sessions on the [Events Page](#) of the Training Zone. Be sure to check in regularly to take advantage of your membership and keep your calendar full of SNA training resources!

### **Nominate a Colleague You Admire for an SNA Award**

This holiday season, give the gift of recognition! Nominate someone you admire for an SNA Award for 20-21. Nominations for the Employee, Manager and Director of the Year awards are now being accepted online by SNA through **March 1, 2021**. 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 2021 Annual National Conference in Chicago, Illinois! For more information, including how to nominate and qualifications, please visit the [SNA Member Awards webpage!](#)

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## **SNA-KS Website Under Construction**

**Our website address has been changed.**

**The new address is [www.snakansas.com](http://www.snakansas.com)**

**We will be working to update the website to get it  
up to date as soon as possible.**

## **Chapter Corner**

Chapter 23 Paola has a theme for their meetings this year; it is Bring Back the Old. For their October meeting, Rita Wobker presented a slide show about the fifty year history of Paola Food Service. It was a real walk down memory for Rita Wobker who has been employed with the district for 32 years. Over the fifty years they have had five directors, Betty Reynolds, LaVeta Bennett, Carla Voran, Elaine Harris and Bill Rosich. The two directors that served as State Presidents were Carla Voran and Elaine Harris. Chapter 23 has also had four employees that were selected as employee of the year and they were Angie Wolf, Marsha Schultz, Chris Deatsch and Rita Wobker. Rita Wobker felt it was important for employees to know the history and to realize the amount of changes that have taken place in the past fifty years. It was enjoyed by all who attended.

The March meeting they plan to bake some of the food that they can no longer offer. Some of the suggested food items are smores, marble bars and peanut butter rolls. They are going to look through the recipe book and see what else they want to try.

If your Chapter or District has anything they would like to share what is happening please send to Elaine Harris at [eaharris2904@gmail.com](mailto:eaharris2904@gmail.com)



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**Raise Your Voice in Support of School Meal Programs at #LAC21**

[LAC2021](#) is a chance for you to share your vision, passion, and personal expertise with lawmakers. Join forces with hundreds of SNA members and school nutrition advocates March 8-10, 2021 to make a positive impact on the future of child nutrition programs. [Register now](#) for three impactful afternoons of advocacy—early bird rates end January 22! To learn more about the virtual format, read the [LAC 2021 FAQs](#).

Anyone registering for LAC can contact Steven Newman at [snewmanfpc@olatheschools.org](mailto:snewmanfpc@olatheschools.org) to be included in the Hill zoom visits.

**Voting for the 2021 SNA Election Opens on February 15!**

Your voice matters! You can cast your vote for the 2021 SNA Election between February 15-28, but now is a great time to [get to know the candidates](#). When voting opens, look for an email sent from SNA's election vendor, Election Services Corp. (ESC), on the Association's behalf. This email will provide the steps for you to authenticate your identity and provide access to your ballot through a unique voting validation number. This number will be required to cast your vote. After voting, you will receive a "Thank You for Voting" email from ESC as confirmation. [Learn More](#)

**Nominations for SNA-KS for the Following positions:**

President –Elect  
Vice President  
Northwest Area Representative  
Northeast Area representative  
South Central Area Representative  
Employee/Manager Representative

If interested in running for any of these positions please contact Josh Mathiasmeier at [Joshua.mathiasmeier@kckps.org](mailto:Joshua.mathiasmeier@kckps.org)

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# NSBW 2021 Toolkit Now Available

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SNA is kicking off 2021 with new tools to help you make the most of your upcoming [National School Breakfast Week](#) (NSBW) celebration. The next two months leading up to the March 8-12, 2021, event, are sure to fly by, but the official [NSBW Toolkit](#) is your essential playbook with everything you need to organize your goals, your team and your plan to “Score Big With School Breakfast!”

SNA knows that meal service remains a challenge as schools continue to shift learning modes from in-school to hybrid to all-remote and back again. That’s why this year’s NSBW Toolkit offers no less than two dozen ideas you can mix and match to engage students in fun activities whether they are eating school breakfast at home, in classrooms or in the cafeteria. From packing meals with motivational messages, to creating March Madness-style bracket polls to determine breakfast favorites, to encouraging the use of breakfast time to create vision boards for success in 2021—you have a full range of ideas to run with, build on or use to jump-start your team’s own imagination.

The Toolkit also offers ways to tailor the “Score Big With School Breakfast” campaign message to encourage one’s best effort, teamwork, courage and perseverance not just in sports-related activities, but in all pursuits, from the stadium to the science lab and from the playing field to the performance stage.

This jam-packed resource includes decorating and costume ideas, suggestions for leveraging your menus, ways to engage parents and the media (within COVID-19 safety protocols), sample motivational messages from respected champions and even silly breakfast jokes! A simple DIY planner to identify your NSBW21 goals, budget, potential partners and task deadlines is also included to get you started.

And be sure to check out the official [SNA NSBW Shop](#) for budget-friendly giveaways and campaign themed decorations and gear to bring your plans to life!

Pandemic-prompted challenges require new mindsets, but they also provide new opportunities to showcase your inventiveness! And as NSBW 2021 coincides with the one-year anniversary of school shutdowns and emergency feeding, it’s also an opportunity to celebrate big achievements under extraordinary circumstances. But you have to be in it to win it. Make this NSBW one for the record books!

[Download the Toolkit](#) this week to put your plans in motion.

