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# TSNA NEWS MAY 2026

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:



Dear TSNA Members,

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, I'm filled with excitement for what's just around the corner—our TSNA Conference in June! It's coming up very soon, and I truly can't wait to see everyone there.

We're adding some fun and spirit to this year's event, so be sure to come dressed "Rosie" style for the exhibits on Wednesday. For Tuesday night's industry reception, get ready to step back in time with our 1940s USO theme. Don't forget to bring your painted "Rosie Rocks" for display—I'm looking forward to seeing all of your creativity on show.

If you haven't registered yet, there's still time! Be sure to reach out to our Executive Director if you need registration forms or additional information. Also, please note that the pre-conference lineup has recently changed, so take a moment to review the updated schedule.

And yes—you know you want one of my annual Rosie pins! They will be available in the emporium, or you can pre-order yours by emailing our Executive Director.

As both the school year and my presidential term come to a close, I want to take a moment to wish each of you a happy and restful summer. It has been an absolute honor and a humbling experience to serve as your 2025–2026 TSNA President.

I look forward to celebrating with you all very soon!

**WITH GRATITUDE,  
CINDY STEPHENS  
PRESIDENT, TENNESSEE SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION**

## DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER!

It's not too late to register for the 2026 TSNA Annual Conference! Scan the QR code below to join us in Gatlinburg next month for 4 days full of excitement, learning, networking, and growth. You don't want to miss this conference!



## SCAN HERE TO REGISTER!



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## REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR #ANC26!

July 12 - 14, 2026  
Charlotte, NC

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your spot at the  
biggest school  
nutrition event of  
the year!

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website to order  
your Tennessee  
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Association merch,  
including past  
conference merch!

## OUR MISSION:

Our mission is to  
empower and  
support school  
nutrition  
professionals in  
advancing the  
accessibility,  
quality, and  
integrity of school  
nutrition programs.

# COMPLETE YOUR STAY IN GATLINBURG:

We are happy to offer a variety of lodging options for our 2026 Annual Conference attendees! Click [here](#) to explore various hotels near the Gatlinburg Convention Center that have a room block rate for June 14-18.

## KICK OFF CONFERENCE WEEK THE RIGHT WAY:

Our Pre-conference sessions are sure to start off your experience with excitement! Click [here](#) to check out which session is going to get you pumped for the days ahead and register.

## TSNA ROCK THE CONFERENCE:

Let's add creativity, inspiration, and a little fun to our June 2026 TSNA Conference! In the spirit of Rosie the Riveter and our empowering theme, we invite all TSNA members to participate in a special conference activity:

**"WE CAN DO IT - FEEDING AMERICA'S FUTURE ONE TRAY AT A TIME"**

### How to Join the Fun:

1. **Find a rock or rocks** – any size or shape that speaks to you.
2. **Paint or decorate your rock(s)** to reflect our theme. Think bold colors, motivational messages, or Rosie-inspired artwork!
3. **Bring your rock(s)** with you to the June 2026 Conference.
4. **Hide your painted rock(s)** throughout the conference center for others to discover—spreading encouragement, smiles, and reminders of the important work we do every day.

Each painted rock will serve as a symbol of strength, unity, and pride in our shared mission. Together, we can lift one another up and continue to make a difference—one tray (and one rock!) at a time.

### ALREADY PAINTING ROCKS?

Any district that has already begun painting rocks is encouraged to send photos to [info@tnsna.com](mailto:info@tnsna.com). These photos will be shared and published to inspire other districts across Tennessee to join the fun!

So grab your paint brushes, roll up your sleeves, and show your TSNA spirit...**Because WE CAN DO IT!**

## THROWBACK TIME!

We're looking for your favorite TSNA Conference memories! Send us your photos to be featured at the 2026 Annual Conference:

[sna@sealevelsocialmedia.com](mailto:sna@sealevelsocialmedia.com)



## REMINDER!

Fill out your Chapter Affiliation/ Re-Affiliation Form and Liaison/Delegate Assembly Registration Form.

Click [here](#) to download and fill out the forms!

## SUBSCRIPTION LIST:

Click [here](#) to join our subscription list and stay in the know with all things TSNA!

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## SCHOOL NUTRITION FOUNDATION

Last year, the School Nutrition Foundation awarded over 100 scholarships to SNA members. They awarded scholarships for conferences, professional development, and equipment grants. Donating to SNF is easy and even small donations can make a difference. You can make donations online at: [click here](#).



## CHECK OUT WHAT'S IN STORE FOR JUNE:

Visit the [State Conference](#) page on our website to explore a variety of resources for the upcoming conference.

Be sure to follow us on social media for updates on the conference!  
**Facebook: @Tenn.SNA | Instagram: @Tennessee\_SNA**

## ANOTHER GREAT YEAR FOR THE CULINARY ACADEMY:

This year's Culinary Academy was one for the books, bringing school nutrition professionals together for hands-on experiences, new ideas, and plenty of delicious moments! Click [here](#) to see them in action.



**If you're attending ANC this year, be sure to stop by the JTM booth to vote for Roane County, TN in the Crave Contest!**



## SEE YOU IN GATLINBURG!



Feeding America's Future, One Tray at a Time