

FEBRUARY 17, 2025



# MONDAY MORNING

## MORE INFO LINKED BELOW

Select the icons for more information, including eligibility requirements, and then nominate a colleague—or yourself—today!

[Click Here to Nominate Today!](#)

Take this opportunity to acknowledge school nutrition colleagues for a job well done and let us know how they have gone above and beyond.



Click here to  
view all award  
options

## SNAPA AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE MARCH 1

Time is Running out to Submit Your Nominations for the School Nutrition Association of Pennsylvania (SNAPA) Awards. Please take part in nominating a member(s) for the various awards that are available at this time. Not sure if the person that you would like to recognize is a member of the association? Contact SNAPA at [executivedirector@snapa.org](mailto:executivedirector@snapa.org).

The SNAPA Awards program highlights the outstanding and important work of SNAPA members. Through one application portal - Directors, Managers and Employees are eligible for state, regional, and national awards that recognize their achievements in school foodservice, leadership, membership recruitment and professional development. The deadline for the following awards is March 1, 2025!

- [Director of the Year](#)
- [Manager of the Year, in Honor of Louise Sublette](#)
- [Employee of the Year](#)

# SNAPA CALL FOR PRESENTERS

## DUE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH!

The Call for Presenters for the 2025 School Nutrition Association of Pennsylvania (SNAPA) Annual Conference is due **Friday, February 28th!** This year, we are gathering in beautiful Altoona, Pennsylvania, from July 28-31, 2025, and we want YOU to be a part of this incredible event.

### Why Submit a Proposal?

Your knowledge, experiences, and innovative ideas are what make our community thrive. Whether you have a fresh perspective or a time-tested strategy, this is your chance to share it with your peers and make a significant impact on the future of school nutrition.

### Who Should Submit?

If you're reading this, the answer is YOU! Now is the perfect time to step up and share your insights. And don't worry about the perfect title—we're here to help you craft it! Want to collaborate with others on a panel? That's great too!

### Spread the Word!

We encourage you to share this Call for Presenters with anyone who you think might be a wonderful resource for SNAPA. This includes potential individuals who work in school districts but not directly within School Nutrition—Media Specialists, Leadership Specialists, School Superintendents, Lawyers, HR, and others with relevant information to share. Let's bring in dynamic voices and fresh perspectives to enrich our conference!

[Click Here to Submit a Proposal](#)

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### 2025-2026 SNAPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Have you ever thought about being part of something truly awesome? Well, now's your chance! SNAPA has been cooking up some cool initiatives to revolutionize school nutrition across Pennsylvania, and we need your fresh ideas and energy to take things to the next level!

Picture this: you, alongside a team of passionate individuals, making a real difference in the lives of students statewide. From innovative programs to policy changes, the possibilities are endless when we work together!

Join us in the kitchen as we cook up some magic for the kids of Pennsylvania – we promise it'll be a blast!

Nomination forms should be submitted to [executivedirector@snapa.org](mailto:executivedirector@snapa.org) no later than **March 3, 2025**.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

# CULINARY TRAININGS + FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES WEBINAR

Date: February 19, 2025  
Time: 2:00pm – 2:45pm

No registration is required for the webinar. Join the webinar [here](#) at the date/time listed above. The webinar will be recorded, and the link will be available on CN PEARS and the [Project PA website](#).

The Bureau of Food and Nutrition will discuss the following opportunities on the webinar. SFAs may apply for more than one!

- Culinary trainings
  - Culinary Training Academies, with up to \$4,500 for participating SFAs
  - PA Harvest of the Month culinary trainings, with up to \$1,000 for taste-tests
  - SFA-specific tailored culinary trainings
- PA Harvest of the Month
  - Mini-grants up to \$2,500
  - Student contest funding up to \$1,500

The Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Food and Nutrition, through a partnership with Penn State University (Project PA) is offering the above training and funding opportunities related to improving nutritional quality of school meals and advancing farm to school efforts. Funding for these opportunities is provided by a USDA Farm to School Formula grant, a USDA FY 2024 Team Nutrition Training grant, and a USDA FY 2024 Farm to School State Agency grant.

## RIDLEY HIGH SCHOOL WINS JANUARY TRAY OF THE MONTH

Our SNAPA January Tray of the Month winner is Ridley High School! They served a Ramen Noodle Bar to students on January 2, 2025. The dish included WG Ramen Noodles (Woodles), with or without a savory broth, choice of protein, an assortment of fresh cut and steamed vegetables, Mandarin oranges, Craisins, WG fortune cookie, Juice & Milk.

Tray Submissions



January 2025  
Tray of the Month Winner!



**RIDLEY HIGH SCHOOL**  
Folsom, PA



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# MARK YOUR FEBRUARY & MARCH CALENDARS!

February 15, 2025  
Verification Report Due

March 1, 2025  
SNAPA/SNA Award  
Nominations Due

March 3-7, 2025  
National School Breakfast  
Week

March 17-18, 2025  
SNAPA Director Workshop  
Seven Springs Mountain  
Resort



SNAPA is looking for Directors to  
"spotlight" innovative and successful  
ideas that have improved your program at  
our annual Director Workshop!

### HOW IT WORKS:

Describe your "spotlight" idea [HERE](#) for a chance to present at this year's Director Workshop.

The "Spotlight" presentation will include:

- The problem, the solution, and the steps it took to get there!
- The results (increase in participation, increase in employee retention, etc).
- Include in your presentation, any tools or processes you used.

Spotlights will then be voted on by Workshop Attendees based on:

- Creativity of the idea
- Impact of the spotlight on those involved
- Overall success of the idea
- Ease of implementation

### Possible Spotlight topics:

- Hiring, recruiting/retention
- Student/community partnership
- Personnel/coaching/staff recognition
- Training
- Time management
- Farm to School
- Menu innovation

### Spotlight Presentations can be:

- A short powerpoint presentation
- A short video of the spotlight in action
- A combination of the two

**5 SPOTLIGHTS WILL BE  
CHOSEN TO PRESENT!**

**Submit your Spotlight idea [HERE!](#)**

Please reach out to SNAPA President Travis Folbmar with questions - [taf16@scasd.org](mailto:taf16@scasd.org)

## Thank You Partners!



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