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SAVE THE DATE

Breakfast at the Capitol

Mark your calendars to join other child nutrition professionals from around the state on January 28th at 8am as CSNA hosts breakfast at the state capitol for our legislators. This is a wonderful opportunity to speak to the legislators who represent your District about the successes and challenges of the child nutrition program. We encourage all who are attending the breakfast to schedule appointments with your legislators to visit one on one with them about your individual programs and the upcoming legislative year.

If you need help locating your legislators or requesting a meeting please contact Monica Deines-Henderson at md-h@d49.org.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Breakfast at the Capitol
January 28, 2016
8-9am
State Capitol, 2nd Fl.,
Old Supreme Court
Chambers
200 E. Colfax Ave.
Denver

SNA National Upcoming Conferences

Be sure to mark your calendars and book your plane tickets for these upcoming SNA conferences. For additional information including registration information, visit the SNA site at <https://schoolnutrition.org/meetings/>

School Nutrition Industry Conference (SNIC) – January 17-19 in San Diego
The annual SNIC provides directors with opportunities to build partnerships with industry peers, develop strategies and share information with colleagues to improve school meals operations.

Legislative Action Conference (LAC) – February 28-March 1 in Washington, D.C.
LAC is an opportunity to participate in the democratic process as the Founding Fathers envisioned it. Attendees learn about legislative issues affecting child nutrition programs and have the opportunity to meet with elected representatives on Capitol Hill.



Future Leaders Conference/National Leadership Conference (NLC) – April 20-23 in Minneapolis



The SNA Future Leaders Conference takes place in conjunction with NLC and provides hands-on training to new and future leaders. Future Leaders are given the opportunity to network with other emerging SNA stars from across the country, hone their leadership and communication skills, and learn from seasoned SNA leaders in a fun and interactive learning environment.

To apply to be considered for a Future Leader spot, complete the Future Leader Application (attached to this email) and email it to CSNA President, Beth Wallace, by February 15 at ewallace2@cherrycreekschools.org.

Annual National Conference (ANC) – July 10-13 in San Antonio
This can't-miss event will once again bring together the school nutrition community for four days of informative and inspiring sessions, countless exhibits and unmatched networking opportunities.



SNA ANC 2015, Salt Lake City, UT



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CSNA Summer Conference June 13-15 Copper Mountain Resort

CSNA's biggest event of the year is coming up!! The conference schedule, class descriptions and registration information will be available in March. Conference information will be emailed to all CSNA members as well as posted on our Web site www.colosna.com.

Wake Up to School Breakfast during NSBW 2016!

National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) 2016 will take place March 7-11, 2016. Use the 2016 NSBW theme "Wake Up to School Breakfast" to spread the message to administrators, parents, and students that a healthy school breakfast brings a sunny start to the day for students. Visit www.schoolnutrition.org/nsbw to download SNA's resources and celebration tips to get started today.

Get Ready for the SNA Election- Your Voice Matters!

The SNA election is right around the corner- are you ready to participate? The SNA Board of Directors and SNA Leadership Development Committee election will take place over a two-week period in February 2016 (February 15-29) through a secure online voting website. To be eligible to vote, you must have been a member in good standing as of May 31, 2015.

To learn about the candidates, please visit www.schoolnutrition.org/SNAelection. To create an online account with SNA, please visit www.schoolnutrition.org and click on the red **Login to My Account** button. From there, click on **Member Registration** and provide your information. For assistance, please contact the SNA Service Center at ServiceCenter@schoolnutrition.org or (800) 877-8822.

April 30—CSNA Regional Training in Fort Morgan Saturday, April 30, 2016 • 8am-4pm Fort Morgan High School 709 E. Riverview Ave. in Fort Morgan

We look forward to hosting another successful Regional Training this spring. The classes offered at this training include **Food Safety in Schools—An Institute of Child Nutrition** training course that focuses on serving safe foods in schools and **School Foodservice Fundamentals—A training** aimed to provide key content instruction related to the four key areas of focus within the SNA Professional Standards.

The training is \$50 for members and \$75 for non-members and includes lunch. Registration for this training will be available on our Web site February 1 at www.colosna.com. Space is limited for both classes so be sure to register early!



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Achieve Your Education Dreams with an SNF Scholarship

The School Nutrition Foundation will offer multiple scholarships in 2016 to SNA members who would like to achieve their education dreams by pursuing a degree program at a vocational/technical, undergraduate, graduate or post-graduate level. Professional Development scholarships provide SNA members with funding for tuition and books for the following school year.

SNF will begin accepting online applications in January 2016. To find more detailed information and to download the Application Preparation Worksheet to start getting your application ready, visit <https://schoolnutrition.org/Membership/Awards/SNFScholarships/>

CSNA Questions?

Questions about items highlighted in the CSNA newsletter or for advertising inquiries? Contact Jen Johnson at 303-993-8064 or jen@colosna.com.

Nominate Someone You Admire for an SNA Award

Are you inspired by your school nutrition colleagues, friends, and mentors? Nominate someone you admire for an SNA Award for the 2015-16 school year. Nominations for the Employee of the Year, Manager of the Year and Director of the Year awards are now being accepted online by SNA. Being nominated for an SNA Award is a great honor. All state, regional and national winners will be recognized at the Red Carpet Awards Ceremony at SNA's Annual National Conference 2016 in San Antonio, Texas.

Who do you know who should be honored with a SNA award? To learn more and to submit your nomination online today, please visit www.schoolnutrition.org/SNAawards.

Congratulations to CSNA Member, Jessica Gould, for Being Chosen for the SNA Executive Leadership Program

On Saturday, February 27 60 nutrition leaders from across the country will meet for the SNA Executive Leadership Program. This program is by invitation only and is held at the Georgetown University McDonough School of Business. The program will focus on Ethical Leadership and is customized for SNA.

Jessica is the Director of Littleton SD6 and currently serves as the CSNA Vice President. In addition, Jessica was the CSNA Marketing, Membership and Fundraising Chair for two years and was selected a few years ago to attend the SNA Future Leaders program at the National Leadership Conference. On behalf of Colorado SNA, we'd like to congratulate Jessica on being selected to attend this elite program!



CDE Welcomes Rachael Burnham



The Office of School Nutrition (OSN) is pleased to announce that Rachael Burnham has accepted the position of Program Specialist at the OSN. Rachael joins us from Thompson School District, where she tracked and processed free and reduced applications, conducted the direct certification process and coordinated the verification process. Rachael previously worked as a restaurant manager in the foodservice industry. Her great experience will be such an asset to the OSN; Rachel will be responsible for the Free and Reduced Price Meals Process, Verification and Direct Certification.