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President's Update

"School Nutrition Association of Louisiana....Our Adventure is Just Beginning"

Hello, School Nutrition Association of Louisiana and welcome to fall 2018. We as an association are off to a great start. SNAL Executive Board had a very successful Board retreat last month. A lot was accomplished and I am proud to say that the Phase I of our Policy/ Procedure manual was approved. Several of our Executive Board members were present for Committee meetings and also stayed for the September Industry Council Meeting. It shows how much they are all dedicated to making this a great organization.

Our incoming SNAL Board will be reviewing several projects this coming year including SNA's vision for both Ethics and Inclusion. Melissa Campbell, Education Chair went over her strategy to work with SNA in all current Executive Board members and Industry Council to be able to take the online class.

Your 2018-19 President Elect Lucretia Hertzock and 2019 Conference Chair, Rosie Jackson have done a fantastic job getting our next year's conference ready for all of our members.

SNAL also had the extreme honor of having our 2018-2019 SNA President Gay Anderson and our At-Large Director Reginald Ross do our retreat on that Friday, September 21st. It was such an informational session for our Executive Board. Gay and Reginald went over Board Responsibilities as far as our fiduciary obligation as well as what makes a good board member.

As you can see, SNAL has already been busy so far this year. As your

2018-2019 President, I look ahead with great enthusiasm as to the many opportunities for us to grow, network, and as always have some fun! I look forward to serving as your president. If I can assist or support you in any way this year, please do not hesitate to reach out. I would like to wish everyone the best of luck for the 2018-2019 school year!

Warmest Regards,

Stephanie Weaver, MS
President-
School Nutrition Association of Louisiana



“As a food service nutrition manager, I am always eager to learn, evolve, and promote the constant changes in all aspects of food and nutrition; as well as, meet others who are just as passionate. I was blessed to have been given the opportunity to attend the 2017-2018 Leadership

Academy. The wonderful leadership workshops provided the tools and knowledge to better guide my employees, peers, government representatives and students in a positive manner.”
 - Donna Esperance
 CNP Manager
 St. Tammany Parish



Leadership Academy



Back by popular demand, SNAL will hold another Leadership Academy!

At Leadership you will gain knowledge, meet new Child Nutrition professionals, gain new leadership skills, and much more.

The goal of the SNAL Leadership Academy is to locate future leaders. In addition, this program helps members to grow as future leaders and as Child Nutrition Professionals in their work, their community and their home.

Space will be limited to 25 people, and registration is now open.

The registration form will be placed on line at www.snal.org under the education tab.

For more information or questions, please contact Melissa Campbell, LDOE at melissa.campbell@la.gov

SNAL Notes from Our Industry Council

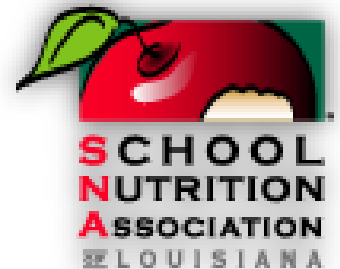
Greetings SNAL members, We are just wrapping up the 2018 Louisiana Commodity Show and it was outstanding!!! The SNAL Industry Council would like to thank the conference planning committee for putting on such an amazing Expo. As an Industry Council we are working on some pretty big things for the year to come. At present, we are focusing on having a more active voice in the association so that

we can contribute on a more profound level than ever before. One of our larger objectives has been to work with our Executive Board to recommend improvements to our annual state conference. We will continue to push in this direction and we really believe that there are big improvements coming for 2019 and beyond. Our primary goal is to support the SNAL membership and work together to make

Louisiana the best SNA affiliate in the country. At this time I would like to reach out to all members and individuals in the industry segment to please reach out to me if there are any ideas or concerns that you would like to see the Industry Council address.

Sincerely,

Travis Menard, MS, RD, LDN, SNS
 President- SNAL Industry Council



SNAL Conference Updates

coming soon....

PP&L News - LAC 2019 Sweepstakes!

Help show your support for the school meal programs! Create a short video that shows how school meals make a positive impact in your school or community! A panel of judges will select finalists among those videos submitted and create an online poll to vote for the best video. The SNA member who submits the video with the most votes will win a free trip to SNA's annual Legislative Action Conference (LAC) 2019.

LAC 2019 will be held in Washington, D.C. February 23-26! The winner will enjoy one free LAC registration for two, flights and hotel accommodations, as well as be recognized during the Opening General Session. SNA will also reserve

VIP seats for the winner at LAC 2019 for themselves and a guest.

To enter, you must be an SNA member and complete the [LAC 2019 Sweepstakes Online Form](#) by **November 14, 2018**. You may also email videos to advocacy@schoolnutrition.org.

For video ideas or to learn more, view the [LAC 2019 Sweepstakes Flyer](#) or read the [complete sweepstakes rules](#). One video submission per SNA member. No purchase necessary.



The 2018 State Legislative Summary: Third Quarter Report is now available!

This report provides a summary and status update for key school nutrition legislation at the state level. In the third quarter five school nutrition bills were signed into law, and in total seven states saw movement on bills that impact school meals. You can download the report [here](#), and find past State Legislative Summaries and other state policy tools [here](#).

National School Lunch Week October 15-19

The 2018 NSLW theme is “School Lunch: Lots 2 Love”, and it’s all about showing off the secrets to your school lunch success in your schools and districts—The National School Lunch Program serves more than 30 million children every school.

Recognizing NSLW in your district or your cafeteria helps you:

- Increase student participation
- Spread the message to parents that you’re serving healthy, delicious lunch at school
- Earn media coverage from local papers, TV stations, and bloggers

Connect with teachers and administrators at your school or in your district to spread the word that school meals are healthy and delicious



Interested in becoming a certified School Nutrition Specialist (SNS)?

If there is interest amongst the membership in becoming SNS credentialed through the School Nutrition Association, SNAL will pursue the opportunity to offer the exam at the annual conference in New Orleans this summer. The cost of the exam is \$225 for SNA members, and the cost of the exam study guide is \$65, both of which are allowable uses of Child Nutrition Program funds. Additionally, SNAL

will offer 1-2 group study sessions (tentatively planned for spring 2019 in Baton Rouge) for members who plan to sit for the exam.

If you are interested in sitting for the SNS exam in June, email Melissa Campbell (Melissa.campbell@la.gov) no later than October 31, 2018.

SNA Update on Membership, Credentials, and Certifications

MEMBERSHIP: SNA total membership nationwide is currently 58,511 which is 840 more members than September 2017, 295 less than the May 2018 year-end total. This decrease is consistent with usual seasonal trends. Even though there has been a slight decrease in membership, we remain at some of the highest numbers in the last 10 years. Keep recruiting...get one, recruit one. Louisiana is in the top again this year for School District Managed (SDM)! SNAL is currently at 2,034 as of September and our goal is to increase by at least 3%.

SNS Credentialing Program: There are 1,592 SNS-credential holders. This is 180 less than May 2018. Congratulations to those who recently earned their SNS. Come on Louisiana, we can do this!

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM: There are 18,411 certificate holders which is 60 less than May 2018. What is new with the SNA Certificated Program? SNA has now launched the additional level to the Certificate in School Nutrition Program that will serve as a “bridge” between Level 1 and the old Level 2. The goal of the new Level 2 is to help members to have a more realistic professional development path and help them strive toward continued growth and experience beyond the Level 1.

The new Level 2 requires 46 hours which is less than the old Level 2 requirement of 86 hours. Download the updated SNA Certificate in the School Nutrition Program Guide to view details about requirements for the new level 2 or if you are ready to

apply download the application form.

There are no changes for Level 1. If you had an existing Level 2 or 3 your certificate has been renamed Level 3 or Level 4 respectively. This is only a name change and doesn't impact your renewal requirements. Download updated certificate form at www.schoolnutrition.org/myaccount.

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