

## 2018 MSNA Election Results!

Members of Minnesota School Nutrition Association (MSNA) have voted! This year's elected leaders each possess true passion for child nutrition and have a proven record of volunteer experience, leadership and commitment to School Nutrition Association, the industry and the students they serve.

Mary Jo Lange, SNS, Vice President

Mary Jo Lange, SNS, is completing her fifth year as food service coordinator at Red Lake School District in Red Lake. Mary Jo is also currently completing her second two-year term as MSNA Secretary/Finance chair, and serves on various committees, including the Annual Conference, Industry



Conference (SNIP), Marketing and Executive Committees, as well as the Policy & Procedure Committee and By-Law Committee. She serves as president of MSNA Paul Bunyan Chapter 34. She is ready to take on the responsibilities of vice president and is excited to represent MSNA members statewide.

Penny Hoops has been working in school food-service for seven years, and is currently the food service director for Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose (BHM) Schools in Buffalo. She is honored to serve as the MSNA Secretary/Finance chair, hoping to continue the great work done by Mary Jo Lange before her. She plans to continue working on getting more involvement from rural areas of the state.

Penny Hoops, Secretary/Finance Chair



She has held various MSNA volunteer and leadership roles over the years, including secretary and treasurer for Central Granite Chapter 24 for five years, serving on the Annual State Conference Committee and currently serving as the co-chair of the 2018 Annual Conference. She has also served as president of the School Directors of Minnesota Group.

She strives to be involved in planning and trainings that will increase her knowledge of school nutrition programs.

Sherri Knutson is the coordinator of student nutrition services for Rochester Public Schools in Rochester. She has served on many SNA committees, holding leadership roles as past president of MSNA (2006-2007) and Education and Legislative chair. Sherri is a past recipient of the SNA Director of the Year Award - winning the state, regional and national award.

Sherri Knutson, Leadership Development Committee



Sherri plans to use her new role on the Leadership Development Committee to motivate the talented and creative school nutrition professionals in Minnesota to take their leadership abilities to the next level. She will help identify and recruit volunteers to step up to elected leadership positions.

Thank you to all the 2018 ballot candidates! Each of them made an important commitment to serve MSNA. We hope they will continue to share their leadership talent and consider future leadership opportunities.

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# President's Message



Wendy Knight, RD, SNS  
MSNA President

My year of the presidency is almost over. Time flies and it is summer 2018.

My year wouldn't be complete without thanking the 3000 Minnesota School Nutrition Association members! Thank you for the opportunity to serve you, work hard for you, represent you wherever I traveled and be so very proud of all of you and your hard work and accomplishments within the school meals profession within the state of Minnesota. Your efforts make us a leader in our nation.

I want to thank all of the MSNA board members, MSNA committee chairs and their committees, those members participating as chapter officers, all the chapters, our Industry members and the Industry Advisory Board and MSNA's Executive Director. These folks

have been working hard behind the scenes for all of you and your training and education credits, the learning that takes place at conferences, the partnerships that are built between industry and school nutritional professionals and for the level of understanding between your job and your local legislator so that they too understand why we need their financial and representative support.

This time of year is full of hellos and goodbyes. We say hello to summer and we say goodbye to another school year. We say our goodbyes to our school staff and to the graduating seniors and all those students who are moving schools. In 2 short months we will be saying hello to our new students coming in and to our new employees who wish to serve students healthy school meals with a smile.

So, as I say good bye to you in another month, please say hello to another MSNA board with newly elected members who want to continue the growth of our state membership, who want to keep your education relevant and exciting, who are determined to be fiscally responsible to its members, who want to keep your needs at the forefront of all their decision making and make the best decision for the majority of all you members.

## Finance Update

Greetings from Red Lake School District!

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another year. This will be the last update from your current Secretary/Finance Chair, except for the live, in-person one that you will get at Annual Conference in Rochester. I know that there are some who find the world of finance tedious and/or boring, but from my perspective, it is interesting and challenging.

My hope is that you have found that I have kept you informed about MSNA's finances during the last four years with transparency and integrity.

As of May 31, 2018, the current balances are: Savings \$175,679.29, Checking \$94,859.86, the old Wells Fargo savings account -0.29 (Remember, we changed banks effective January 1, 2018 to Bremer Bank, in order to save money on fees and earn higher interest), and Investments \$277,445.45, for a total in assets of \$547,984.31.

I have truly enjoyed serving MSNA members as the Secretary/Finance Chair during my two terms, and I know that you will be in good hands with your incoming Secretary Treasurer, Penny Hoops. I am excited to have been elected the incoming Vice President, and give you my word that I will continue to serve the Association to the best of my

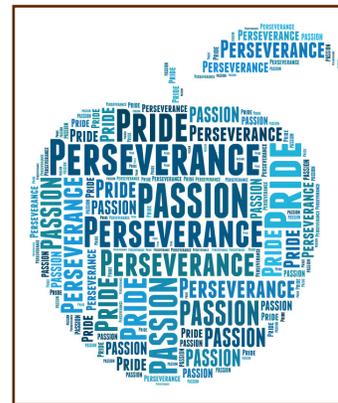


**Feeding Bodies. Fueling Minds.™**

Minnesota is in good hands to strive forward.

We will see you in Rochester for the 62nd annual state conference.

You won't be disappointed!!



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As always, if you need to reach out to me for any reason, please feel free to do so.

With Warmest Regards,  
Jo Lange, SNS  
MSNA Secretary/Finance Chair





# STOP THE BLOCK

PROTECT OUR CHILDREN, PRESERVE SCHOOL MEALS



## Block Grant Funding for School Meals Is a Dangerous Idea that Could Put Millions of American School Children at Risk

Policy 101: Why Block Grants Are a Bad Idea When it Comes to Feeding Hungry Kids

### THE FACTS

National School Lunch Program & School Breakfast Program

Research Shows:  
**Hungry children struggle with academic performance, attendance and behavior at school**



**1 OUT OF 6**

the number of hungry children in the U.S.



**30 MILLION**

the number of American children who are served nutritious meals at school every day. Millions who can't pay get free or reduced-price meals so they don't go hungry.



### BLOCK GRANTS FOR SCHOOL MEAL FUNDING COULD MEAN



Less Money



Fewer Meals



No Nutrition Standards



Hungry Children



**STOP THE BLOCK**

Tell Congress Cutting School Meals is a Dangerous Idea

[stopblockgrantsnow.org](http://stopblockgrantsnow.org)



The Stop the Block Coalition is a Project of the School Nutrition Association

# 2018 Award Winners

## Director of the Year Award

Adele Lillie, Child Nutrition Program Director for Robbinsdale Independent School District, has been awarded the state Director of the Year. This award recognizes the extraordinary contributions of school nutrition directors who manage effective school meal programs providing healthy, appetizing meals to students. She has worked in school nutrition for 36 years, 14 of those in Robbinsdale Schools, Adele brings a high level of experience, knowledge and leadership to her job.



Staff describe Adele as supportive, encouraging and helps to bring out the best in each school nutrition employee in the district. As an advocate for school nutrition staff, she encourages SNA certification and extra training whenever possible.

Adele also sees the importance in working with members of the community, providing information and education about meal programs through outreach and informational sessions on jobs and careers in school nutrition. She enjoys working with everyone, from administration and staff, to food and equipment vendors, all helping her make the best decisions for her students' health and well-being.

## Manager of the Year Award

The School Nutrition Association (SNA) has named Gretchen Schroeder from Jackson Middle School in Anoka-Hennepin Independent School District, MN, the *Midwest regional Manager of the Year*. Considered the highest honor a school nutrition manager can earn, the award recognizes a cafeteria



manager who has demonstrated dedication and ingenuity to improve his or her school meal program.

Gretchen took on the position of child nutrition program site supervisor in 2006, managing a cafeteria serving 2,200+ students as well as two kitchens almost a half-mile apart. Beloved by students, Gretchen is approachable and welcoming to all, treating her students who have special dietary needs with care and respect. She has been innovative in helping grow participation in the Grab & Go breakfast program and is known to deliver breakfast to students who missed the morning meal. She set up breakfast service from the cafeteria as well as serving from two carts located in various areas in the building to help ensure students get their first meal of the day before class.

Gretchen is extremely helpful to staff, creating a positive and comfortable environment. As a mentor to other site supervisors, Schroeder is known to be flexible, patient and encouraging in her training style. Her positive role modeling shows others how to mentor their staff and increase involvement with SNA.

Gretchen represents her school and district's nutrition program at Destination Imagination, an event of 4,000 participants - parents, teachers and others from across the state of Minnesota. There, she works hard to provide a variety of school menu items so guests can sample the delicious foods served to students. Showing off her awesome program and talented staff, Gretchen is happy to pleasantly surprise visitors by the quality and variety of offerings.

## Employee of the Year Award

Kathy Hanson, Food Service Associate at Dakota Hills Middle School and Eagan High School, has been awarded the state Employee of the Year.



The award recognizes the valuable contribution of school nutrition employees who exhibit a remarkable commitment to the school meal program and the students they serve.

Detail-oriented and dependable is how food service colleagues describe Kathy Hanson. Every school day in the biggest kitchen in Independent School District 196, Hanson works with 22 other staff members, coordinating seven lunch periods, serving 1,500 meals, all within 75 minutes. Hanson connects with students, making them feel valued and important and is always there to lend a helping hand or answer their questions. She makes the cafeteria a welcoming and cheerful place for staff, visitors and students. Known by students for her creative salads, she has a passion for putting together healthy choices from whatever fresh ingredients are available in the kitchen.

She is always finding ways to connect with colleagues and help others stay happy and focused at work. Hanson has also created a community atmosphere for coworkers, creating employee contact lists and organizing after-work events, summer gatherings and a Christmas party.

Currently serving as president of her local SNA Chapter, she views her involvement in MSNA as an important way to maintain the best training and access the most up-to-date food service information available. She has attended several state, regional and national conferences and sees real value in attending classes offered, often bringing ideas back to her school's kitchen. At last year's Annual National Conference, she especially enjoyed the training offered on multi-cultural food options, sharing insights with colleagues upon her return. Hanson also started a scholarship for graduating seniors in her district who plan to study a food-related field. Through her efforts, the Chapter 35 has given away \$4,000 in scholarships the last three years.

# 2018 Industry Election

The election for the Industry Chair will be completed on May 25th. Dave Giancristoforo, GVM Food Marketing was elected by his peers to serve on the 2018-2020 Executive Board.

Due to a change of positions, Dave has regretfully informed MSNA President Wendy Knight that he is no longer able to fulfill his commitment to serve on the board.

After a review of the MSNA bylaws -Section 7- Vacancy & Removal, it was determined that the executive board would be able to appoint a successor

for the remainder of the term.

The Executive Board met on June 13 to discuss the open position and with full board approval, appointed Wendy Wojtysiak-Erickson, outgoing Industry Chair to fill the position.

MSNA would like to thank Dave for all of his service to MSNA on committees and the Industry Advisory Board. We wish Dave all the best for his future!

Thank you to Wendy Wojtysiak-Erickson for stepping in for the next two years.



## Awards, cont'd

### E-Team Award

The "E" Team Award, showcases excellence in teamwork, creativity and customer service was awarded to the food service team at Independent School District 196's Eagan High School and Dakota Hills Middle School.

This award honors staff members Helen Anderson, Lisa Caporelli, Anita Frydenlund, Sondra Gustafson, Mary Jo Haire, Kathryn Hanson, Elizabeth Hofmann, Hong Huynh, Kathy Kennebeck, Ina Law, Jane McEvers, Suzette Messner, Sheila Mora, Rukiyo Osman, Jane Peterson, Pamela Peterson, Lisa Rademacher, Stephanie Taylor, Misgana Tesfai, Deanne Thebert, Kristin Wagner and Mary Beth Wehrman for going the "Extra Mile" as part of the team's goals to bring their best service to the forefront.



Superior organizational skills are re-

quired to service two schools from one kitchen and prepare more than 1,500 meals within 75 minutes. Students are able to sit and enjoy their lunch in the allotted time because the cafeteria runs like a well-oiled machine. All staff members have a "job of the week," but they also help where needed. They are support system for each other, inside the kitchen and out, forming a food service family that has fun after work and socially. They take health seriously and have started an exercise class two days a week for staff members to encourage healthy habits and support each other's fitness goals

When students asked for more options, this talented staff added a "grab and go" line and a "Campbell's Fresh Prepared Soup Spot". Both concepts have been very popular, offering healthy options for busy students. Eagan High School is the first in the country to have the new prepared soup spot concept from Campbell's.

Making students feel comfortable and welcome is as important to the team as providing healthy and delicious meals.

### Industry Partner of the Year

Heather Yanta, of Indianhead Food Distributor in Eau Claire, WI, has been awarded the 2018 Industry Partner of the Year. The Industry Member of the Year award recognizes the efforts

of an individual who has demonstrated exemplary support to MSNA members, engages in the sale of products or services to members and has made especially outstanding contributions to the advancement of the child nutrition profession.

Heather is committed to MSNA, giving her time to members and keeping up to date on the latest information on school nutrition and food service trends. She is a leader in K-12 food distribution and maintains exceptional customer support, bringing value to her customers and other members of MSNA by providing insight from years of experience. She is known to exhibit a positive, giving and inclusive attitude – always willing to assist members in providing the best quality product and service to students.



Heather teaches sanitation and food manager renewal courses, helping members earn credits toward certification. She attends MSNA conferences, been a member on the Industry Advisory Board, and has served on the Industry Conference Committee and two years as the conference chair.



## Tools You Can Use! MDE and USDA Resources are Available

Ever wonder where to find information about regulations? How about templates for food productions records? Maybe your principal wants to learn more about offering an after-school snack program. Or perhaps you'd like a good source for free posters, stickers and other educational resources.

As you prepare for the 2018-19 school year, here is a list of web links to keep you connected to the resources you'll need as you plan your year and move through it! To reach the web page, all you have to do is "click" on the underlined topic, for example [MDE-FNS Website](#). How easy is that?! Remember to contact our office at any time if you need assistance. We can be reached at 651-582-8526 (metro), 800-366-8922 (toll free MN only) or [mde.fns@state.mn.us](mailto:mde.fns@state.mn.us)

### [USDA Website](#).

The [USDA website](#) is your primary source for federal regulations, memos and formal guidance for all child nutrition programs, including the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program. The above link will take you to the School Nutrition Program section.

### [MDE-FNS Website](#)

The school nutrition web pages on the MDE website contain an abundance of information. To help organize the resources, our web site categorizes the information into topic areas that correspond to the administrative review categories: Free and Reduced-Price Process, General Program Areas, Nutritional Quality and Meal Pattern, Other Nutrition Programs for Schools, and Resource Management. The "main page" also includes a few other topic areas such as Food Distribution Program, Milk Programs, Civil Rights, Special Provisions (such as CEP and Provisions 2 and 3), Training and Professional Standards, Summer Food Service and Team Nutrition. Each of these general topic areas are listed in the left-hand margin and can be accessed if you "click" on the [MDE-FNS Website](#) link.

### [Free and Reduced-Price Process](#)

[Free/Reduced-price Meal Applications](#)

[Direct Certification](#)

[Verification](#)

[Point of Service Counting](#)

### [General Program Areas](#)

[Farm to School](#). Resources and information.

[Food Safety](#). Temperature logs, share tables inspections, HACCP and food safety plan templates.

### [Smart Snacks](#).

Smart snack calculator, requirements, fundraisers.

[SFA On-Site Monitoring](#). Forms for required lunch and breakfast annual on-site monitoring.

[Wellness Policy](#). Wellness policy template and toolkit, triennial assessment guide.

### [Nutritional Quality and Meal Pattern](#)

[Meal Pattern](#). Includes breakfast, lunch, preschool, and after school snack program meal patterns. The visual "tray" meal pattern format is included in this link.

[Food Production Records](#). Various templates for food production records.

[Menu Planning](#). Planning lunch or breakfast menus and field trip lunches.

[Menu Crediting](#). Meal pattern exemptions, milk substitutions, whole grain-rich crediting, vegetable sub-groups, salad bars, serving sizes and non-creditable food items.

[Offer vs. Serve](#). USDA manual.

[Offer vs. Serve](#). MDE training video.

[Special Dietary Needs](#). Template for special diet request. Includes regulations on how to accommodate students with disabilities, managing food allergies, and fluid milk substitutions.

[Standardized Recipes](#). Template for creating a standardized recipe.

[CN labels and product formulation statements](#). Information on CN labels and product formulation statements.

[Afterschool Snack Program](#). Information on the NSLP after school snack program.

[Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program](#). Information on FFVP that is open to annual enrollment for a limited number of school sites based on USDA funding.

### [Resource Management](#).

[Paid Lunch Equity](#). Setting student meal prices.

[Unpaid Meal Debt Guidance](#).

Guidance for handling school meal payments.

[Procurement and Contracts](#).

[A la Carte Pricing and Non-Program Foods](#).

[Meal Pricing](#)

[Food Service Financial Report](#)

[Allowable Food Service Costs](#)

[Vended Meals Contracts](#)

[Food Service Management Company contracts](#)

### [Training Resources, Videos and Webinars](#).

Register for in-person and webinar training events on topics that include Offer vs. Serve, Labels, Administrative Review, Food Production Records, Afterschool Snack Program, Improving F/R Applications, Smarter Lunchrooms and many more.

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# MDE Update cont'd

[Training Essentials for School Nutrition.](#) In-depth on-line training modules that Includes Free and Reduced-Price Processes, and Nutrition Quality and Meal Pattern and the weekly "Tuesday @ 2:00" webinar series. Certificates and CEU credits are provided.

[CLiCS Claims and Reporting](#)

[The Lunch Line newsletter](#)

[Summer Food Service Program.](#) Information on program participation.

[Civil Rights.](#) Training power point and other resources.

[USDA Foods.](#) USDA Food Distribution Program.

[CEP, Provisions 2 and 3.](#) Information on alternate student eligibility, counting and claiming systems.

[CACFP At-risk Afterschool Meals.](#) Information on serving meals after the school day ends through CACFP.

[Team Nutrition Resources.](#)

Team Nutrition offers a variety of free

resources that you can order in bulk quantity or download for free. These includes posters, stickers, recipes, activities and other age-related educational tools. These Team Nutrition resources are available to schools and child care facilities participating in the Federal Child Nutrition Programs. Find more in the [Resource Catalog.](#)

## Board Briefs

Board Meeting May 16, 2018 and June 13, 2018

Approved Motions and Recommendations from Board

- Recommendation to check into Event liability insurance. Ex. Director will gather information from other states on what they do and what companies they use.
- Approve Teri Harrington, Hollander Company as the 2019 SNIP Conference Chair and to have a second committee term.
- To accept Madden's Resort, Brainerd MN for the 2019 SNIP Conference location.
- Create a "generic" notice for job opening positions for nutrition programs.

- To hire an outside facilitator for board strategic planning, plan of action. Gather 3 quotes.
- To accept the amendments to the current bylaws by SNA and the MSNA Bylaw committee as written for the House of Delegates to be held on July 29, 2019. Send in all changes to SNA for approval per the State Affiliate Agreement.
- To create a poll with locations and open ended questions on possible choice of future conference sites.
- To have the 2019 MN LAC format the same as 2018 with MSNA as host only.
- If any board member gets asked to join an outside committee to first bring it to the board for ap-

- proval.
- To transfer \$100,00.00 from savings into 2 \$50,00.00 7 year-Market rate CD's and to transfer \$25,00.00 from checking to savings. To meet the FDIC standards.
- To hold a "pass the bucket" for PAC at the annual conference for donations solely from MSNA members.
- To appoint Wendy Wojtysiak-Erickson to the vacancy created by the newly elected Industry chair, Dave Giancristoforo, resigning to fulfill the position for the 2018-2020 term.

## Member Services

This spring the Executive Board worked to align our state by-laws with SNA's by-laws per the State Affiliate Agreement. Changes and amendments must be approved by a vote of our membership. The voting delegates will consist of the Executive board, five immediate past state presidents and two delegates from each MSNA chapter.

All members, please take a few moments to review the [by-law amendments](#) and if you have any questions, please contact the MSNA office for clarification. Per the by-laws the changes must be sent to members via the

newsletter 30 days before the House of Delegates!

We will hold the House of Delegates at annual conference in Rochester on Sunday, July 29 at 4:00pm at the Mayo Civic Center.

Chapter Leadership Seminar will take place on Sunday, July 29th for chapter leaders. We hope to see many chapter members there. If you need more information, please contact the MSNA office!

The beginning of the school year is a perfect time to recruit new members to join MSNA. There is a wealth of infor-

mation at our MSNA website as well as SNA website plus we will also have membership flyers at annual conference. We have a national goal of reaching 60,000 members this year and we since we are membership champions, we can do a lot to help reach that goal!

The education survey results will be compiled and results will be used for future education plans. Thank you to those who filled out the survey!

Wishing you all a relaxing and wonderful rest of your summer!

Amy Richardson  
Member Services Chair

# Conference Corner

## 2018 MSNA Annual Conference

### HAPPY SUMMER!!!

The most exciting time of the year and the biggest event of the year is just around the corner! Are you signed up and ready to get pumped up to feed those kids?!

Please join us for the 62nd Annual Conference in Rochester, MN July 29, 2018 – August 1, 2018!

### Don't miss out on the Kick off to fun!

You can check out the Sunday fun day filled with many preconference sessions. Choose between the session with Chef Adam guiding you thru a salad dressing competition-Dress for Lunch- and you could win a Kitchen Aid Stand Mixer! Check out the conference registration to secure your spot. You can attend the one of the two MN Department of Education's sessions. No pre-registration needed!!

\*\*The State is coming! Surviving and Thriving During an Administrative Review workshop session is 1:00pm-3:00pm and \*\*Local Bites: Making Farm to Cafeteria Work for You workshop session is 11:00am-3:00pm. No pre-registration is required to attend. There is the MN Certified Food Manager Renewal course-pre registration and payment needed- 11:00am-3:30pm and the SNS Exam from 11:00am-3:00pm. You must pre-register with SNA for this exam. See website for full details.

We kick the conference off Monday morning with passion and excitement from Dr. Katie Wilson.



With her vast knowledge, love, and excitement for School Food-service she is sure to have

us laughing with her stories of experiences and motivating us with her knowledge.

It's easier than ever to be prepared for the outstanding line up of classes we have offered this year with the new Ca-

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bookles event app that will be used for conferences. We're excited to be able to offer you a mobile solution for easy viewing of the daily schedule of classes and events and all that will be happening at the conference! More information will be emailed to registered attendees as we get closer to the Annual Conference.

After all of the excitement of the conference we will close the conference on a bang with Kelly Swanson- she is funny and motivational and will have us all laughing! She is just what we need



to send us out the door and back to the schools ready and motivated to have our best year ever!

You can [check her out](#) and also [click here to hear and](#)

[see her video message for us!](#)

### Online Store

Want to look your best and sport the newest trend in fashion??? New this year, we are offering 2018 conference t-shirts and MSNA logo apparel purchases online prior to conference. Make sure you get your order in to have in time to be a fashionista at conference in the newest apparel! [Click here](#) to visit the online store.

### Meal Vouchers

MSNA will again offer 2 dinner vouchers to be used at a participating restaurants for Monday and Tuesday!

### Education Scholarship Fund

Dig deep and get creative for the Education Scholarship Fund! Use your imagination and put together a basket, purse, box, etc to help raise money for MSNA's Education Scholarship fund.

### 1st Time Scholarship Winners:

Naomi Bovee-Wayzata ISD  
Pam Hall-Stillwater Area Schools  
Annette Haugen-White Bear Lake ISD  
Alexa Wagner-Eastern Carver County  
Sherri Weisser-Minnetonka ISD

## Service Project

For our service project, we are raising money and collecting items for Empowerment Center/Gage East. They are an amazing program in the Rochester area and work with homeless families and teens to help get them on their feet and transitioning into jobs and society. We are an amazing giving group, let's show them our generosity and support by collecting and donating any of the items on their list. You can find a full listing on the [MSNA website](#).

## Volunteer!

Sign up to volunteer at the conference. This is your chance to help during the conference. [Click here](#) to sign up! Contact Hospitality Chair Deborah Rydberg email: [drydberg@isd12.org](mailto:drydberg@isd12.org)

## Focus Group

We will be hosting an education focus group on Monday afternoon to discuss the education survey and future education trainings. If you would like to be a part of the this focus group, call the MSNA office at 320-251-2344.

## Exhibit Show

The vendor show is scheduled for Tuesday, July 31st. All exhibitors MUST fill out the [Exhibitor Prospectus](#). See [MSNA website](#) for more details. Questions, call the MSNA office at 320-251-2344.

For a full outline of the schedule, please visit the [MSNA website!](#)



# 2018 SNIP Conference

The 2018 SNIP Conference was held at Breezy Point resort May 9-11. This year's event offered attendees a variety of informational sessions and networking opportunities in a beautiful setting.

This year's featured speaker was Matt Upton, Speaking of Success, he did a great job of addressing the conference theme: "Putting the Service back into Foodservice". Additional sessions on Net Off Invoice (NOI), Industry Roles, and MDE updates added to the information presented.

The closing session on Friday introduced the "SNIP Challenge" which paired school participants with industry participants to create tasty dishes to present to our guest judges. Winners were Deb Ross Coen, Shakopee Schools and Ben Taylor, North Star Agency. Runners up were Gayle Swain, Cambro Inc and Jamye Anderson, Prior Lake/Savage Schools.

President Elect Amy Thering presented the Individual Industry Partner Award to Heather Yanta from Indianhead Foodservice on behalf of the MSNA Executive Board.

Congratulations to the 2018 SNIP Conference Planning Committee for putting together a great event: Wendy Wojtysiak (Upper Lakes Foods), Sharon Maus (MNSNA), Heidi Krabbenhoft (Pepsico), Terri Harrington (Hollander), Dave Giancristoforo (GVM), Pam Haupt (Richfield ISD), Stephanie Heitz (General Mills), Hannah Knickerbocker (Pine City ISD), Jo Lange (Red Lake ISD), Jennifer Walters (Winona ISD), Heather Yanta (Indianhead Foodservice).

Mark your calendar's for next year's SNIP conference which will be held at beautiful Madden's Resort May 9-10, 2019. Watch for more information in upcoming months!



## Nutrition Conference

### Mark Your Calendar!!

Mark your calendar and get ready for the 2018 Nutrition Conference! The conference will be held at the Shakopee High School on Saturday, October 6th, 2018. The theme is Nutrition Superheros.

You will have a chance to register to attend the morning pre-con session with Julia Cohen, The Good Acre in Shakopee's new culinary education kitchen. Be prepared to learn knife skills, new recipes, and prepare delicious food. Spots are limited to 30 and are first come first serve so don't delay to sign up when registration opens up!

The committee has lined up great speakers for they day. Brett Knutsen, Produce Category Manager for Upper Lakes Foods and he will present on "The Big Picture of Produce" and what it takes to get fresh produce from the grower to the consumer. Dr. Mary Schmidel, PhD, professor at the University of MN, will present on "Sugar: Is it toxic? YES!" and how sugar affects the body. Dr. Renee Krocak, MN Beef Council will present on "Strong Bodies, Smart Brains, Super Behavior", how nutrient-rich foods and physical activity help all kids be ready-to-succeed with stronger bodies, smarter brains and super behavior at school and home.

Have you ever wondered what a cattle nutritionists does? Well, we can help you with this! We will have a panel of cattle nutritionists to talk about their role in feeding cattle proper nutrients and how the diet has a role in the nutrients of the meat you eat.

The nutrition conference is a great way to gain CEUs in Key Area Nutrition, network with other nutrition staff members, and grow an understanding of nutrition outside of the cafeteria walls. We encourage all food service staff to attend.



# National Nibbles



## National Leadership Conference Energizes State Board for Year Ahead!

Incoming President Amy Thering, incoming President Elect Vickie Speltz, Nutrition Chair Jackie Brown, Member Services Chair, Amy Richardson and Executive Director Sharon Maus attended SNA's National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Long Beach, California on April 26-28, 2018. NLC provides current and future state and national leaders the opportunity to learn critical information about successfully leading a nonprofit association, to network with other leaders from across the country, and to gain new skills to become a more successful and engaging leader.

During the conference, the attendees heard from Logan Weber on the power of our words and the impact it has on our lives, overcoming obstacles, and the skills and attitudes that all successful leaders should strive for. There were also numerous breakout sessions led by leadership speakers from across the country.

## Meet Our Future Leaders!

The SNA Future Leaders Program was just held in conjunction with the National Leadership Conference on April 26-28, 2018. The Future Leaders Program was taught by SNA Past SNA Presidents and provided hands-on training to emerging leaders. Participants networked with SNA members and leaders from across the country and honed their leadership and communication skills. Using the Gallup StrengthsFinder exercise, they also identified and learned how to utilize their own unique set of leadership strengths.

Congratulations to Lauren Spoke, Orono Schools and Andrea Schaak, Jordan Schools who represented our state and successfully completed the Future Leaders Program! We are lucky to have these up-and-coming association stars

## Exciting Changes to the SNA Website Coming this Fall!

Did you know that the Education & Professional Development tab on SNA's

website is changing? With a Back to School launch date the new aptly named "Learning Center" will provide additional resources developed to help you manage your program and your staff more efficiently. The Certificate and Credentialing tab will be moving to its own tab and we will be adding new sections and new material to the new Learning Center that will complement the current resources. Breakfast in the Classroom, Training Techniques for Adult Learners, and Financial Management are just a few of the upcoming additions. Be on the lookout for additional information on the new resources.

## FNS Announces Revisions to Child Nutrition Program Waivers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) [announced](#) that it is revising the current process for state agencies and eligible service providers seeking a waiver of statutory or regulatory requirements for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP).

## Need Ideas to Reinvigorate your Local SNA Chapter?

Are you a local or state SNA chapter leader who is looking for ways to reinvigorate your chapter or start a new chapter? Don't miss the Chapter Leadership Workshop on Sunday, July 8, from 8:00am to 12:00pm featuring networking opportunities with chapter leaders from across the country and topics such as planning to engage meetings, recruiting new members, and more. Back by popular demand, this session will be led by JoAnne Robnett, SNS.

## Member Get a Member Annual Membership Campaign 2018-19

Are you ready to recruit? To remain [#SNAStrong](#) we need more voices raised in support of school nutrition programs. With the threat of block grants and other funding cuts, SNA provides a strong voice of defense for school nutrition programs and your recruitment help plays a key role in raising our voice to 60,000 members strong. When you recruit one or more new members between June 1, 2018 and May 31, 2019,

SNA will be stronger than ever and you will have a chance to win a free registration for ANC 2020 in Nashville, TN. Check out the [Membership Resources](#) page for all the tools you'll need to recruit new members!

## USDA Announces Paperwork Reductions for the Summer Food Service Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) [announced in the Federal Register](#) a final rule that amends the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) regulations to extend simplified cost accounting and reporting procedures to SFSP sponsors in all States, and eliminate the cost comparison requirements for determining payments to sponsors.

The rule also makes discretionary changes to improve administrative efficiency and reduce paperwork in the management of the SFSP, and amends the National School Lunch Program regulations to create consistency among the Child Nutrition Programs regarding notice procedures. The rule is effective July 31, 2018, and State agencies and SFSP sponsors must implement its provisions no later than January 1, 2019.

## Your Mid-Year Advocacy Update

SNA has been fighting hard for the legislative and policy priorities that ensure adequate funding and reasonable regulations so you can do what you do best. [Read More](#)



# What's Happening?

## Calendar of Events

**July 9-12, 2018**

ANC  
Las Vegas, NV

**July 29-August 1, 2018**

MSNA Annual Conference  
Mayo Civic Center  
Rochester MN

**July 29, 2018**

Chapter Leadership Seminar  
Mayo Civic Center  
Rochester MN

**July 29, 2018**

SNS Exam  
Mayo Civic Center  
Rochester, MN

**July 31, 2018**

Exhibit Show  
Mayo Civic Center  
Rochester, MN

**October 4, 2018**

Executive Board Meeting  
General Mills

**October 6, 2018**

Nutrition Conference  
Shakopee High School

**October 15-19, 2019**

Ntl School Lunch Week  
Lots2Love

**November 9-10, 2018**

Midwest Region  
Leadership Seminar  
Green Bay Wisconsin

**January 13-15, 2019**

SNIC  
Austin TX

**February 24-26, 2019**

LAC  
Washington DC

## New Industry Partners

Check out our new Industry Partners! You can find their information on the Industry Directory on the [MSNA website](#).

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## Chapter Chatter

### River Valley Chapter 35

River Valley Chapter 35 teamed up with the Midwest Dairy Council and met at Bremer Farms in Hastings and learned interesting facts about dairy farming. They toured the milking barn and discussed milking procedures. Fun Fact: cows are milked and fed twice a day and that several of their cows gave birth to twin calves this year. At the conclusion of the tour The group was treated to ice cream bars and time to socialize.



### Crow River Chapter 21

On May 3rd the Little Crow Chapter 21 held their chapter officer installation and banquet at Russel's in Big Lake. Congratulations to new officers President, Kim Hinrichs, Co-President Elect, Elaine Woolery and Diane Dwenger, Secretary, Sue VanLith and Treasurer, Patricia Darrow.



All incoming chapter officers-if you have not yet sent in your chapter officer form please do so. Contact the MSNA office for details. If you are planning on attending the chapter leadership, please let the MSNA office know. 320-251-2344 or email [minnsna@gmail.com](mailto:minnsna@gmail.com)

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