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MONDAY MORNING

Job Position Opening

- The PA Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for a Farm to School Program Manager. This is a full-time position and applications will be accepted until 02/08/24. In this role, you will be responsible for providing administrative support and ensuring the smooth operation of the office.

[Apply here!](#)

Call for SNAPA Board Nominations!

- We are currently accepting 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.](#)

SNAPA 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) fill out our online form [HERE](#). 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.

SNAPA DIRECTOR WORKSHOP INAUGURAL SNAPA SPOTLIGHTS AWARD

SNAPA is looking for Directors to "spotlight" innovative and successful ideas that have improved your program at our annual Director Workshop!

HOW IT WORKS:

Describe your "spotlight" idea [HERE](#) for a chance to present at this year's 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!**

Submit your Spotlight idea [HERE](#) by January 31, 2024!

Please reach out to SNAPA President-Elect Travis Folmar with questions - taf16@scasd.org

2024 SNAPA DIRECTOR WORKSHOP

APRIL 8-9, 2024



\$199
For SNAPA
Director
Members



TENTATIVE AGENDA:

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

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!

REGISTER TODAY!

www.snapa.org/event-5108098

Registration deadline: March 1st





CONGRATULATIONS to our January 2024 Tray of the Month Winner; Great Valley High School! This tray, submitted for SNAPA's Tray of the Month campaign, had the most engagement over our social media accounts.

As a reminder, to submit a nomination for our Tray of the Month contest, please email communication@snapa.org.

Chef Ann Foundation Member Picked

■ Congratulations to Missy Terrell! **Chef Ann Foundation** (CAF) has announced it has selected 24 school food visionaries from across the country to participate in its 2024 Healthy School Food Pathway Fellowship. Pittsburgh Public Schools and Community Kitchen Pittsburgh graduate Melissa (Missy) Terrell, was selected for one of these coveted fellowship positions. Last year, Missy was also the recipient of the Gloria Pépin Memorial Grant from **Jacques Pepin Foundation**. Congratulations Missy!

Nominate for SNAPA's 2024 Awards Today

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

[Click Here](#) for the Director of the Year Application

[Click Here](#) for the Manager of the Year Application

[Click Here](#) for the Employee of the Year Application

Thank You Partners!



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School Nutrition Program Monthly

February 2024



Important Dates and Deadlines:

- February 1st: Deadline for SFAs to complete On-Site Monitoring.
- February 1st: Verification Collection Report is due in CN PEARS.
- February 29th: Last day to enter a December claim for reimbursement.
- State Offices are Closed on February 19th.

Upcoming Training Opportunities:

- Summer Meal Options for Summer 2024
 - Tuesday, February 6, 2024, from 10:00-11:00 AM
 - [CLICK TO JOIN THE LIVE EVENT \(10:00 AM\)](#)
 - Wednesday, February 7, 2024, from 2:00-3:00 PM
 - [CLICK TO JOIN LIVE EVENT \(2:00 PM\)](#)



Monthly Celebration:

- American Heart Month
- National Hot Breakfast Month
- Pride in Foodservice Week: February 5-9, 2024



Pennsylvania Harvest of the Month:

- Mushrooms
([PA Harvest of the Month](#))

Wellness Policy

All participating LEAs are required to develop and implement a local school wellness policy (LWP) that promotes a healthy school environment. The policy must include goals for nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, and other school-based activities to promote wellness; nutrition and marketing standards for all foods and beverages available on the school campus during the school day; and accountability for the implementation, review, and assessment of the policy.

- Community stakeholders (wellness committee) must be included in the development, implementation, review, and update of the policy.
- A triennial assessment on the implementation of the policy must be completed once every three years.
- The LWP and results of the most recent triennial assessment must be publicly available.

Wellness Policy Resources:

- CN PEARS → Download Forms → Paid Lunch Equity/Nonprogram Foods Section

Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) Tool

SFAs charging students for a school lunch are required to evaluate the paid lunch prices to ensure the weighted average price requirement is being met.

The PLE Tool was created by USDA to help SFAs evaluate the paid lunch prices. This tool helps SFAs to:

- Compare the current weighted average paid lunch price to the weighted paid lunch price.
- Determine if paid lunch prices should be increased, not increased using non-federal funds to support the cost of lunches, or a combination of both.

Paid Lunch Equity Resources:

- CN PEARS → Download Forms → Paid Lunch Equity/Nonprogram Foods Section
- Email specific questions to RA-EDResourceManagem@pa.gov

Governor's School Breakfast Challenge



The Governor's School Breakfast Challenge was developed to encourage and recognize schools for increasing breakfast participation while incorporating sustainable changes that include more nutritious and local foods. A [digital breakfast toolkit](#) was developed to promote the importance of the students of Pennsylvania receiving a healthy breakfast, including materials for parents and school administrators and resource for food service directors. All schools that successfully complete the challenge will be recognized.

Note of the Month

February is American Heart Month. The American Heart Association encourages wearing red to raise awareness about cardiovascular disease. The nutritious meals you provide your students helps to maintain their cardiovascular health and promotes life-long healthy habits.



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Call for Presenters

Pennsylvania Farm to Child Nutrition Summit | 2024



The Pennsylvania Farm to Child Nutrition Summit will be held June 18, 2024 at the Chatham University, Eden Hall campus in Gibsonia, PA. This summit is being coordinated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Division of Food and Nutrition and Project PA (Penn State University) with the support of the Pennsylvania Farm to School Network. Funding is provided by a USDA Farm to School Formula grant.



Target audiences for this summit include 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.

A summit planning committee consisting of representatives from state government agencies, higher education, K–12 education, non–profit organizations, and child nutrition programs has been assembled. The committee seeks breakout session speakers who have a farm to child nutrition or local food educational experience to share or who want to engage the audience in discussion around a farm to child nutrition topic. We are interested in advancing racial and social equity and are interested in presentations that address these issues.

A limited number of speaker stipends (approximately \$200) will be made available through a selection process.

Presentations should not include any overt solicitation on behalf of any individual, vendor, product, organization, or any commercial activity.

Deadline for submission of a presentation proposal is March 1, 2024.

We are looking for presentations in the categories listed below, but will consider others.

- Connecting Child Nutrition Programs with Farmers/Producers
- Student Engagement in Farm to School or Farm to Early Care and Education
- Funding Farm to Child Nutrition Initiatives
- Overcoming Barriers to Local Purchasing
- Implementation of Pennsylvania Harvest of the Month
- School Gardens/Gardening in Early Care and Education Setting
- Summer Food Service Program Operators Connecting with Farmers/Producers, Gardens or Other Farm to Summer Activities

Proposal Review: A working group consisting of a sub–set of planning committee members will review the proposals. Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Alignment with summit objectives
- Relevance to target audiences
- Relevant experience in Farm to Child Nutrition
- Priority will be given to presenters within Pennsylvania
- Geographic diversity, within Pennsylvania, may be considered



[Click here to complete a presentation proposal](#)

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