



THE SURREY

BREAKING NEWS

Krista Neal announced the results of our SNA of Oklahoma Vice Presidential Elections on Friday, September 13th.

Congratulations to Shonia Hall, Oklahoma City Public Schools, our newly elected SNA of Okla-

Ponca City Wins Grant



It never hurts to enter a drawing. Cheryl Sitterly did just that and won \$5,000 for the operations fund at Ponca City Schools. The funds were used towards the purchase of a new serving line for an elementary school.

Pictured: Trey Lester (Tyson) Liz Glaser, Cheryl Sitterly, Randy Wilks, Toni Hoch (all from Ponca City Schools) and Bryan Tarrant, Waypoint (broker for Tyson)

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COMING EVENTS

- National School Lunch Week, October 14-18, 2019
- Board Retreat
October 24-25, 2019, Stillwater
- Commodity Processing Show
Dec. 3, 2019, Enid

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy September!

What a great summer and start to a new school year! I am so glad to be back with our staff and students. It is also good to get back into a routine. Summer is great, but structure and plans are nice too.

Hopefully, you got to join us for our annual state conference in Norman in June. Chef Cyndie Story is always a fun, informative speaker. If you missed it or want more information from Chef Cyndie, check out her website at www.chefcyndie.com. Her team posts great videos for quick and easy training for your staff.

We had a good group of Oklahomans at Annual National Conference in St. Louis. I always come home from ANC with a notebook full of ideas and plans and this was no exception. I hope to see you next year in Nashville.

As you settle into your school year, take some time to appreciate how amazing YOU are. You are part of a team that feeds kids. Could there be any better calling in life? Don't forget how important you are to a child. You may be their first smile of the day and a smile and kindness

goes a long way to helping a student have a good day. You're not asking anything of them, except to take a fruit or vegetable.

I'm glad you're here and it's going to be an outstanding year!

Krista Neal, MS, RD, LD, SNS
President, SNA of Oklahoma



*“When I was in school I had two favorite subjects...
LUNCH AND RECESS”*

Anonymous

New School Meal Bills Introduced to Congress

Nine new bills impacting school nutrition programs were introduced in August 2019. These five seem to affect school meals the most.

Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) and Rep. DeSaulnier (D-CA) introduced [S. 1949](#) and [H.R. 3444](#), the *School Food Modernization Act*. This act would require the Secretary of Agriculture to make loan guarantees and grants to finance specific improvements to school lunch facilities and to train school foodservice personnel.

Sen Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Rep. Marcia Fudge (D-OH) introduced [S.2026](#) and [H.R. 3562](#), the *Farm to School Act of 2019*. The bill expands participation in the Farm to School Grant Program to preschools, afterschool programs and summer food service sites, and increases annual mandatory funding from \$5 to \$15 million.

Rep. Joseph Morelle (D-NY) introduced [H.R. 3667](#), the *Summer Meals and Learning Act of 2019*. The bill would create a new federal grant program to allow schools operating a summer lunch program to keep their libraries open during the summer months. The bill appropriates \$5 million per year to fund the program through 2024.

Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA) introduced [S.2359](#), a bill that amends the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, requiring the consideration of “non-income assets” in a household that qualifies for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) through broad-based categorical eligibility.

Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) introduced [S.2331](#), the *Improve Training for School Food Service Workers Act of 2019* to address issues in training food service workers. This bill amends the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to clarify the availability and appropriateness of training for local food service personnel.

BACK TO SCHOOL TRAINING AND EVENTS



The staff at Sapulpa Schools received Sanitation Training from the the Creek County Health Department Sanitarian Robert Talley (above)

Check out the news story about Oklahoma City Schools Back to School events at the link below.

<https://www.news9.com/story/40878846/okcps-prepares-for-feeding-frenzy-with-new-nutrition-services-includes-smoothieblending-bikes>

SNA PUBLISHES TRENDS REPORT

On August 20th, SNA published its [2019 School Nutrition Trends Report](#), based on survey responses of school nutrition directors nationwide. The report reveals that whole grains will remain a staple on school lunch trays this fall, as 90% of school districts will exceed whole grain mandates. More than 70% reported that about three-quarters or more of grains offered will be whole grain rich. The survey also explored emerging menu trends and unpaid student meal debt. SNA's [press release](#) summarizes key findings. SNA members can access the full report [here](#).

Overall Findings:

- More than 70% of districts reported that about three-quarters or more of grains offered will be whole grain rich.
- More than 80% of districts surveyed identified at least one barrier to increasing whole grain options.
- Almost 90% of districts are working to improve student acceptance of whole-grain items.
- Nearly 85% of districts offer customizable menu options.
- About 43% of districts with unpaid meal debt reported that the number of students without adequate funds has increased since the previous school year.
- The median amount of unpaid meal debt per-district rose by 70% since SY2012-13.

UPCOMING ACDA EDUCAST SERIES EVENTS

Be sure to mark your calendar for this year's ACDA Educast Series focusing on key areas such as: Menu Planning, Operations, Administration, Communications, Marketing, and more! Register at <http://www.commodityfoods.org/page-18119> Fee for non ACDA Members

September 19, 2019 | 2PM EST/11PM PST

Procurement Review: Preparing for Success

Feeling anxious over your impending procurement review? The time to prepare is now. As state agencies learn more about how we procure our products, the reviews are becoming much more in depth as the years progress. There are tools you can use now to ensure that you are prepared when the time comes. Learn from this panel who have recently completed their Procurement Review on lessons they learned and how they can help you ensure success in your inevitable review.

December 12, 2019 | 2PM EST/11PM PST

Technology Changing the Perception of USDA Foods

Technology impacts all aspects of our lives including the way we talk about food. In the past, USDA Foods were sometimes considered 'unwanted commodities' sent to schools for use in their school meals programs, but all that is changing. Come learn what's new in USDA Foods, why it is important to ensure student's perceptions of school meals is positively impacted by available USDA Foods and how to utilize technology for promoting the true story of USDA Foods.

January 16, 2020 | 2PM EST/11PM PST

Truth and Consequences of Forecasting

Discuss the importance of accurate forecasting, and the consequences of not forecasting well. We will discuss how to make the forecasting process cleaner, easier and more user friendly. Expert panelists, in an open discussion format, will walk through the process from diversions to delivery and all steps in-between.

March 19, 2020 | 2PM EST/11PM PST

Globally Inspired Menu: Trends to Entice Generation Z

Join us for an Educast session that will leave you globally inspired with endless possibilities. Learn how to transform classic flavors into international delights that kids crave! The concepts are easily executed and sure to take your school menu to the next level.

May 21, 2020 | 2PM EST/11PM PST

Beyond Gen Z: Getting to Know Generation Alpha

More than 22 million millennial parents live in the U.S., with about 9,000 Generation Alpha babies born to them each day since 2010. Generation Alpha children will grow up interacting with AI and robots, as well as humans. They will play with connected toys which will respond to commands and demonstrate emotional intelligence, and they'll expect the same interactive, responsive experiences from all the facets of their lives. Learn from Gen Alpha in their own words, what they're hungry for, and how their needs differ from Gen Z.

WANT TO ATTEND LAC THIS SPRING?

Do you know a manager or employee in your school district who is passionate about child nutrition policy and could benefit from attending SNA's Legislative Action Conference (LAC) in Washington, D.C. on March 8-10, 2020? Encourage your members to apply online to be the Josephine Martin National Policy Fellow! The Fellow will attend with expenses paid (up to \$3,000) and be recognized at the event. The application opened on September 1, 2019 and you must submit the online application by October 31, 2019. Visit www.schoolnutritionfoundation.org/scholarships/ for more information.

To apply, you must:

- Be an active SNA employee or manager section member, who has been a SNA member for at least three years, as of LAC 2020 (since no later than April 1, 2017)
- Have never previously attended LAC
- Be interested in child nutrition policy

Submit an [online application](#) by October 31, 2019. Please preview the form before applying.

If you have any questions about the fellowship, please contact Heide Voss

THE TRAINING ZONE. DESIGNED WITH YOU IN MIND!

SNA's new [Training Zone](#) provides members a unique opportunity to focus on career growth as SNA continues to bring you key topics that will be of benefit to you and your program. Check out our online training modules and live and on-demand webinars.

SNA's online training located in the Training Zone provides the advantage of not being bound by geography or time, so all learners can control when and where they train. It also allows learners to train at their own pace while they are exploring new concepts.

A one-stop shop for eLearning, on-demand, 24-7 content, the current modules in the Training Zone feature specialized online trainings developed by school

nutrition professionals. All Webinar Wednesdays and Webinars On-Demand are free to members as part of your membership benefits and discounts are offered on all other training courses. District packages are currently available for the ethics training program with more package options coming soon. Learn more about our eLearning modules:

[Dollars & Cents of Financial Management](#)
[Culinary Skills Training](#)
[Ethics in School Nutrition](#)

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As you can see, SNA OF OKLAHOMA has several positions vacant on the Board of Directors.

Contact Krista Neal is you are willing to serve!

