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SAVE THE DATES

Be sure to put the following dates on your calendar regarding important upcoming events.

July 10-13—SNA's Annual National Conference (ANC) in Nashville, TN Visit www.schoolnutrition.org/anc for all conference details and registration information

Sept. 30 & Oct. 1—CSNA's Fall Conference at the Loveland Embassy Suites

Conference attendee packets will be sent in mid-May and exhibitor packets will be sent in early June. Look for conference details on the CSNA Web site www.colosna.com.

CDE Summer Workshop

Online registration is now available for the Colorado Dept. of Education Summer Workshop!

Registration can be accessed by visiting www.cde.state.co.us/cdenutritran/nutriworkshop.htm

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2011-2012 CSNA Board of Directors Candidates

This year, we have two open seats on the CSNA Board of Directors. We have provided a brief overview of each candidate and would appreciate your vote for both the Secretary-Treasurer and Vice President positions. To cast your vote for these candidates, please email jen@colosna.com. We will announce the 2011-2012 Board members in the July/August newsletter.

SECRETARY-TREASURER

Jeremy West, Nutrition Services Director for Weld County SD 6

Jeremy has been a member of SNA since 2007 and served as the CSNA Secretary/Treasurer since 2008. He has also been involved with the SNA Specifications Committee, SNA Exam Development Committee as well as attending numerous local, state and national school nutrition events. Jeremy describes one of his goals for this position as, "Being an ambassador for CSNA and looking for opportunities to further our initiatives, grow the membership and develop leadership succession."

VICE PRESIDENT

Kris Sandoval, Area Supervisor for CO Springs SD 11

Kris has been an active member of CSNA for several years. In addition to being President of the Pikes Peak SNA chapter since 2009, she also currently serves as the CSNA membership chair and was sent to the 2010 National Leadership Conference as one of Colorado's Future Leaders. One of her goals in running for VP of CSNA is, "Through SNA certification nutrition personnel can learn more about school food and nutrition and grow from being a "lunch lady" to truly being a school nutrition professional."

2011 Wellness Grant Recipients

Each year, CSNA gives away three \$500 Wellness Grants. The purpose of the grant is for the money to be used to advocate wellness in school nutrition programs and within communities. Applications for this year's grants were accepted in the fall, and the three grants were awarded to the following individuals:

- Sherri Reid, head cook from Cotopaxi School, Fremont County RE-3 who will use the grant to purchase printed wellness materials to be sent home with their students.
- Robin McCluskey, kitchen supervisor from Harrison School K-8th, Canon City Schools who will use the award to purchase incentives for a wellness essay contest, decorations to promote a healthy life style and supplies to enhance their serving line.

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- Lisa Haley, Sanborn Elementary kitchen manager, St. Vrain Valley School District who will use the funds to create a school wellness kit that will be housed in the school library and available for teachers to check out and use in their classroom.

School Nutrition Foundation Offers Food Allergy Podcasts

Food Allergies can be life threatening to certain students in schools; that's why it is so important for school nutrition professionals to arm themselves with important information on the topic.

The School Nutrition Foundation partnered with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to offer a four-part podcast series on the topic:

1. Legal and Regulatory Requirements for Managing Food Allergies in Schools
2. Guidance for Managing Food Allergies in Schools
3. Teamwork is Key to Successful Food Allergy Management in Schools Food Safety
4. Considerations and Food Allergy Management Best Practices for School Food Service

The podcasts are available for download from the SNA Web site at www.schoolnutrition.org/foodallergies.

Cherry Creek Food & Nutrition Dept. Wellness Art

On February 9 the Cherry Creek Food & Nutrition Dept. hosted a student art exhibit and tour of their facility. The event featured artwork created by Eaglecrest High School advanced placement art students who were asked to create a piece that represents the student's vision of wellness. Below is a picture of *Peppers* by Micaela Peters who exhibited at the event.

More than 150 people attended the event to view the 27 pieces of art. Prints of the artwork were available for purchase to benefit the Eaglecrest High School art program and nearly \$1,200 was raised.

The artwork is permanently displayed in the Student Nutrition Center located at 14270 E. Briarwood Ave. in Centennial. For further information about the artwork or to purchase a print call 720-886-7160.

