

# KSNA CHALLENGER SPRING 2020



THERE WAS NO SCHOOL  
KIDS IN NEED OF MEALS  
WE HAD NO FEAR  
BROKE THE TRAY  
AND FEED THE KIDS

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Seems like since March 16<sup>th</sup> we are living in a dream. Covid-19 has made things so different for all us. We have been feeding students since day one and it has been very exhausting but rewarding in the long haul. This is our job to feed the students in our counties. I can only say that I do hope that we get back to some type of normal!

This past week would have been our State Conference. The week we all look forward to. The week we recognize the contest winners, honor the Directors that have retired, attend the food show and educational classes. The time to see old friends and make new ones from across the state and share stories of what is going on in our district and our families. Since that is what we are, one big family in KSNAA.

We have made major accomplishments this past year. We made changes in our bylaws to update them. A new software program was installed to our KSNAA website to help with registration and more efficient use of our site. Our online voting that took place in the fall to elect new officers was an accomplishment; this will give them time to prepare for their new duties.

In closing, I was humbled to be your State President this past year. KSNAA is a great organization and I have one request that you will get involved in KSNAA. We have been in the Past, Present and now Future and we can only keep doing our jobs of feeding the students of KY. That is our Passion!

Humbly,

Cathy Hettmansperger, President



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June, 2020

Greetings Child Nutrition Professionals! So much has changed since the short time since I wrote the last Challenger letter. During these past few months, Kentucky's food service staff have gone above and beyond to feed children. There was practically no gap in nutrition services for Kentucky's students as you transitioned quickly from school meals to summer feeding when non-traditional instruction began in March. To date, nearly 24 million SFSP/SSO meals and 19,000 snacks have been served during the pandemic and this does not include all May numbers!

To further assist the children of Kentucky you have been instrumental in promoting and supporting the Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer Program (P-EBT). Over 550,000 students in Kentucky are eligible to receive P-EBT benefits of up to \$313.50 per student. These additional food dollars for families at this time is a tremendous and needed benefit. Your hard work is what makes this happen.

We also want to acknowledge your work and diligence throughout the spring in working to identify additional directly certified students. As a result, most sponsors participating in the Community Eligibility Program can restart their four-year claiming cycle at a higher reimbursement. The financial impact of the increased revenue over the next four years significantly helps child nutrition programs, schools, students and communities all across our state and also allows new schools to begin program participation and provide meals at no cost to their students starting this fall. For sponsors who are eligible, but are not currently participating in the CEP, the deadline to let SCN know if you would like to start the program is August 31<sup>st</sup>.

As you plan for reopening in the fall, SCN has created and is set to release food service operations reopening guidance this month. Throughout the pandemic, the USDA has supported the continued distribution of meals to children in Kentucky through much needed waivers. Continued flexibilities from the USDA will be critical as you reopen. SCN will continue to communicate information to you as soon as it is available to support your planning.

From everyone in the Division of School and Community Nutrition and the Kentucky Department of Education, we want to express our sincere gratitude for everything you have accomplished over the past months to ensure children continue to receive meals. Thank you seems inadequate, but you certainly have our thanks!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lauren E. Moore".

Lauren E. Moore, Director  
Division of School and Community Nutrition



AND THE WINNERS ARE...

## KSNA Director of the Year



**Josey Crew**, Hardin County School Nutrition Director, has been named Kentucky's **2019-2020 Director of the Year**. Josey has increased participation in the Summer Feeding program and made improvements to all aspects of the School Nutrition Programs in Hardin County. Ms. Crew has been doing on-going leadership training with Cafeteria Managers and invited presenters from outside agencies to speak at in-service trainings. Marketing for

NSLW and NSBW as well as other special events and communication with the community and school administrators have been priorities. She continues to promote the benefits of KSNA/SNA membership to her staff. Josey is the Region 2 Director for KSNA as well as the incoming KSNA Administrators Section Chair. Congratulations!

## KSNA Manager of the Year



**Angie Riddle**, Central Kitchen Manager at Barren County High School, has been named Kentucky's **2019-2020 Manager of the Year**. Angie has worked for Barren County Schools for 5 years beginning as a substitute. According to her director, CheyAnne Fant, "Angie has a heart for family, but treats others just like they are family". She is "the driving force behind the Summer Feeding Program" and ensures that students enjoy their meals by doing taste-tests at district student council meetings. Angie also takes care of her employees by organizing

birthday celebrations, mentoring, training and working to ensure employees with special needs are valued and respected. Ms. Riddle is a champion of KSNA/SNA membership and its benefits by encouraging membership and utilization of trainings offered by KSNA/SNA. Congratulations!

## KSNA & Southeast Region Employee of the Year



**Brittany Jones**, Cook at Campbellsburg Elementary in Henry County, is Kentucky's **2019-2020 Employee of the Year** and SNA's **Southeast Region Employee of the Year**. Brittany goes the extra mile to take care of the students and staff at her school. When apples are on the menu, she creates a station to cut the apples for those with missing teeth and creates beautiful artwork with food such as individual smiling face

vegetable trays and donut snowmen! Morning smoothies are served in cups with inspirational message written by her. She often dresses to match the menu with attire such as a hamburger hats and a t-shirt with a chicken leg. Each day, Angie plates a meal to post on Face Book which has encouraged parents to visit at lunchtime. Congratulations!



l to r: Tara McCawley, Manager & Jennifer Spring, Lead Assistant

**Customer Service Award** – This award is given to those individuals who go above and beyond to give their students and staff the best meal experience on a continuing basis. This year’s winner is Tara McCawley, Manager of George Unseld Early Childhood School, Jefferson County.

“Tara, the manager at Unseld ECC, keeps a beautiful kitchen, high morale amongst staff, teachers, and students, and promotes her programs in exemplary fashion. It takes a special type of manager to consistently follow the rules and guidelines, but also go above and beyond almost all marketing expectations, ultimately creating one of the best environments for students to thrive while participating in our programs.”

“At George Unseld Early Childhood Learning Center our students range from 3 to 5 years. My staff and myself love to entertain them whenever we can. We love choosing Disney Movies; something they can relate to. One of my favorites is ‘The Little Mermaid’ that we did for Halloween. And the day that the students wear their costumes my staff and I wear ours as well. We make it a point to go all out so our students love to come to lunch.

We love to decorate everything that our little ones can see, from the entrance of the serving line till they leave our serving line. I make sure that when they enter the lunch line they are transformed to a different place. Along with the decorations which are all handmade we have the ‘The Little Mermaid’ soundtrack playing. We along with the students sing the songs. It is truly a magical time and a memory I hope they will remember forever.”

**Tara McCawley**

**Team of the Year** - This award is given to school teams who have demonstrated excellence in management, service, and accountability. This year’s winner is Clark Moores Middle School, Madison County. Manager, Kathryn Allen, calls the staff “The Fantastic Five”. Congratulations

“They are very conscientious, not only to finish their own assigned tasks, but to join in and help their co-workers whenever needed. During the COVID-19 emergency, when they were shifted to another school to provide sack lunches, I could not have been prouder. Without complaint, they adjusted to the new situation and worked diligently to accomplish the daily tasks with the new group in which we were placed. We often, if not always, join in on the fun on dress-up days, from Halloween to Spirit Week.”



Left to right: Maria Harrison, Judy Moore, Kathryn (Kathy) Allen (manager), Tina Fox, Melissa Walters, Barbara Simpson



**Administrator of the Year** – This award is given to a District Supervisor, Consultant, or Coordinator whose efforts have helped to enhance the school foodservice and nutrition program in their district. This year’s winner is Jay Mills, SNS, of Jefferson County. Jay plays an important part in staff development, creating back to school videos, assisting school sites, and assisting with summer feeding and COVID-19 feeding sites. Jay encourages membership and involvement in KSN and SN and provides assistance to those working toward SN certificates. Congratulations!

**Friend of KSN Award** – is awarded to state personnel, school district administrator, industry member or legislator who exhibit extra effort in furthering the efforts of KSN. Bo Matthews, Superintendent of Barren County Schools, is the winner of this year’s award. Mr. Matthews is always incredibly supportive of Nutrition Services, and this has been especially evident, as the district has continued to feed the majority of their 5,740 students during the current COVID-19 school closures. He has driven a bus route each time meals have been delivered, helps other drivers load their buses, and knows the names of the children on his route. He even sang “Happy Birthday” to one of the kids. He is truly a servant-leader and so deserving of this recognition. Congratulations!



L to r: Hillary Snyder, Brittany Jones, Ashley Jones, Rhonda Simpson and Toni Jackson, manager.

**Helen Davis Marketing Hall of Fame Award**

– Campbellsburg Elementary, Henry County wins this award for 2019-2020 for their National School Breakfast Week event – School Breakfast: Out of this World. The staff dressed in NASA shirts and decorated the lines with Outer Space decorations, dimmed lighting. Working with the school’s PE teacher to support the importance of a good breakfast and holding a participation contest led to a 26.3% increase of breakfasts served.



Students also participated in an art contest. Congratulations! Toni Jackson is the manager at Campbellsburg Elementary.



**100% Membership –**

**Individual Schools:** Campbellsburg Elementary, Henry County  
**District-wide:** Harlan County Schools, Jack Miniard, SN Director, & SDM Administrator  
 Perry County Schools, Thomas Neace, SN Director, Deirdre White, SDM Administrator



**2019-2020  
Award  
of  
Excellence**

Gold

- Campbellsburg Elem- Henry
- Sorgho Elem- Daviess
- Kit Carson Elem- Madison
- White Hall Elem- Madison
- Boonesborough Elem- Madison
- Kingston Elem- Madison
- West Louisville Elem- Daviess
- Meadowlands Elem- Daviess
- Tamarack Elementary- Daviess
- College View Middle School- Daviess



Silver

- Clark Moores Middle- Madison
- Caudill Middle- Madison
- Madison Middle School- Madison
- Madison Kindergarten Academy- Madison
- Daviess County Middle- Daviess
- Burns Middle School- Daviess



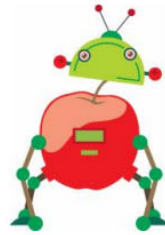
Bronze

- Beaumont Middle- Fayette
- Crawford Middle- Fayette
- Dixie Elementary- Fayette
- Garden Springs Elementary- Fayette
- Julius Marks Elementary- Fayette
- Millcreek Elementary- Fayette
- Morton Middle- Fayette
- Picadome Elementary- Fayette
- Russell Cave Elementary- Fayette
- Southern Elementary- Fayette
- Shannon Johnson Elem- Madison
- Daniel Boone Elem- Madison
- Waco Elem- Madison

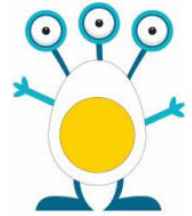
**100% Membership Award  
Kit Carson Elem- Madison  
Sorgho Elem- Daviess**



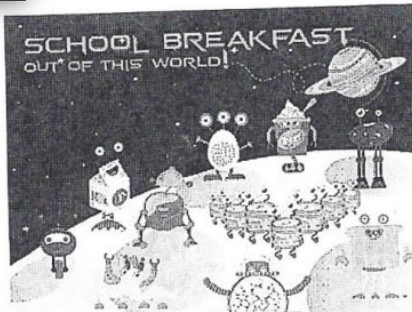
# KSNA Art Contest Winner 2020



**HAYDEE  
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GONZALEZ**



## KSNA ART CONTEST



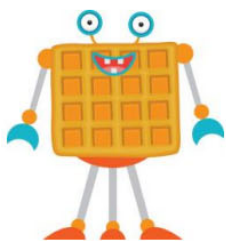
Name Haydee Placido Gonzalez Grade 3  
 School Bates Elementary School District JCPS  
 School Nutrition Director \_\_\_\_\_

*breakfast Space Food is*

### School Breakfast: Out of this World!



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