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President's Message

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I hope everyone is settling into the new school year. We have a lot to be celebrate as SNA of Ohio caps off our first 50 years and looks to the next half century.

The organization has had many successes including a growing membership and engagement, unrivaled professional development sessions at conference, fall focus and throughout the year. SNA of Ohio continues to celebrate the legislative action process with the largest delegations advocating on Capitol Hill year after year. Ultimately it is the collaboration, idea sharing and friendships that makes SNA of Ohio a paramount organization.

As we look to the future, our work as an organization is not done. That is why we are replacing our normal Committee Day retreat with a Strategic Planning retreat. My hope is that the Board will develop a 3-5 year organizational plan which we can use to guide our organization and decision making.

Another focus this year will be the viability of our organization over the next decade. While SNA continues to gain membership, the future poses some challenges we must face now.

Enacting a Young Professional's Task Force to discuss recruitment of those new to School Nutrition and recruitment of a diverse membership will be top priorities for 2018/19. Developing functional working committees for each Board position will also help us with this endeavor.

Finally, professional development of our membership has to continue to be our primary focus. We celebrate our Fall Focus workshops sites which continue to have record numbers of members, while providing the framework and content for those areas around the state which struggle to attract viable chapters. Our emphasis over the next year will be to build upon these struggling regions to strengthen our organization and provide professional development and mentorship to districts/individuals who have not been exposed to the greatness that is SNA of Ohio.

As we get back into our routine of feeding the country's future, I am challenging each one of you to take a minute to reach out to a neighboring district for idea sharing. Large/small, urban/rural, wealthy/ economically disadvantaged, we can all learn from each other. You may even make a new friend in the process. That's what makes this organization great!

Have a great school year!



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Conference Recap and Thanks

By Chris Burkhardt, President of the School Nutrition Association of Ohio

Sharonville Convention Center was buzzing with excitement as attendees navigated through social media and finding their “why” at SNA Ohio’s 2018 Annual Conference.

With a condensed two day format this year, there was a lot of content jam packed into each day. Sessions were split between educational tracks for the first time to help navigate the content and sessions. We hope that this helped align each person’s passion or intrigue with the right session.

We truly appreciate those who filled out the conference evaluation survey. There were three areas which stood out among the rest. I’d like to address those comments.

The first is the conference and hotel not being in the same location. While we on the Board would like to make this a reality, there are only a few places in Ohio which can accommodate the hotel, conference space as well as the food show. Until more locations build out space we will continue to struggle through this issue. Please know we are working diligently to find new locations to accommodate all three aspects of the conference.

Secondly, we received many comments on the meal on the second day before the food show. With breakfast early and the food show later in the day, we wanted to bridge

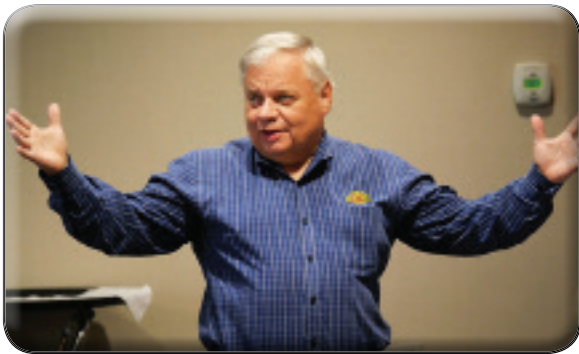
the gap with a light lunch. Many ate lunch then were not sampling during the food show. This is always a tough schedule to navigate as we want to plan for all of the educational sessions prior to the food show. We will work on this for next year and provide a solution.

Finally, some of you said the food show was too short while others said it was too long. After last year’s comments we shortened the show by 30 minutes. We will continue to assess this and make corrections as needed. We truly appreciate the members and industry for making the food show a success year after year.

As you can see, we take the comments from the survey very seriously and we try to develop a conference that meet’s each attendee’s expectations and learning style in the most efficient time frame.

I would be remiss if I did not this opportunity to thank the Conference Committee and the Session Speakers for putting together another wonderful conference with educationally rich content. THANK YOU!

We will see you next June in Columbus for SNA Ohio’s annual conference!







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Each year the SNA of Ohio honors those that go above and beyond in the industry. We are so proud of the following individuals for their commitment to providing Ohio's students with the nutrition that they need to learn better in the classroom.



The 2018 SNA of Ohio Director of the Year Award was presented to **Constance "Connie" Little** with Beavercreek City Schools! The state of Ohio honors the Director of the Year to recognize school nutrition directors for the contributions they have made throughout

their school nutrition career. This year, Connie was not only the Ohio Director of the year, she was named the NATIONAL Director of the Year! We are so pleased to join Connie in celebrating this awesome (and well-deserved) achievement! Connie was nominated by Dawn Kacvinsky. Dawn noted that Connie has been so instrumental in advancing SNA of Ohio's mission, and she is such an encourager to her staff. Connie will certainly be missed by all in her District and with SNA of Ohio, as she embarks on her retirement - but what a legacy she leaves!



The 2018 SNA of Ohio Employee of the Year Award was presented to **Jeff Greer** with Baker Middle School in the Fairborn City School District. Jeff is recognized for his willingness to help his co-workers, as well as ensure the well-being of the children! As stated in his nomination by co-worker Christina Wilcox, Jeff makes sure the children

know what is available to them (for lunch AND breakfast) and that they understand the various meal components. Jeff also is always the first to step up and volunteer when additional staff is needed.



The 2018 Annual SNA of Ohio Industry Service Award was presented this year to **Roger Doseck** with JTM Foodgroup! The Industry Service Award recognizes an individual among the Child Nutrition Industry community who has demonstrated excellence in their profession during the past 12 months. The

award is open to individuals at any levels of an organization who has contributed to the development and deployment of innovative products or systems which are designed to improve Child Nutrition operations, menus or enhance

services. Roger actually received TWO nominations this year – from Rachel Tilford with Little Miami Local School District and from Linda Leonard with Clark County Juvenile Court. As stated in his nominations, Roger is a friend and great promoter of SNA. And, Roger is always willing to lend a hand with - among many other things - a sponsorship, communicating his knowledge of SNA, and advocacy! Roger is invaluable to school nutrition, and he is so deserving of this award! Congratulations, Roger!

The Buckeye Service Award honors those members who have been working for students for 25 years or more. Buckeye Service Award winners work through countless changes and triumphs within the profession and have provided an immeasurable amount of time and experience to keep children healthy! Congratulations to this year's recipients:

- **Jerri Arthur**, Springfield City Schools
- **Debra Frantz**, Perrysburg Schools
- **Maria Hersch**, Perrysburg Schools
- **Kathy Javorsky**, Medina County Bd. of DD
- **Judy Johnsen**, Norton City Schools
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- **Lila Szozda**, Perrysburg Schools
- **Kathy Wauchauf**, Wapakoneta City Schools

The Most Valuable Principal/Supervisor/Administrator Award is given to leaders who exemplify an eagerness to understand and assist the nutrition programs in our schools. We are thrilled to recognize these worthy individuals!



Most Valuable Principal was awarded to **Nate Mahon** with Little Miami High School. Mr. Mahon is an Assistant Principal and Head Football Coach. Mr. Mahon was nominated by Rachel Tilford with Little Miami School District. Rachel stressed in her nomination that Mr. Mahon is keenly aware of the importance of good nutrition for our students. Mr. Mahon assisted in developing

a high-protein smoothie, geared toward the athletes, and helped to raise breakfast participation by 30 meals a day due to his promotion of the program. Mr. Mahon serves on the Wellness Committee and demonstrates a commitment to healthy eating every day. Rachel stated that Mr. Mahon is so valuable, not only to the students, but to the Little Miami Food Service Department. Congratulations Mr. Mahon!

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Most Valuable Superintendent was awarded to **Howard Overman** with St. Marys City Schools. Mr. Overman was nominated by Nicole Rasmussen, Food Services Supervisor. In her nomination, Nicole stated that Mr. Overman is so great at interacting with students. He is there at the beginning of their day, stops in classrooms to read

them a book or to just say hello. Mr. Overman assist with serving lunch from time to time, or walking through the cafeteria to encourage healthy eating to the students. Mr. Overman also recognizes students at school board meetings to highlight their accomplishments. Mr. Overman truly puts the needs of the children first in the district and wants to be involved and see them do well. Congratulations on this awesome achievement, Mr. Overman!



Most Valuable Administrator was awarded to **Bill Moehring**, Chief Operations Officer at Cincinnati Public Schools. Mr. Moehring was nominated by Jessica Shelly, Food Service Director at Cincinnati Public Schools. Jessica raved about Mr. Moehring's professionalism as a colleague and mentor – but especially as a leader. As

stated by Jessica: "Mr. Moehring is a leader for all in the school profession, including a leader for school nutrition - specifically in development and promotion of the program." Jessica also included in her nomination: "Mr. Moehring dedicates his time and offers significant support for the Food

Services Department. He has made it a point to learn about programs and use that knowledge to champion them. Mr. Moehring helped us create and mold our business plan to feature visionary opportunities for our department. Mr. Moehring has also been a huge supporter of our department's involvement with SNA." Congratulations on this very well-deserved award, Mr. Moehring!



The SNA of Ohio awarded its Annual Scholarship to **Michelle Gifford** with Riverside Local School District. Michelle plans to utilize this scholarship to assist with expenses related to her Associate of Applied Business Degree that she will complete in December of 2019 from Lakeland Community College. Michelle then plans

to continue on at Cleveland State for her Bachelor of Organizational Leadership Degree. Good luck to you in your educational endeavors, Michelle – and congratulations!



The SNA of Ohio awarded the annual Barbara Duncan Memorial Scholarship to **Terese Joyce**, Food Service Director with St. Barnabas. Teresa used her award to attend this year's SNA of Ohio conference so that she can continue to broaden her nutritional knowledge and network with her peers. Congratulations, Terese!

Again, congratulations to ALL!!! Look for information in your email inbox soon regarding award information for the coming year!

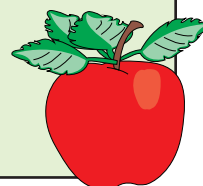
SNA National Member Awards Information

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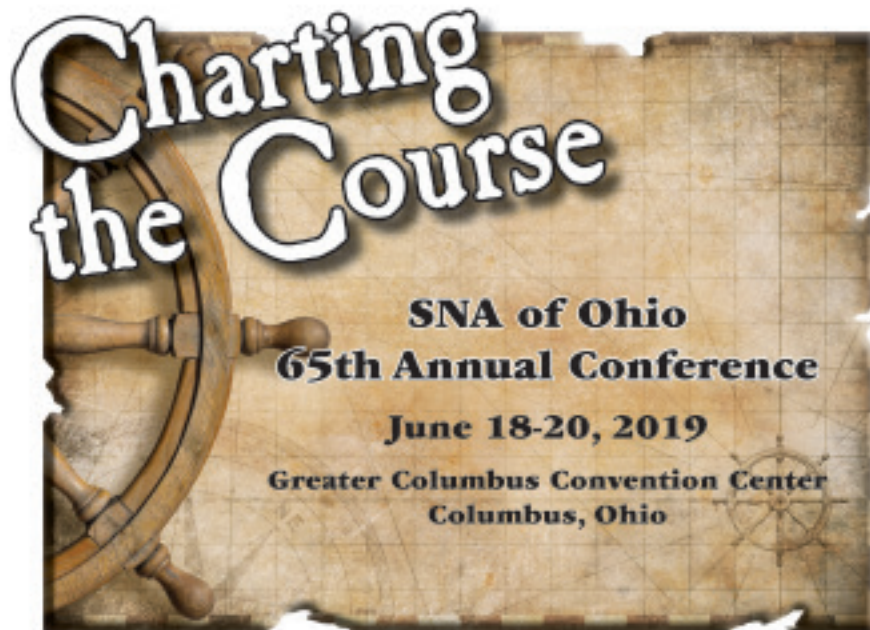
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Bring your map and your compass to help you navigate your way through Columbus before and after the conference to enjoy some of the local shopping and sites.

Make sure that you mark your calendars to save the dates: June 18th-20th, 2019 – and be on the lookout for more information about the Conference and Expo in the upcoming months!

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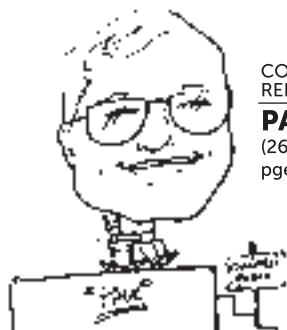
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During her stay in Fort Wayne, Haley was honored as a guest chef alongside AccuTemp Chef Kenny Walpole for the Mad Anthony Children's Hope House Gala. The MACHH offers temporary, minimal-cost lodging to parents and families of children receiving medical care away from home. The benefit raised over \$30,000 for families in need.

I sat down with Haley to discuss her culinary success, and pick her brain on the topic of "Kids in the Kitchen". Her middle school, Banks Trail Middle School, in Fort Mill, SC offers a culinary program to students. She, of course, was beyond excited to join the culinary program. What she



loved about the program was that it taught students the basics of cooking, from making pastas and quesadillas to other simple side dishes. She thinks that these basic skills are so important because "Kids need to learn at least the basics of cooking. Health is very important and they cannot rely on fast food all the time. They can also help out in their household if they know the basics of cooking."

When asked about school lunch, Haley had nothing but positive things to say. "At my current school they try and make exciting options such as gyros, Asian chicken, stir fry, and lots of healthy options!" Her



one piece of advice to students aspiring to learn more about the culinary arts is to "Watch the Food Network- it will teach you EVERYTHING! That truly made me learn what I did."

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Items to Note:

- Bethany Lenko and Lori McKean are filling current term vacancies (through 2019), and both go on the slate in spring 2019 to start a new 2-year term.
- Jessica Johnson will stay on as a mentor ex-officio for 2018-19 to mentor Tiffany McCleese and Tina King.
- Stacey Bettis will mentor Bethany Lenko in 2018-19.
- Janelle Brunswick will mentor Kelsey Gash in 2018-19.
- Rachel Tilford will mentor Jan Williams, Director, North Canton City School District. Jan will join the board as a board member in training ex-officio for 2018-19 and will train with Rachel Tilford to be Legislation chair in 2019-2020 (or in 2020-21 if Rachel stays on as Legislation Chair for the full 2 year term).
- Jessica Shelly and Tamara Earl would normally be listed as Past President Advisory, but both are unable to be affiliated with the state board as National board members.
- Jeni Lange is filling the remainder of Debbi Miller's NE vacancy – through 2018-19.

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2018-19 Annual Membership Campaign

SNA of Ohio is participating in this year's "Back to School Membership Drive" from September 1 - November 30, 2018, and Ohio could win big! Our state association could win a free registration to the National Leadership Conference (NLC) registration to Sarasota, FL in 2019. This is a win, win! Not only will one lucky person get to attend an amazing conference in sunny Florida, but this also helps boost membership recruitment for our state.

You could also be a winner! Recruit one or more new members between June 1, 2018 - May 31, 2019, and you will be automatically entered into a drawing to win 1 of 5 VIP registrations to SNA's 2020 Annual Conference (ANC) in Nashville, TN. Make sure the new member writes your name in the referral section of the membership application form, otherwise it won't count!

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Important Update: SNA National Member Dues Increase Effective October 1, 2018

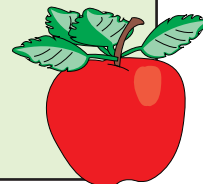
The SNA Board of Directors recently approved an increase in national member dues, which goes into effect on October 1, 2018.

Dues will increase as follows:

- Affiliate Employee/Affiliate Retired: From \$17 to \$18
- Employee/Student/ Retired: From \$33 to \$36
- Manager: From \$35 to \$38
- Director/Major City Director/Educator/State Agency/ Other: From \$120 to \$130

This increase allows SNA to provide enhanced [member benefits](#) such as free educational webinars to help members achieve professional standards requirements, free access to SNA's 2019 Virtual Expo and free access to SNA's Food Allergy Resource Center. Visit the SNA Website to [read the full details](#) on the national member dues increase and expanded member benefits.

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2018 Champion of School Breakfast Award Goes to Wellston City Schools



Wellston City Schools received the Ohio School Breakfast Challenge (OSBC), "2018 Champion of School Breakfast Award." Ten 2018 School Breakfast Champion Award Winners and their local school administration were celebrated at the OSBC Spring Stakeholder Meeting, comprised of OSBC Partners, State School Education Associations and Education and

Health Supporters. Paolo DeMaria, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Ohio Department of Education, presented opening remarks to celebrate the "Champion Award Winners, School Breakfast Program Best Practices."

Award Winners received an engraved "Breakfast Bowl" for recognition of their collaborative and innovative school breakfast best practice.

The Champion of School Breakfast Award

Schools receiving the Champion of School Breakfast Award demonstrated collaboration between school administration, teachers, child nutrition and other building support personnel to enhance or expand access and student participation in breakfast at their school. Collaboration is a best practice and each Champion school demonstrated the positive impact that breakfast has on their student's academic day and behavior. Better attendance, less tardies, more calm students, less behavior issues, and less visits to the school nurse for the 10:30 hunger bug!

Wellston City Schools, Champion Award Winner exceeded expectations! As a result of collaboration between Food Service Director, Tina King and the Building Principals (Mrs. Eberts, Mrs. Lanning, Ms. Cupp, Mrs. Sowers) breakfast participation

increased, and students are better prepared to learn.

Mrs. King stated, "The main goal was to make breakfast accessible to All students. Each building principal collaborated with food service to design a breakfast strategy tailored to meet their needs. At the elementary schools, the principals designed a plan to dismiss students by grade level so students eat breakfast together every day. Breakfast participation at the elementary/intermediate buildings averages 95%, most of the remaining 5% is due to absences. At the middle/high schools, cold foods were moved to the hallways where the students can pick up a grab-n-go breakfast and eat in their classroom. In addition, if students want a hot breakfast they can go to the cafeteria to eat breakfast. At all school buildings students are offered a second chance for Breakfast After the Bell if they miss breakfast or are hungry later in the morning."

Implementing multiple serving strategies that are tailored for each building has led to a 30% increase in breakfast participation which in turn has increased revenue to purchase additional items for breakfast service. The next step is to purchase warmers so students can get hot breakfast items in the hallways. Students rarely visit the nurse's office due to hunger and start their day ready to learn!

Thank you for your outstanding collaborative efforts so all students have the opportunity to start their day with school breakfast.

The Ohio School Breakfast Challenge (OSBC) mission is to encourage all students to participate in school breakfast so they start their day ready to learn. Click for Champion Breakfast Award Winners Best Practices.

The School Breakfast Program is a federal child nutrition program administered by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). USDA is an [equal opportunity provider](#) and employee. More information about the School Breakfast Program can be found [here](#).

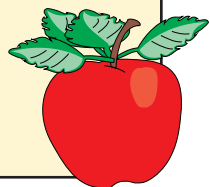


SNAC Bites

Call for 2019 SNA Election Nominations

The 2019 SNA election nominations process is open! SNA needs members with strong leadership skills, outstanding professional achievements and a record of active participation in their state association and at SNA to lead the association in the future.

Please consider the leadership talent you see and work with in your state, your region or at the national level, and then [submit a nomination form](#) for one or more of the open positions or, submit your own name for nomination! The Call for Nominations and Recommendation form is also available on the SNA website at www.schoolnutrition.org/LeadershipOpp.





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Wellston City Schools Receive Grant to Implement 'Grab and Go' Breakfast

The Wellston City School (WCS) District was awarded a "Breakfast in the Classroom" (BIC) Grant this year, that helps provide items to implement a "grab and go" style breakfast.

"The grant provides anything we need to help implement breakfast minus food," explained WCS Food Service Director Tina King. "So, it helps serve breakfast in the halls, or grab and go for the classrooms to reach out to students that are late arriving or just want something quick to not come through the line in the cafeteria."

King added, "We have had breakfast in the schools forever. The breakfast grant became possible this year. It started at the beginning of the school year. The grant lets us buy carts, tables, plates, napkins, etc. — just any equipment or supplies, no food."

On Friday, March 9, the school district hosted a "media day" and invited the local press, school board members, and other representatives. The media day was held in conjunction with National School Breakfast Week, which ran March 5-9.

Attending the event were Wellston City Schools Superintendent Karen Boch, Wellston City Schools Board of Education President Terry Gill, Wellston City Schools Board Vice President Gretchen Crabtree, school board member Betty Jenkins, Wellston Teacher Association (WTA) President Belinda Dixon, Wellston High School Principal Megan Sowers, WCS Food Service Director Tina King, State Representative Ryan Smith (R-District 93), Children's Hunger Alliance CEO Judy Mobley, Heather Loughley, Katy Sulfridge, and Scott Neely all with Children's Hunger Alliance; Ohio Education Association Vice President Scott Dimauro; and Makia Burns with the Ohio Education Association.

Wellston was selected based on the number of students who qualify for free or reduced-priced meals, average

daily participation in the school breakfast program, and district- and school-level support.

Wellston currently offers free breakfast to all students but is launching the campaign in the high school.

Next year, Wellston will see both its middle school and high school participating in the program.

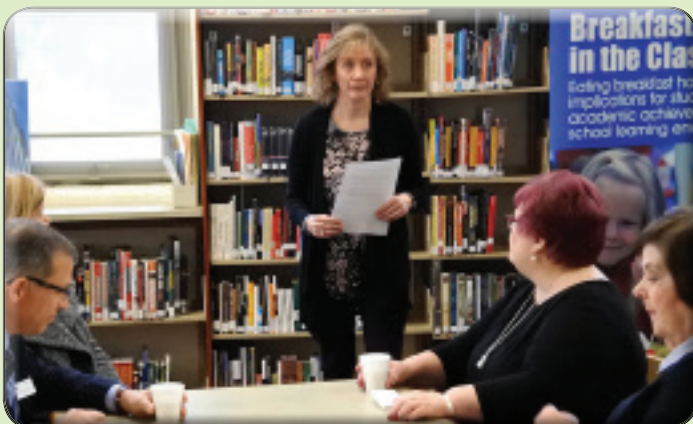
In September 2017, the grant funding was introduced to Wellston City Schools Superintendent Karen Boch and Food Service Director Tina King by Ohio Children's Hunger Alliance SNN Director Sonja Hill. Hill and King worked together on the grant application and submitted it to the Partners for Breakfast in the Classroom. Hill met with administration, cooks and support staff prior to submitting the application.

Wellston was selected to participate in the Partners for Breakfast in the Classroom program, which is a joint initiative from the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), National Association of Elementary School Principals Foundation (NAESPF), the School Nutrition Foundation (SNF), and The NEA Foundation — collectively known as the Partners for Breakfast in the Classroom.

The program reworks how school breakfast is delivered by offering it to all students and moving it from the cafeteria to the classroom as a "grab and go" in an effort to improve participation in the federally-funded school breakfast program and boost learning and health.

"Studies show that students who eat breakfast at school also have a better attendance rate and tend to behave better," stated King. "We're excited to work with the Partners for Breakfast in the Classroom to make a morning meal available to all students in the district."

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Wellston City Schools Receive Grant

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King added, "Hunger is an obstacle to educating our youth that we hope our district can overcome. I would like to think everybody has to be onboard including cooks, Debbie and Sherry, the school board, principals, and teachers."

While most U.S. schools offer meal programs, many students do not participate in cafeteria-based school breakfast programs because of bus schedules, late arrivals to school, pressure to go directly to class or reluctance to be labeled as low income. The BIC grant was funded by Walmart, and awarded by the Partners for Breakfast in the Classroom. WCS was awarded \$66,733.44, and the grant funding will be for a three-year cycle. Ohio Education Association is one of the sponsors of the grant.

The Partners for Breakfast in the Classroom selected districts from 10 states to participate in the program based on need and potential for success. The other states participating in the program are Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah.

As more schools adopt the breakfast in the classroom approach, the Partners for Breakfast in the Classroom

anticipate participation in the federally-funded school breakfast program will increase, helping reduce hunger and improve educational achievement nationwide.

Additional school districts in Ohio still have the opportunity to apply for grant funds from Partners for Breakfast in the Classroom. To find out more information and how to apply, visit www.breakfastintheclassroom.org.



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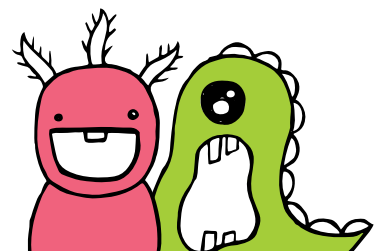
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Ballot positions:

- A leader is needed to in the **office of Vice President**, who then moves through the SNA of Ohio succession to President-Elect, President, then Past President.
- **Regional Director** positions are open for the four regions below for two year terms. In this position, you have a role in Fall Focus and also help to guide Chapters to stay active and informed of changes.
 - ♦ **Northeast:** Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, Ashtabula, Trumbull, Mahoning, Columbiana, Portage, Stark, Summit, Lorain, Medina, Wayne, and Ashland Counties.
 - ♦ **Northwest:** Van Wert, Allen, Hardin, Mercer, Auglaize, Logan, Williams, Fulton, Defiance, Henry, Paulding, and Putnam Counties.
 - ♦ **Central:** Marion, Morrow, Knox, Delaware, Union, Madison, Fayette, Licking, Franklin, Fairfield, Pickaway and Perry Counties.

- ♦ **East Central:** Holmes, Coshocton, Tuscarawas, Harrison, Carroll, Jefferson, Guernsey, Belmont, Muskingum, Morgan, Noble, Monroe, and Washington Counties.

Appointed positions (appointed by the SNA of Ohio Executive Committee):

- The position of **Nutrition Chair** is available next year. This position is appointed by the Executive Committee and is a two year term.
- The position of **Professional Development Chair** is also an appointed position available next year. This position is appointed by the Executive Committee and is a two year term.

We need YOU! I am certain you will find leadership in SNA of Ohio extremely gratifying and educational - and it's also a great networking opportunity with your colleagues across the state! Please contact me by February 1st at bettiss@minerva.sparcc.org or 330-868-6293 if you have an interest in any of these positions or have any questions at all. Thank you!

Stacey Bettis, SNA of Ohio
Nominating Committee Chairperson

*Congratulations to this year's Future Leaders Program graduate from Ohio - **Tiffany McCleese** with West Clermont Local School District! Held in conjunction with The National Leadership Conference (NLC), the SNA Future Leaders Program provides hands-on training to new and future leaders of SNA. Future Leaders are given the opportunity to network with other emerging SNA stars from across the country, hone their leadership and communication skills, and learn from seasoned SNA leaders in a fun and interactive learning environment. The National Leadership Conference (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 effective and engaging leader.*



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ODE Update

The Office for Child Nutrition continues to present updated and helpful information to all schools about child nutrition programs in Ohio and continues its focus on customer service. Schools should receive a response within 24 hours when asking a question about feeding Ohio's children. This article offers information about child nutrition programs, important information about procurement reviews and upcoming trainings.

Training Opportunities:

Child Nutrition Training and Vendor Show

This one-day event is set for Wednesday, Nov. 28, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High St., Columbus, 43215. Attend and learn from this training designed for attendees to network, collaborate, gather and share ideas statewide.

National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Basic Training workshops are recommended for sponsor employees interested in updates about regulations and reporting procedures for school lunch, school breakfast and after school care snack programs. Attendees learn about regulations that govern the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) School Nutrition Programs and how to prepare the required program reports, plan menus, approve student meal applications and other facets of operating the programs.

Visit the [Claims Reimbursement and Reporting System \(CRRS\)](#) to register or get more information for these training opportunities.

Procurement Reviews:

Local Agency Procurement Reviews are conducted every three years for each sponsor. A procurement review serves to ensure that sponsors follow and meet federal, state and local procurement rules and regulations. The sponsor must provide a listing of all vendors used for school nutrition program expenditures in the reviewed school year. From that list, ODE reviews a random selection of vendors.

The procurement review is conducted online. All required information and documentation must be uploaded into the Claims Reimbursement and Reporting System (CRRS). If ODE requests additional documentation from the sponsor,

all subsequent documentation must be uploaded into the CRRS. The sponsor can view procurement review results, findings, and/or corrective actions in the CRRS.

Child Nutrition Program Flexibilities for School Year 2018-2019:

Effective July 1, 2018, temporary revisions for milk, grain and sodium can be read [here](#). These terms cover the 2018-2019 school year.

Whole Grain-Rich and Milk Type Exemptions:

Applications for exemptions are available on the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) food waiver [webpage](#) and must be approved before the school can incorporate modifications to school meals. School Food Authorities (SFA) with a previously submitted and approved whole-grain rich exemption do not need to reapply since the waiver approval carries over to the 2018-2019 school year.

USDA Webinars:

Interested in learning more about upcoming webinars about USDA Foods? [Sign up for email notifications](#) about webinar dates, topics, and registration details. Choose the Webinars-Schools/ Child Nutrition USDA Foods Program listserv. These communications can be a helpful resource to learn new information on food programs.



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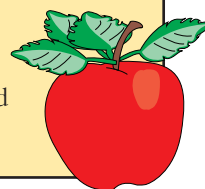
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SNAC Bites

State Unpaid Meals Legislation Tracking

TSNA tracks state legislation impacting school nutrition programs, and this includes bills pertaining to unpaid meals. [A new resource](#) available on SNA's website offers an overview of common provisions in unpaid meals bills, a breakdown of bills introduced in seven states and a nationwide look at states that have passed or introduced such bills. In addition, SNA has updated member talking points on the issue of unpaid meal debt and "lunch shaming." [Click here](#) to find the 2018 Unpaid Meal Charge Talking Points.





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2018 Fall Focus Events

October 11th – Central

Westerville South High School
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October 16th – West Central

Miami Valley ETC
6800 Hoke Rd, Clayton, OH 45315

October 18th – North Central

Bellevue Elementary School
1150 Castalia St Bellevue 44811

October 24th – Northwest

Wapakoneta High School
1 Redskin Trail, Wapakoneta, OH 45895

October 25th – Northeast

Mentor High School
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October 29 – East Central

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October 31st – Southeast

Wellston High School
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November 7th – Southwest

Mason High School
6100 Mason Montgomery Rd, Mason, OH 45040

Schedule of Events

3:30 – 4:00p

Registration/Check-In

4:00 – 4:10p

Welcome & Introductions

4:10 – 5:10p

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CHAPTER 2

2018-19 Spoons Meeting Schedule

All Spoons meetings are on Wednesday & begin at 9:00 a.m. The meetings will be cancelled if Elida Schools cancels. Coffee service provided by Elida Schools. Meetings are held at Immanuel United Methodist Church, 699 Sunnydale, Elida, OH 45807.

<u>DATES</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Oct 17th	Spoons Meeting
Oct 24th	Fall Chapter 2 Meeting /Fall Focus (Wapakoneta School)
Nov 7th	Spoons Meeting
Nov 13th	OASBO
Jan 16th	Spoons Meeting
Feb 20th	Winter Chapter 2 Meeting (Shawnee School)
March 20th	Spoons Meeting
April 10	Spring Chapter 2 Meeting
May 1st	Spoons Meeting

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2018-19 Meeting Schedule

Oct 16	Fall Focus at MVCTC, 3:30- 7:00 2 CEUS
Dec 4	Cake Decorating by Darlene Garigle <i>Operations 2130 1 CEU</i> At one of Northmont schools have to confirm this?
Mar 12	HACCP by Someone from State Department at Huber Heights school have to confirm this? Voting on officers.
April	Salad Supper Installations of officers and basket raffle. Date to be announced. Northridge Schools, Dayton Ohio

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Chapter 57 had their first chapter meeting for the school year 2018-2019. To start the year off they went on a tour to the new JTM plant Harrison Ohio. It was awesome. We had 37 people attend and everyone had a great time. We had breakfast in the café, Kevin Maas led us on a tour of the plant and he talked about food safety, then we had Brad Nelson talk to us about communications and marketing. Roger Doseck presented us with Smarter Lunch Room techniques and marketing. Then Bev Angne of Acosta presented us with portion sizes and gave us all kinds of handouts. It was a great learning experience for all and everyone learned something to take back to their districts. They then had lunch for us and ERMA Gonzales JTM chef prepared a burrito bar and mac and cheese bar for all of us to enjoy. I have to say getting to try new items and really getting to sit and enjoy them is awesome. The ladies got to voice their opinions on the items and they got to order samples for their districts. A special thanks to Roger Doseck for setting all of this up for us. Bev Angne for speaking to us and for always willing to lend a hand. Kevin Maas for giving us a great tour, Brad Nelson for taking the time to speak to us. Erma Gonzales chef for preparing the awesome food and to others that I may have missed. Thank you JTM for all you do for the children of the world. We really appreciate you.
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SNA 2018-2019 Important Dates

- 2018 SNA of Ohio Fall Focus Workshops

October 11th - Central

Westerville South High School, 303 S Otterbein Ave, Westerville, OH 43081

October 16th - West Central

Miami Valley ETC, 6800 Hoke Rd, Clayton, OH 45315

October 18th - North Central

Bellevue Elementary School, 1150 Castalia St Bellevue 44811

October 25th - Northeast

Mentor High School, 6477 Center St, Mentor, OH 44060

October 24th - Northwest

Wapakoneta High School, 1 Redskin Trail, Wapakoneta, OH 45895

October 29th- East Central

Location TBD

October 31st - Southeast

Wellston High School, 200 Golden Rocket Drive, Wellston, OH 45692

November 7th - Southwest

Mason High School, 6100 Mason Montgomery Rd, Mason, OH 45040

- 2018 National School Lunch Week - October 15-19
- 2019 SNA National Industry Conference - January 13-15 - Austin, TX
- 2019 Legislative Action Conference - February 24-26 - Washington, DC
- 2019 SNIC of Ohio Event - March 13th - Columbus, OH
- 2019 National School Breakfast Week - March 4-8
- 2019 SNA National Leadership Conference - May 9-11 - Sarasota, FL
- 2019 School Lunch Hero Day - May 3rd
- 2019 SNA of Ohio Annual Conference - June 18-20 - Columbus, OH
- 2019 Annual National Conference (ANC) - July 14-16 - St. Louis, MO

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2019 Most Valued Principal/Administrator/ Superintendent Award

The **Most Valued Principal / Most Valued Administrator/ Most Valued Superintendent Award** recognizes principals, superintendents, and administrators who have been instrumental in building a “child-friendly” nutrition environment. Candidates for this Award must meet the following requirements:

- Be supportive of nutrition services
- Be committed to the philosophy that children require instruction and guidance if they are to make healthful food choices

State why you feel this principal, superintendent, or administrator should be considered for this award. The following list of attributes is provided to help show the kind of qualities the judges will be looking for in the description of your nominee:

- Evidence of support of nutrition services
- Creates a positive cafeteria atmosphere
- Spends time in the cafeteria, including eating with students
- Interacts well with students
- Supports nutrition activities outside of the cafeteria
- Is a good role model in health and academics
- Provides nutritious foods at activities outside the cafeteria
- Supports your breakfast/lunch program

***You may apply online by February 28, 2019 at
http://snao.formstack.com/forms/sna_of_ohio_mvp_award2019***

Recipients will be notified by April 1, 2019.

***Awards will be presented during the SNA of Ohio Annual Conference
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Barbara Duncan Professional Development Scholarship

In 2012, the SNA of Ohio lost a longtime supporter of the Association, and more importantly, a friend. Barbara Duncan, School Nutrition Director at Sycamore Community Schools passed away too soon, however she leaves behind a legacy that will live on for years.

While with us, Barb played an active role in the professional development and training programs of the Association, specifically for the Annual Conference. Therefore, it seems only appropriate to create this memorial scholarship in her honor. These funds of up to \$500 can be used for professional development purposes, *including attendance to the SNA of Ohio Annual Conference in June.*

Submit this application form and essay via our online form at the link below by February 28, 2019. The recipient will be notified by April 1, 2019..

http://snao.formstack.com/forms/sna_of_ohio_barb_duncan_scholarship2019



School Nutrition Association of Ohio Buckeye Service Award

Award Qualifications:

1. Have completed 25 years or more part-time or full-time permanent, uninterrupted employment in school food service as of June.
2. Be a member of SNA of Ohio and SNA.

Complete the online application by April 6th at http://snao.formstack.com/forms/sna_of_ohio_buckeye_service_award2019.

The Buckeye Service Award will be presented at the Annual SNA of Ohio Conference. The awards committee encourages you to attend.

NOTE: Recipients are eligible to win this award only one time during their career.

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2019 Industry Service Award Nomination Form

The School Nutrition Association of Ohio is seeking applicants for the 2019 Industry Service Award. This award recognizes an individual among the Child Nutrition Industry community who has demonstrated excellence in their profession during the past 12 months. The award is open to individuals at any levels of an organization who has contributed to the development and deployment of innovative products or systems which are designed to improve Child Nutrition operations, menus or enhance services. Nominations can be completed by a third-party if they feel there is a candidate that meets the qualifications. *Entries are limited to SNA of Ohio Industry Members only.

The award will be judged against five key criteria:

SNA Involvement/Promotion: has consistently met or exceeded challenging objectives to ensure the mission of SNA Ohio is recognized, and demonstrated a quality approach through personal values and working practices.

Commitment to Child Nutrition: has showcased knowledge regarding the Child Nutrition program regulations and guidelines, assisted districts with adherence with such guidelines and provided tools and resources to assist Child Nutrition staff with compliance.

Innovation: has used innovative approaches, working practices or technologies to enhance their organization and SNA of Ohio.

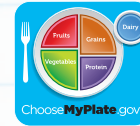
Role model: has provided an example to peers or colleagues of the importance Child Nutrition plays in the daily lives of students, staff and the community.

Measurable success: has delivered quantifiable benefits to their organization through involvement in the past year and can demonstrate personal development to enhance their ability to succeed in future.

Should you feel that you or another are qualified candidates for this award, please complete the application by February 28th at http://snao.formstack.com/forms/sna_of_ohio_industry_award2019. The 2019 recipient will be notified by April 1, 2019 and will be recognized at the SNA of Ohio Annual Conference June 18-20 in Columbus, Ohio.

Past Recipients of this award:

2018 – Roger Doseck, JTM Foodgroup
2017 – James Bannerman, SFSPac
2016 - Founding IAC Members
2015 - Mark Buschor, Michaels & Associates
2014 - Jocelyn Koziara, Acosta Foodservice
2013 - Lincoln Yee, Asian Food Solutions
2012- Michelle Bott, Schwan's
2011 - Greg Brooks, Mascari
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SNA of Ohio Legislative Action Conference (LAC) Scholarship

The SNA of Ohio Legislative Action Conference (LAC) Scholarship will provide members with the opportunity to attend SNA's Legislative Action Conference (LAC).

LAC is an opportunity to participate in the democratic process. Attendees learn about legislative issues affecting child nutrition programs and have the opportunity to meet with elected representatives on Capitol Hill.

1. Experience the legislative process through hands-on work sessions.
2. Visit with your members of Congress and their staff on Capitol Hill.
3. Hear firsthand from distinguished guest speakers and policy experts about timely child nutrition issues.
4. Learn about policy priorities impacting child nutrition programs.
5. Network with other advocates and SNA members from across the country.

LAC Scholarship Qualifications

- Be an active SNA manager or director section member, who has been a SNA member for at least three years, as of December 1, 2018
- Have never previously attended LAC
- Be interested in child nutrition policy
- Must be able to attend the entire LAC event - from opening general session to Capitol Hill Visits (February 24-26, 2019)
- To apply, members must have the approval of their supervisor to attend LAC if selected. Please provide supervisor's contact information on the application for verification.

The scholarship deadline is December 1, 2018 and the recipient will be notified by December 31, 2018.

Scholarship

Recipient of the scholarship will receive up to \$2,000 in reimbursement to cover registration, airfare, hotels, and meals. All receipts must be turned into SNA of Ohio no later than 30 days after the LAC event. Each scholarship recipient must comply with his/her school district's policy on out-of-district travel.

How will the entries be judged?

The nominee will be judged on the four categories below. Please note the weights of each category:

- Advocacy involvement at the state or local level (worth 30% of total score)
- What do hope to gain by attending (worth 30% of total score)
- SNA Involvement (worth 20% of total score)
- Financial Need (worth 20% of total score)

To apply by December 1, 2018, visit

http://snao.formstack.com/forms/sna_of_ohio_lacscholarship2019

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SNA of Ohio Future Leaders Program Scholarship Application

SNA of Ohio, in conjunction with SNA National, will sponsor a future leader at the SNA's National Leadership Conference in Sarasota, Florida May 9-11, 2019. Attendees will have the opportunity to network with other SNA members from across the country and hone their leadership and communication skills. This is an outstanding opportunity for anyone who wishes to increase their leadership potential within SNA of Ohio!

Please review the information below and if you would like to be considered for the scholarship, please complete your application with essay at http://snao.formstack.com/forms/sna_of_ohio_futureleader2019 by January 31, 2019.

Scholarship Information:

This scholarship is to assist in covering costs related to attending the 2019 SNA National Leadership Conference scheduled for May 9-11, 2019 in Sarasota, Florida. By applying for this scholarship you acknowledge that you plan on attending the 2019 SNA Future Leaders Program if you are awarded the scholarship. The Future Leaders Program is held in conjunction with the SNA National Leadership Conference.

Scholarship Recipients will be required to complete and submit the SNA Future Leaders Application, as well as the SNA National Leadership Conference Application. The scholarship will include the registration fee, lodging (hotel room costs for three nights), transportation costs and could include some meals. Please note the following requirements for qualification of full reimbursement. The recipient must:

- Attend the entire National Leadership Conference (opening session through closing session).
- Attend at least one SNA of Ohio Board meeting per year as a guest.
- Agree to be mentored by an SNA of Ohio Committee Chair (Nutrition, Legislation, Membership, Professional Development).
- Assist with 2019 SNA of Ohio Fall Focus events in their area.
- Serve on the SNA of Ohio 2020 Conference Planning Committee.

Criteria for Selection. Individuals applying for this scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Be an active member of both National SNA and SNA of Ohio
- Hold a SNA Certificate in School Nutrition and/or hold the SNS Credential
- Work history to include a minimum of 3 years in school nutrition
- Demonstrate qualities for future association leadership and show evidence of strong leadership potential
- Demonstrate interest in developing leadership abilities and shaping the next generation of state association/SNA initiatives
- Be committed to life-long learning and career in school nutrition
- Be an energetic individual who believes in the importance of their local/state association and who is most likely to contribute to long-term growth and development
- Can be an SNA of Ohio Board member but should not have served as state president or currently serving as state president or president-elect.

Essay:

Candidates who meet/agree to the above criteria may submit the scholarship application which will include a requirement of an essay of no more than 500 words explaining why they believe they should be awarded this scholarship.

Timeline:

- Scholarship Applications with essay are due to SNA of Ohio office by January 31, 2019.
- Applications will be reviewed by the SNA of Ohio Executive Committee.
- Scholarship Recipients will be notified by February 15, 2019.