

### **Nominate for SNA's 2024 Awards**

The SNA Awards program highlights the outstanding and important work of SNA members and state affiliates. <u>Directors</u>, <u>Managers, Employees</u> and <u>Industry</u> members are eligible for national and regional awards that recognize their achievements in school foodservice, leadership, membership recruitment and professional development. Click <u>HERE</u> for more information, including eligibility requirements, and then nominate a colleague —or yourself—today!

# **ICN** Webinar

Strategies for Planning Inclusive and Safe School Meals

January 25, 2024

3:00PM ET

This webinar series will kick off with insights and actionable strategies to effectively accommodate students with dietary restrictions participating in school nutrition programs. Topics will include the importance of accurately identifying the difference between food allergies and food intolerances, best practices for preparing allergy-friendly meals to emphasize the importance of following established protocols and minimize allergen exposure, and more.



# **SNF Scholarships**

Achieve your school nutrition educational dreams! The <u>School</u> <u>Nutrition Foundation's</u> (SNF) professional development scholarships provide SNA members with funding for tuition and books for the following school year.

The following scholarships are open:

- Nancy Curry Scholarship
- <u>Super Bakery Scholarship</u>
- SNA Professional Development
- <u>Schwan's Food Service</u> <u>Scholarship</u>
- <u>Superhero Scholarship</u>

For details on eligibility, visit the SNF website. The deadline for all professional development scholarships is March 29. <u>Apply</u> today!



# SNAPA is looking for Directors to "spotlight" innovative and successful ideas that have improved your program at

### **HOW IT WORKS:**

Describe your "spotlight" idea <u>HERE</u> for a chance to present at this year's Director Workshop.

our annual Director Workshop!

The "Spotlight" presentation will include:

- The problem, the solution, and the steps it took to get there!
- The results (increase in participation, increase in employee retention, etc).
- Include in your presentation, any tools or processes you used.

Spotlights will then be voted on by Workshop Attendees based on:

- Creativity of the idea
- · Impact of the spotlight on those involved
- Overall success of the idea
- Ease of implementation

### Possible Spotlight topics:

- Hiring, recruiting/retention
- Student/community partnership
- Personnel/coaching/staff recognition
- Training
- Time management
- Farm to School
- Menu innovation

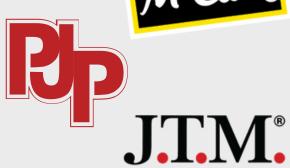
### Spotlight Presentations can be:

- A short powerpoint presentation
- A short video of the spotlight in action
- · A combination of the two

5 SPOTLIGHTS WILL BE CHOSEN TO PRESENT!

## **Thank You Partners!**















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### Call for Nominations!

We are excited to open nominations for the 2024-2025 SNAPA Board of Directors positions that will be open in the coming year.

- The documentation and nomination form linked below highlights responsibilities and qualifications for each position.
- Nomination forms should be submitted to executivedirector@snapa.org no later than February 16, 2024

Click this link for nomination forms.

# Join the Governor's School Breakfast Challenge!

On December 7, 2023, Secretary of Education, Dr. Khalid N. Mumin announced the inaugural Governor's School Breakfast Challenge for the 2023-2024 school year.

Goals like increasing student participation and building in healthy options will be on the menu for this three-month challenge. The Department of Education will be reaching out to schools in the future with exciting updates on what's in store for the challenge winners.

Be sure to visit the <u>Department of Education</u> <u>website</u> for more information about the challenge and ways to participate!

Schools will be encouraged and recognized for increasing breakfast participation while incorporating sustainable changes that incorporate more nutritious and local foods. Whether a friendly competition with buildings within your school district or with your neighboring school district, as school administrators, we encourage you to not only accept the Challenge, but to lead Challenge at your school.



Calling all school nutrition experts! The School Nutrition Association (SNA) is seeking judges to assist in reviewing and scoring regional nominees for the 2024 SNA Awards Program. The awards program highlights Employee of the Year, Manager of the Year, and Director of the Year applicants for their accomplishments in their profession. The deadline to apply to be a judge is February 2, 2024.

### Call for Presenters!

Are you interested in presenting at the 2024 SNAPA Annual Conference? Do you know someone who would be a great presenter? Fill out (or have someone you know) our online form <u>HERE</u>. Submissions should be received by February 23, 2024.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at executivedirector@snapa.org or by phone to (717) 732-1100.

# 2024 SNAPA DIRECTOR WORKSHOP

**APRIL 8-9, 2024** 







April 7th Noon

SNS Exam (Register Through National SNA)

April 8th

12:45pm President's Welcome

1:00pm Keynote Kickoff, Fred Schafer

3:30pm Interactive Insights, Q&A w/ Vonda Ramp

5:00pm Cocktail Reception

6:00pm Dinner & Group Social Time

April 9th

8:00am Breakfast Buffet

9:00am Keynote, Amanda Gordineer, MPS, RDN

10:30am Partner Connection Point Event

12:00pm Spotlight Symposium & Best Practices Session

Fred Schafer & Amanda Gordineer, Keynote Speakers



### **REGISTER TODAY!**

www.snapa.org/event-5108098

Registration deadline: March 1st

Join us for two great days of collaboration, solution sourcing and networking with some of the best directors in Pennsylvania. Leave our Director Workshop with the tools, charge and support you need to finish the year strong!