

# SNA OF OHIO 2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



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### CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

**JUNE 9-11, 2026**

**Marriott Cleveland East  
Cleveland, Ohio**



**SCHOOL  
NUTRITION  
ASSOCIATION**  
of OHIO

# TUESDAY, JUNE 9

## NEW THIS YEAR: DIRECTOR FOCUSED DAY

PLEASE NOTE ALL ARE STILL WELCOME!

- 8:00AM - 6:00PM** **REGISTRATION/CHECK IN**
- 9:30 - 11:00AM** **BOARD ORIENTATION**
- 11:00AM - 12:20PM** **PLATINUM INDUSTRY MEMBER ROUND TABLE**  
*Sign ups on registration form, first come first serve.*
- 12:15 - 1:00PM** **LUNCH**
- 1:00 - 1:15PM** **PRE-CONFERENCE WELCOME**  
Speaker: Deanne Kelbley
- 1:15 - 2:15PM** **WHEN THE CONVERSATION GETS HOT - DIRECTOR FOCUS**  
Speaker: Brad Lovell  
Moderator: Deanne Kelbley

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 2:15 - 3:15PM** **P&L SESSION - DIRECTOR FOCUS**  
Speaker: Alexis Weber  
Moderator: Deanne Kelbley
- 3:15 - 3:30PM** **BREAK**
- 3:30 - 4:30PM** **CRITICAL COLLABORATIONS: INDUSTRY & DIRECTORS WORKING TOGETHER - DIRECTOR FOCUS**  
Speakers: Dan Moss, Holly McGarry, Stacey Bettis, Jacob Green  
Moderator: Deanne Kelbley
- 7:00 - 9:00PM** **EVENING GAME NIGHT RECEPTION**

# WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

- 6:00 - 7:00AM** **YOGA**  
Instructor: Krys Hess
- 8:00 - 8:30AM** **CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MEETING**
- 8:00 - 8:30AM** **FIRST TIMERS SESSION**  
Speakers: Deanne Kelbley & Jessica Walker
- 8:45 - 9:00AM** **CONFERENCE WELCOME**  
Speakers: Deanne Kelbley & Megan Grippa  
Announce Winners from Game Night
- 9:00 - 10:00AM** **GENERAL SESSION**  
Session: Personal Climate and Culture...  
It's Up to You  
Speaker: Gerry Brooks
- 10:00 - 10:30AM** **BREAK WITH LIGHT SNACK**
- 10:30 - 11:15AM** **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**  
**Breakout 1:** Share Table Success: Evidence-Based Strategies to Cut Waste, Promote Nutrition, and Ensure Food Safety  
Presenters: Melissa Prescott & Rebecca Naab  
**Breakout 2:** The Road to Positive Personal Climate and Culture  
Presenter: Gerry Brooks  
★ **Breakout 3:** SNA Future Leaders Track  
Presenter: Jennifer Hirsch, Kelsey Warren, Stacey Bettis, Chris Burkhardt
- 11:15 - 11:30AM** **BREAK**

## ★ FUTURE LEADERS TRACK

- 11:30AM - 12:15PM** **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**  
**Breakout 1:** Building a Recipe using Locally Sourced Foods  
Presenter: James Warner, Farm to School Chef Instructor  
★ **Breakout 2:** Hospitality/Customer Service: Best Practices  
Presenter: Andrew Mendez  
**Breakout 3:** Smart Servings: A Tech Buffet of Google Tools & AI  
Presenter: Beth Schwartz
- 12:15 - 1:45PM** **AWARDS LUNCH**
- 1:45 - 2:00PM** **BREAK**
- 2:00 - 2:45PM** **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**  
★ **Breakout 1:** Realize Your Worth: How Food Service Makes an Impact Outside of the Kitchen  
Presenter: Alexis Weber  
**Breakout 2:** USDA Regulation Meal Patterns  
Presenter: Robin Carasquillo, DEW  
**Breakout 3:** Lunchapalooza: The Economics of Feeding the Crowd  
Presenter: Amelia Gioffredo
- 2:45 - 3:00PM** **BREAK**
- 3:00 - 4:00PM** **GENERAL SESSION**  
Session: SNAC Kids Panel  
Speaker: SNAC Kids  
Moderator: Andrew Mendez
- 4:00 - 4:15PM** **WEDNESDAY CLOSE**  
Speaker: Deanne Kelbley
- 7:00 - 11:00PM** **ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME!**  
*Transportation provided all night through International Food Solutions*

**ROCK YOUR FAVORITE CONCERT T-SHIRT TO THE ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME!**

# THURSDAY, JUNE 11

**6:00 - 7:00AM** **YOGA**

**8:00 - 8:30AM** **BREAKFAST AND MINGLE**

**8:30 - 9:15AM** **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING BREAKFAST**  
Speakers: Megan Grippa & EC

**9:15 - 10:00AM** **GENERAL SESSION**  
Session: DEW Updates  
Speaker: Department of Education & Workforce  
Moderator: Jennifer Bujak-Hirsch

**10:00 - 10:15AM** **BREAK WITH LIGHT SNACKS**

**10:15 - 11:00AM** **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**  
★ **Breakout 1:** From Serving Others to Serving Yourself  
Presenter: Kelsey Warren  
**Breakout 2:** Regulations, Allergies, & Dietary Accommodations  
Presenter: Robin Carasquillo, DEW  
**Breakout 3:** Back to Basics: How to Get the Specs Right  
Presenters: Tim Ronnebaum

**11:00 - 11:15AM** **BREAK**

**11:15AM - 12:00PM**

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

★ **Breakout 1:** From Boil to Simmer: Verbal De-Escalation Strategies  
Presenter: Sarah Walker

**Breakout 2:** Dough, Re, Me - Dough Handling!  
Presenter: Mike Joseph

**Breakout 3:** From Spec Sheet to Scheduled Maintenance: What to Do After Equipment Is Installed  
Presenters: Tim Ronnenbaum

**12:00-12:45PM** **LUNCH**

**12:45 - 1:45PM** **GENERAL SESSION**

★ Session: More than a Meal: Creating Connections in Every Cafeteria  
Speaker: Mary Deliah Allen



**1:45 - 2:00PM**

**CLOSING SESSION AND RAFFLE DRAWINGS**  
Speaker: Deanne Kelbley

# PRICING

**\$359** - School District Attendees - Full Conference

**\$359** - Current SNA of Ohio Industry Members - Full Conference

**\$199** - One-day registration for School District attendees and Industry Members

**\$199** - Students and Retirees - Full Conference

★ **This year we are excited to introduce the “future leaders track” - if you attend all sessions within the future leaders track, you will receive a certificate from SNA of Ohio. All future leaders sessions are marked with a red star above.**

