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South Carolina SNA Recognizes 2023 School Nutrition Award Winners

Columbia, SC May 18, 2023 –School Nutrition Association of South Carolina (SNA of SC) has announced state award winners, recognizing an exceptional school nutrition employee, manager, and director. South Carolina’s SNA applauds the compassion, dedication, and resourcefulness of school nutrition professionals across the state who work hard to prepare healthy school meals that fuel students for success in and out of the classroom.

“[Research](#) shows children receive their healthiest meals at school, thanks to the tireless efforts of school nutrition professionals,” said SNA of SC’s President, Donna Davis. South Carolina’s school nutrition teams serve students so much more than school breakfast and lunch – they also work hard to make the cafeteria a warm, welcoming place for students to relax and recharge each day. The dedication and passion of these award winners is a testament to the efforts school nutrition professionals across our state.”

The following state award winners will be honored at the Annual State SNA of SC Conference, Myrtle Beach Convention Center on Saturday, October 14, 2023.

Connie Godfrey, Food Service Operator at Ford Elementary School, Laurens School District 55 has earned the Employee of the Year Award. Of the many highlights written, the nominator wrote, *“Ms. Godfrey has been in student nutrition for twenty-three years and has served students from kindergarten through twelfth grade with a smile and a kind word of encouragement. She helped prep over 1,200 meals per day, then got on a bus, and distributed the meals throughout the community during the pandemic. Through heat and exhaustion, she never complained and was usually the first employee through the doors the next morning, ready to do it again.”*

Angel Tollison, Food Service Manager at E. B. Morse Elementary School, Laurens School District 55 has earned the Manager of the Year Award. Ms. Tollison received many accolades in her nominee application to include her one-on-one interaction with the students, the delightful camaraderie with the staff, and her passion for providing HACCP, production record other food service trainings to new employees. The nominator wrote, *“Ms. Tollison encourages her team to attend SIFT (Summer Institute Foodservice Training) and to ask questions while they are there. She has them come back and share what they learned, then she tries to incorporate what was learned into our program. As soon as a new employee arrives, she gets them signed up for SNA through our district-owned chapter. She explains what the organization is about as well as what valuable tools SNA provides.”*

Angela McCrorey, RD, Student Nutrition Director for Lancaster County Schools has earned the Director of the Year Award. Ms. McCrorey’s skills in Negotiation, Management, Sales, Strategic Planning, and

Business Development were highlighted by the nominator. Ms. McCrorey was commended for her consistent support of the school food service staff to excel in their profession and her determination to make sure every student receives safe and nutritious meals. The nominator wrote, *"With the number of meals this department serves, it has been a challenge keeping up with all food allergies. There are a number of students in the district who have serious food allergies that must be tracked. Having a system that helps keep up with students with food allergies really helps us stay ahead. A board member commended Ms. McCrorey and her staff for the job they did this past year. Ms. McCrorey frequently provides updates and communication to the school board on relevant topics. In addition, she has a close working relationship with the superintendent and the cabinet staff"*.

About School Nutrition Association:

The School Nutrition Association (SNA) is a national, non-profit professional organization representing 50,000 school nutrition professionals across the country. Founded in 1946, SNA and its members are dedicated to making healthy school meals and nutrition education available to all students. For more information on school meals, visit www.SchoolNutrition.org/SchoolMeals.