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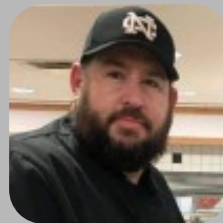
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2024 Pennsylvania State School Nutrition Director of the Year award winner



Evora Nichole Taylor

Her innovative lunch menu, featuring scratch-made recipes and international dishes, distinguished her as our 2024 winner! By catering to diverse tastes, she expanded culinary horizons and celebrated cultural backgrounds. Her commitment to taste-testing sessions has boosted meal participation and fostered community involvement. Initiatives like Recipe Refresh, the Garden Committee, and the Wellness Committee demonstrate Ms. Taylor's holistic approach to promoting healthy eating habits and a positive food culture in the school.

Congratulations!

In the News

USDA has [released](#) the final rule, Child Nutrition Programs: Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, establishing long-term school nutrition standards. Visit [USDA's website](#) for more information on the rule and read [SNA's press release](#) for our thoughts!

[Read Here](#)

PA Farm to School Institute Applications Open

The PA Farm to School Institute is currently accepting applicants for coaches and workshop presenters! If you are interested, please see the following information about these opportunities below and share it with your network and anyone you feel would be a good fit for these roles.

Coaches are financially and professionally supported by the PA Farm to School Institute and PA Farm to School Network, equipping them with the skills and resources to provide teams with the best support possible during the summer retreat and throughout the year. They aid in developing action plans based on self-assessments, offer resources, and promote professional growth. Coaches encourage creativity, providing guidance rather than doing tasks for the team, fostering reflection, evaluation, and support for plan implementation.

workshop presenters and panelists will increase participant knowledge of farm-to-school activities and inspire participants with their personal stories and/or farm-to-school lessons and workshops during the institute's 2-day in-person retreat this June. The retreat will take place at Heritage Creek Farm Camp (2126 Risser Mill Road Mount Joy, PA 17552) between June 26th – 28th (exact dates will be after school teams are selected). All workshop presenters or panelists are eligible to receive a \$200 stipend for their time and expertise and are welcome to participate in retreat activities happening around the time of their scheduled workshop or panel.

[Become a Coach](#)

[Become a Presenter](#)

Attend #ANC24 with an SNF Scholarship!

Apply now for a School Nutrition Foundation (SNF) scholarship and you may be joining us in Boston for #ANC24! You have through May 10, to apply for one of 45 available scholarships for both first-time and returning ANC attendees.

Click the buttons below to submit an "All-in-One Application" for the SNA, Super Bakery and J.T.M. Food Group scholarship opportunities.

Applications are due by May 10th!

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SNA Invites You!

Join SNA at 5 p.m. ET on Tuesday, April 30 for a Virtual Awards Ceremony hosted by SNA.

The ceremony will unveil the 2024 Regional and National Award winners for:

- Director of the Year Award
- Manager of the Year Award
- Employee of the Year Award

This awards program highlights the outstanding and important work of SNA members and state affiliates! The ceremony provides them the recognition and applause that they so deserve.

[Learn More](#)

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Pennsylvania Farm to Child Nutrition Summit

Join us on June 18, 2024 for the **Pennsylvania Farm to Child Nutrition Summit**. This event is coordinated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Division of Food and Nutrition and Penn State University (Project PA) with the support of the Pennsylvania Farm to School Network. Funding is provided by a USDA Farm to School Formula grant. The summit will be held at Chatham University's Eden Hall Campus in Gibsonia, PA. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Registration is free and on a first-come, first-served basis. The registration deadline is June 3, 2024 or until capacity is reached, whichever comes first.

Target Audiences

Child Nutrition Program (CNP) operators, K-12 and early childhood education educators, producers, distributors, and other farm to school/early childhood education stakeholder groups.

The purpose of the summit is to facilitate peer-to-peer learning and networking among CNP operators, establish connections between CNP operators and producers, showcase farm to child nutrition "best practices," and deliver educational opportunities regarding the environmental, economic, nutritional, and equitable value of growing foods.

Purpose

Keynote Addresses

Two keynote addresses will be delivered: "Let's Talk About Playing in the Dirt!" by Lisa Freeman, owner of Freeman Family Farm and Greenhouse and "In Harvesting Opportunities: Unleashing the Potential of Farm to School in the Keystone State" by Tacumba Turner, Green Initiatives Director at Operation Better Block, Inc.

The summit will include breakout sessions, educational displays, and networking opportunities. Session topics will address local food procurement for CNPs, student engagement in farm to school, agriculture education, funding farm to child nutrition initiatives, implementation of Pennsylvania Harvest of the Month, school gardens/gardening in early care and education settings, and more.

Breakout Sessions

Continuing Education Credits

- Professional Development credits for school food service personnel
- Act 48 credits for educators
- PQAS credits for early care and education attendees

For more information and to register, go to the **Project PA website: www.projectpa.org**
For questions, send e-mail to elainem@psu.edu.

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