

## President-Elect Update | April 2023

*Happy Spring, MSNA Members!*

Adventure Awaits with MSNA!! Plans are ramping up for the Annual Conference August 6-9<sup>th</sup> in St. Cloud at the River's Edge Convention Center. The committees are hard at work to make this the best conference ever. What adventure are you on with school nutrition? This is the theme for this year's conference.



On Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting a variety of courses and happenings, including the following:

- Food safety refresher course. We have two options available:
  - 4-hour refresher course
  - 8-hour full course and exam
- Nutrition 101 course (8 hours)
- SNA SNS Exam
- House of Delegates

We are pleased that so many submitted proposals for workshops. With over 30 sessions on the schedule, we will have something for everyone in their career path.

Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> will begin with an opening session, presented by Kristen Brown. Kristen's session is an energy experience. Energy is a critical skill that leads to solid resilience and hard results! She will be a wonderful speaker for you to listen to and learn from. Afterward, there are many options for workshops, including workshops tailored to directors and managers. We will also be hosting a panel of experienced directors who can answer many of your questions.

Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> includes the Exhibit Show: who can't wait for that?! There will be workshops being held for those not walking the exhibit show.

Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> will include workshops and the closing session with keynote speaker Lea B. Olson. Lea will be presenting on "*Play to Win! Cultivating Strong Leaders and Teams that are made to Win.*" Wednesday's closing session will include the installation of officers. You don't want to miss any of the fun!

The **Director-Mentoring program** has been happening over the last few months. We paired new directors with experienced directors, offering the opportunity for both to connect. The mentorship program offers the chance to share best practices, help new directors with any questions they may have, and provides a network of school nutrition professionals. If you would like to be paired with an experienced director or just have a question, please reach out and we will get you connected. Seasoned directors are more than willing to help with whatever challenges or questions you have.

I look forward to seeing you all at the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in August.

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