



# PALMETTO PLATES: NOURISHING INSIGHTS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL NUTRITION PROS

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## ANNOUNCING THE 2025 SNA ELECTION SLATE

### DEE'ON BELLAMY

Horry County School District

Congratulations to Dee'on Bellamy for being named as a candidate for the National School Nutrition Association's 2025 Election! This year's election will be a different process, as Dee'on is the vetted candidate for the Employee/Manager Representative position. He must receive at least 50% approval to be elected. So be sure to cast your vote for Dee'on between February 15-28, 2025. We are incredibly proud of him!

Visit [schoolnutrition.org/election](https://schoolnutrition.org/election) for more information.



## MARK YOUR CALENDER

<b>SNA Election Voting Period</b>	.....	<b>February 15-28, 2025</b>
<b>SNA Director/Manager/Employee of the Year Nominations</b>	.....	<b>March 1, 2025</b>
<b>National School Breakfast Week</b>	.....	<b>March 3-7, 2025</b>
<b>Industry Golf Tournament</b> <i>Darlington, SC</i>	.....	<b>March 18-19, 2025</b>
<b>SIFT</b>	.....	<b>June - TBD</b>
<b>ANC Conference</b> <i>San Antonio, TX</i>	.....	<b>July 15-18, 2025</b>
<b>SNA of SC Conference</b> <i>Myrtle Beach, SC</i>	.....	<b>October 9-11, 2025</b>



March 18-19, 2025

# INDUSTRY SHOWCASE & GOLF TOURNAMENT

## March 18th

### Darlington Raceway

**9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Showcase set-up for Industry

**12:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

Industry Showcase for Industry and Director/Supervisors

**2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

Laps for Charity

### Darlington Country Club

**6:00 pm**

Reception for All

Theme: "Casino Night"

## March 19th

### Darlington Country Club

**8:00 am**

Breakfast for All

**8:15 am**

Welcome!

**8:40 am**

Shotgun Start

**8:45 am**

Director/Supervisor Meeting

**11:30 am**

Lunch for All

**2:00 pm**

Dismissal for All

Scan the QR code or visit [tinyurl.com/SNASCgolfTournament](https://tinyurl.com/SNASCgolfTournament) to register today!



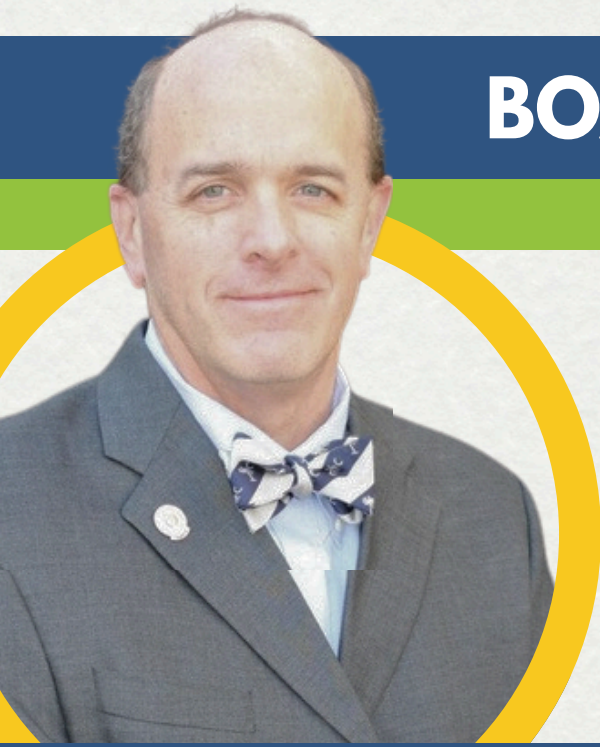
Darlington Country Club  
25 Country Club Road  
Darlington, SC 29532

Darlington Raceway  
Please use Gate 39A off of  
Harry Byrd Highway

Registration deadline is  
**March 1st, 2025**



# BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



## TODD A. BEDENBAUGH

**SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The School Nutrition Association of South Carolina has named Todd A. Bedenbaugh the new Executive Director. Bedenbaugh was approved for the new post and will begin on January 6, 2025. The current Executive Director for SNA of SC, Mrs. Joyce Lovett is retiring after 20 years of faithful service.

“I know in my new role as Executive Director for SNA of SC, I am surrounded by great leaders and industry members from South Carolina,” Bedenbaugh said. “I will continue to support the SNA of SC mission in providing services that assist the districts and our members to improve student nutrition in South Carolina and around the nation.”

**2018  
SCHOOL  
NUTRITION  
ASSOCIATION'S  
DIRECTOR OF THE  
YEAR FOR SC**

**2018  
SNA  
SOUTHEAST  
REGIONAL  
DIRECTOR OF  
THE YEAR**

**Two-Time  
PRESIDENT  
OF SNA OF  
SOUTH  
CAROLINA**

**2021  
SNA OF SOUTH  
CAROLINA  
HALL OF FAME**

Bedenbaugh currently serves as the Chief Operations Officer in Lexington School District 3 and will retire at the end of December. Prior to Lexington 3, he served as the Executive Director of Operations in Lexington Richland 5. Bedenbaugh served as the Statewide Director of the South Carolina Office of Health and Nutrition at the South Carolina Department of Education. He served as the Director of Nutrition and Food Services for Charleston County School District from 2000 to 2005. He also founded and started the Dr. Vivian B. Pilant Scholarship Golf Tournament that has raised over \$50,000 for school nutrition employees and their dependents to further their education.



# MEMBERSHIP DRIVE INFO

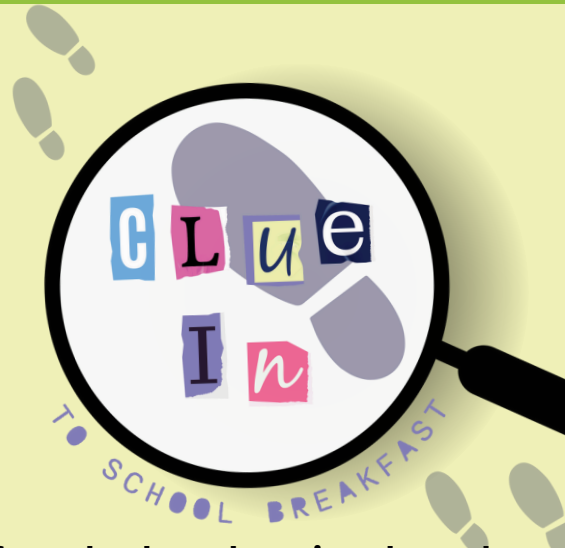


## NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK

March 3-7, 2025

Engage students in fun, mystery-themed activities that highlight the importance of a nutritious morning meal. Participating in NSBW can boost student engagement, promote healthy eating habits, and enhance academic performance.

Don't miss this opportunity to make breakfast both educational and entertaining for your students. Get involved in NSBW 2025 and become "Detectives of Breakfast"!



## VACANT SNA OF SC POSITIONS

- Vice President ( 3-year commitment)
- Single Unit Chair/Nominating Committee
- Coastal-Columbia Area Representative
- Pee Dee-Sand Hills Area Representative
- Piedmont Area Representative

For more details, contact **Kim Johnson**  
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or **843-488-6927**.



# JOIN US IN MAKING THE 2025 SNA OF SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE A SUCCESS!

We hope you had a phenomenal time at our 2024 Annual Conference last month! Believe it or not, planning has already begun for next year's conference. It is truly a team effort to make these events a success for our members, and your feedback is invaluable.



## Get Involved!

If you would like to volunteer at the conference or be part of a conference committee, the survey includes an option to volunteer!

We would love to volunteer with you, and no part is too small!

There are opportunities to volunteer for the following committees and/or at the conference next year:

- **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS COMMITTEE**
- **EDUCATION SESSIONS COMMITTEE**
- **INDUSTRY NIGHT COMMITTEE**
- **FUNDRAISERS COMMITTEE**



Please take a moment to complete this survey and help us make the 2025 Annual Conference absolutely fabulous!

[TINYURL.COM/SNAINVOLVE2025](https://tinyurl.com/snainvolve2025)

**AUDRA TERRY**

2025 CONFERENCE CHAIR  
SNA OF SOUTH CAROLINA PRESIDENT-ELECT

