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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As we reflect on the year so far, I am proud of all that we have accomplished together. It has been a year filled with excitement, growth, and collaboration, and I'm thrilled to share some highlights with you.



We kicked off the year with an incredible Fall Conference that exceeded all expectations. The event was a great success, bringing together professionals from across our community and allowing us to engage with our amazing industry partners. Their continued support and presence are vital to the success of our work, and I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to each of them for their contributions.

One of the most memorable moments of the year so far was the SNACT 75th Anniversary Gala. This milestone celebration was a fantastic night, full of camaraderie, joy, and reflection on the impactful work we've done over the years. We were delighted by the incredible turnout, and the evening was made even more special by the generous sponsorships from our industry partners, their support enabled us to host a fun, memorable event for all who attended.

In January, we hosted our Winter Conference at Aqua Turf, and it was a truly inspiring event. We were honored to have Dr. Miguel Cardona, U.S. Secretary of Education, as our keynote speaker. His message was an inspiration to all who attended, reminding us of the incredible work we are doing and encouraging us to be proud of our efforts to feed every student in Connecticut. His words strengthened our resolve to continue pursuing our goals and striving for excellence in school nutrition.

We were also fortunate to have the Connecticut Department of Education, and our local farmers join us at the Winter Conference. Their participation provided us with invaluable information and resources to continue strengthening our programs and supporting local agriculture. The partnership between the state, our farmers, and school nutrition is essential to ensuring we meet the needs of our students while supporting Connecticut's agricultural community.

Following Dr. Cardona's inspiring speech, we had the privilege of experiencing an amazing USDA Food Show. Once again, our industry partners stepped up their game, showcasing a wide array of innovative products that are helping to shape the future of school nutrition. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn, taste, and explore new solutions to serve our students.

As president of SNACT, I have learned a lot. I have been so lucky to have such strong, dedicated members who have testified and advocated with such passion for feeding children. I cannot thank them enough for never taking no for an answer - they will not quit this quest for funding meals in our governor's budget. Their unwavering commitment to our cause continues to drive our efforts forward, and I am inspired by their resilience every day.

As I am writing this letter to you, I am preparing to attend the Legislative Action Conference (LAC) in Washington, D.C., with my fellow SNACT members of PPL. We are heading to Capitol Hill to ensure that our voices are heard and to advocate for the continued support of school meals. I am proud to stand with my colleagues as we charge the hill to ensure that the voices of school nutrition professionals are heard. We will not stop advocating for the students we serve and the importance of providing nutritious meals for every child in Connecticut.

Thank you for your dedication, hard work, and support. Here's to a successful remainder of the year!

Dianne Houlihan
President 2024-25

School Nutrition Association of Connecticut (SNACT)

2024 CONFERENCE PICTURE THE POSSIBILITIES!

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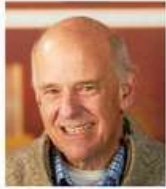


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