

SNA OF OHIO 2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



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CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

JUNE 9-11, 2026

**Marriott Cleveland East
Cleveland, Ohio**



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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 (excludes the June 10th SNS Exam)

★ **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.**

