



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

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## NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK

Across the state, schools were buzzing with excitement for #NSBW24 from March 4-8, 2024. Students and faculty jumped into all sorts of fun activities, diving deep into the importance of breakfast as the ultimate meal of the day!

TAKE A PEEK AT HOW LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT CELEBRATED!

[tinyurl.com/lcsdnsbw24](https://tinyurl.com/lcsdnsbw24)



Members of Your Executive Board were in Washington, D.C. this month advocating for #schoolmeals in South Carolina!

## SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE ACTION CONFERENCE

After two days of sessions to discuss the issues that directly impact school nutrition programs, PP&L Chair Todd Bedenbaugh, President-Elect Jenaffer Stevenson, Vice President Amy Stabler along with our association members and industry partners met with legislators. They urged for an increase in meal reimbursements and reasonable meal requirements, which will help us fight childhood hunger and set our students up for success in the classroom!

Thank you to the offices of Lindsey Graham, Tim Scott, Joe Wilson, Jeff Duncan, William Timmons, Rep. Ralph Norman, James E. Clyburn, Russell Fry and Nancy Mace for meeting with us. We had excellent conversations and thank you so much for your support!



## DR. VIVIAN B. PILANT SCHOLARSHIP FUND GOLF TOURNAMENT

This year's tournament will be our largest event ever! We have 80 golfers participating and all proceeds will go directly to the Dr. Vivian Pilant Scholarship Fund.

We are proud of this event to honor a school nutrition leader and friend who was cherished by so many. We started this tournament over 10 years ago and so many child nutrition members and their families have benefited from the generosity of our SNA of SC vendor family.

### THE DETAILS:

MARCH 28, 2024 | DARLINGTON COUNTRY CLUB | 9:00 A.M.



# Announcing our 2024 SIFT Agenda!

## [Keynote] Leader: Leading From Where You Are

*Stefanie Giannini, MA, SNS*

Join Stefanie as she discusses how to cultivate your leader identity to positively influence yourself and those around you; identify your own personal motivations and goals to better understand those who might be both the same and different as you!

## Farm to the Lunch Tray Introduction

*Donna Davis, Director, Office of Health and Nutrition*

## From the Farm to the Lunch Tray: A Delicious Journey Awaits!

*Ben Sease, Program Coordinator – Farm to School  
Nicholas Eaton, Education Associate, Office of Health and Nutrition  
Andrew Evans, SNS Specialist and Training Manager*

## Dive into the Battle of the Food Safety Titans: HACCP vs. Local Health Rules - Edit Rules to Code!

*Chris Gillespie, Business Development Manager, PortionPac Chemical Corporation*

## Kitchen Hacks Remix

*Allen Forest, Culinary Specialist  
Student Nutrition Services, School District of Pickens County*

## Civil Rights 101

*Rebecca Rutherford, SNS, Education Associate*

## Nailing Production Record Compliance

*Rebecca Rutherford, SNS, Education Associate*



***SIFT 2024 will be held virtually on June 27, 2024.***

***Registration and more information coming soon!***



# LUNCHTIME LENS: HORRY COUNTY SCHOOLS

BY: DEE'ON BELLAMY



This photo highlighting fresh SC produce served to our students at Loris High School has more likes, comments and shares from our community than any other social media post this year!

Follow **Horry County Schools Nutrition Services** on Facebook at:

[www.facebook.com/hcsmeals](http://www.facebook.com/hcsmeals)

Pictured: **Mr. Jimmy McCullough (Principal)** and **Cafeteria Manager Dee'on Bellamy**

Location: Loris High School

Produce: Clayton Rawl Farms, Lexington, SC

## SNA AT SCASBO

Wanda Knight of Laurens District 55 School Nutrition and Audra Terry of Spartanburg School District 4 for representing our association at the Association of School Business Officials Conference in Myrtle Beach!



Thank you for representing SNA of SC and building relationships with key stakeholders, Wanda and Audra!

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SCHOOL LUNCH**  
**HERO DAY**  
**MAY 3, 2024**

# APPLY TODAY: DR. VIVIAN PILANT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SNA of SC provides the following scholarship opportunities for SNA of SC Members and their dependents:

- Member Scholarship (to be applied towards 2- or 4-year degrees)
- Member Award/Grant (to be applied towards courses for job development in the field)
- Dependent Scholarship (to be applied towards 2- or 4-year degrees)

[tinyurl.com/snascolarshipsc](https://tinyurl.com/snascolarshipsc)



**DUE  
APRIL 30**

SNA of SC encourages its members to apply for the scholarship and other SNA scholarships. This is one of your many benefits of being a member of this great association!

Are you interested in bringing the employees of your district together, training advocacy in your team members, or even highlighting your school's nutritional program to your community? Then why not start a local chapter? Through your local chapter, you can continue the education of its members, giving them networking opportunities to make advancements in their careers and so much more.

Contact your Area Representative to find out how!



"Starting a local chapter was one of the best decisions we've made. Participation in this endeavor exceeded expectations and the members' response reinvigorated us as well. The initial start-up process, meetings, and fundraisers require a small commitment but as advocates of our programs, we were more than willing to step up to the challenge. It has made us closer to each other (the Nutrition Department) the administration in individual schools, and the community. If you're considering starting a local chapter... DO IT! You won't regret it."

**DEE'ON BELLAMY**  
**PRESIDENT, SNA OF HORRY COUNTY SCHOOLS**  
**CAFETERIA MANAGER, LORIS HIGH SCHOOL**

