



*I would like to welcome you back to the 2023-2024 School Year!*

I hope that your year is starting off on a splendid adventure. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Annual Conference in St Cloud. It was an amazing conference, and I hope you had a great time learning and networking. I would like to again thank the conference committee on a job well done. It takes a lot of time and people to pull off such a worthwhile conference. To reference back to our theme “*Adventure Awaits with MSNA,*” I hope you found your adventure in the speakers, workshops, and your experience at the food show.

I would like to thank the outgoing members of the executive board who thrived under the amazing leadership of Cheryl Pick. I have big shoes to fill. I’d like to thank Jess Pena for her leadership skill as the Nutrition Chair, and Andrea Schaak, who rotated off the Leadership Development Committee. Thank you, all, for all you do for MSNA.

The board is working to achieve more active chapters in all parts of the state. Our chapters are the heart of the organization, allowing us to network and support each other. MSNA will continue visiting relevant chapter events, letting food service employees know the importance of our organization.

We will also be working on a membership brochure we can hand out to potential new members. This will be a great tool to let food service employees know all about MSNA.



MSNA 2023-24 Executive Board Installation

Our board members will be attending a board retreat in October to finalize MSNA’s Strategic Plan. We will hear and discuss each other’s input on the future of our organization.

**Remember that all of you are very important to each and every student that comes through your line.** Do you know how much potential you have? No, seriously, you do! Everyone involved in the field of school nutrition has the potential to accomplish so much. You are all an inspiration to me and many others. We will continue to make a difference for the children we serve.

Let make this year a great year to work with our nutrition staff, as well as the staff in the rest of your building. As a saying I often think about, let’s “*Appreciate Everyone’s Value and Add Value to Each Other.*” Everyone plays an important part, and we need to recognize the value of our colleagues and students. Every one of us is a teacher. Who have you added value to today?

**ADVENTURE AWAITS WITH MNSA.** What adventure is waiting for you?

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