

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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President's Welcome

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

Welcome to the School Nutrition Association of Louisiana! I am both humbled and honored to serve as the 2018-2019 SNAL President. There are some new and exciting changes ahead for the 2018-2019 year including our newly updated SNAL bylaws. SNAL Leadership Academy will also continue this year under the leadership of our Immediate Past President – Teresa Brown. We also have several new board members this year that I am sure will help us continue our progress forward. SNA-SNAL Affiliation Agreement was successfully completed with signatures from our Immediate Past President Dr. Lynn Harvey and Patti Montague, CEO for SNA. SNAL will as always continue to monitor our affiliation with them. Our incoming SNAL Board will be reviewing several projects this coming year including SNA's vision for both Ethics and Inclusion. My focus this year is keep SNAL members and Industry partners engaged in SNAL business and progress throughout the year.

Did you know SNAL has over 2300 members? Our goal this year is to grow by 3% or even better reach 3,000! My goal is grow our membership one person at a time – find one, recruit one. Growth will come from school districts and members



creating awareness about the many benefits of SNA-SNAL membership. We need your help to grow SNA of Louisiana, so spread the word. SNAL membership committee will be visiting districts around the state to encourage and boost membership.

SNAL works really hard to advocate for Child Nutrition Programs. Stay tuned this year to learn about ways you can participate in advocacy efforts at the state or federal level. Your messages and voices are powerful...we will keep you posted through email or Face Book to let you know when that time comes.

SNAL is calling all future leaders! This year, SNAL will hold its Second Leadership Academy. This academy will provide members an opportunity to grow as a leader, learn about governance & parliamentary procedure, group dynamics, and team building. Spaces are limited to 25 people and registration will open October 1,

2018. Make sure you are willing to commit to 3-8 hour classes scheduled throughout the year. Visit the Face book page and website by following the link below for more information and the registration form.

As you can see, SNAL has a busy year ahead filled with many opportunities 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



“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*



Calling All Future Leaders



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 will open October 1st.

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

The 2018-2019 Industry Council members are Travis Menard-President, Chad Hudson-Vice President, Tracie Brown-Secretary, Shirley Simpson, Don Barker, Chuck Ainsworth, Susan Spence, Stephanie Jenks, and Rex Jenks. We look forward to serving in this capacity to

support SNAL in its endeavor to provide conferences and educational opportunities throughout the year for the members. Our goals continue to focus on providing input that will promote networking opportunities between industry and SNAL members. 2018-2019 looks to be a

great year for SNAL and we are honored to be a part of that.



13th Annual Louisiana USDA Food Processing EXPO

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, along with the Louisiana USDA Food Processing Task Force and the School Nutrition Association of Louisiana (SNAL) will host the thirteenth annual Louisiana Commodity Processing Expo on Thursday, October 4, 2018, at the Cajundome Convention

Center, 444 Cajundome Blvd., Lafayette, Louisiana.

There is a \$30.00 registration fee per participant if postmarked by Friday, September 14, 2018.

The registration fee is \$35.00 if postmarked September 15-21, 2018. The registration

deadline is Friday, September 21, 2018. You may contact Pat Adams at (985)209-8948 or Joni Blum at (504)301-2000 if you have any questions.

Information was sent out on August 1 from Mack Williams, Food Distribution Administrator, LDAF.

2018 “SNAL - The adventure can take you anywhere”

Well another SNAL conference has come and gone. The “Adventure” we had was a great success. There was great food, people, education and as always fun.

There is so much that goes into planning an annual conference and each year it comes together. Our thanks goes out to the Northeast’s Area Supervisors for hosting this event in Monroe. Some highlights from this year included several educational sessions. Thanks to Jo Lynne Correro for being the 2018 Conference Chair.

We had our annual bowling tournament coordinated by Scotty Ferguson, Union Parish who did a great job. We all know, a little healthy competition is good for everyone. The costumes the participants wore did not disappoint.

The core of our conference is the education provided to ensure our professional growth. This year’s

program was planned by Stephanie Weaver, Monroe City Schools. The sessions included motivation topics, State Department update, Smart Snacks, and Cafeteria Safety.

Each session was designed for the participant to get valuable information and be capable of taking back the new ideas they learned to their districts. Every year we look forward to reconnecting with our friends across the state and to compare notes.

Big thanks to our guest speakers for sharing their time with us. Chef Cyndie delighted and entertained us in her opening general session. We enjoyed the proclamation presented to SNAL by Mayor Jamie Mayo, from the City of Monroe.

The next day our exhibits opened. This year we had over 90 booths that participated. We certainly want to acknowledge our Corporate Sponsors for their unwavering

support. They helped to make our success possible!

Platinum: Acosta, SFS Pac, Borden’s Dairy, and Hobart Corporation

Gold: Key Impact, Prairie Farms, Wallin Group, Kraft

Silver: Economical, Heartland, PMR, Accutemp

Special thanks to Robertson’s Produce for conference bags and the Convention Bureau for providing our name tags and lanyards for our participants

The second general session featured Shelly Redmond “Skinny Louisiana” and our SNA Regional Representative – Monica Deines-Henderson. SNAL’s special guest to install the 2018-19 Board was former SNA President Nancy Rice of Georgia. The new board will soon begin their journey tackling the SNAL Goals for the 2018-19 School Year.

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SNA Update on Membership, Credentials, and Certifications

MEMBERSHIP: SNA total membership nationwide is currently 58,528 which is 1,174 more members than June 2017, 278 less than the May 2018 year-end total (prior month). This decrease is mostly 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 2,212 as of May 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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