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NYSED CHILD NUTRITION

RECOGNIZING SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE PROFESSIONALS

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR



SED Child Nutrition program office's recognition of outstanding work.

Thank you to all school food service staff and best wishes to those retiring!

Academy Charter School

Nassau County



**Sebastian Sanchez,
Cook**

Positive,
Caring and
Reliable

Great job!



92% Lunch
Participation!!

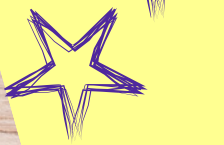
"Sebastian has over 20 years working in restaurants and what he brings to the students table is passion, experience and a love for food." - Michael Banschback, Food Service Director

Student participation has increased with Sebastian's new menu items:
Jerk Chicken, Stir Fry, and Grilled Chicken Pesto Sandwiches



The food made rivals restaurants and has brightened days for both students and staff who can't say enough good things about Sebastian and the food service team

Thank you!



Sandy Creek CSD:

Oswego County



Tracy Sullivan,
Food Service
Director

Tracy is passionate about ensuring students have a "full stomach of healthy foods."

Expanded CN programs

- Afterschool Snack Program
- 30% NYS Initiative
- Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program



Make your own salad!



Apples with chocolate hummus in a waffle bowl



Tater Tots with sloppy joe!



Annual movie theme with giveaways
This years theme was Willy Wonka and included "Golden Tickets" on certain meal components
This gets students excited to eat school meals!

Tracy comes from a long family history of "feeding people."

"Serving local farm fresh meats and produce provides our students with a first hand look & taste of how they can grow & cook the same foods at home"
-Tracy

WOW!!!

Tracy has been in the food service industry for over 48 years!



Bill Koucky,
Food Service Director



Bill Koucky has been in
food service for over
40 years!

His experience includes
being a culinary
instructor at the New
England Culinary
Institute

Sesame Noodle
Salad with
Chicken and
oranges →

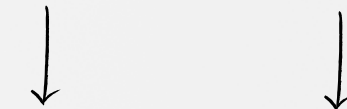
Bill provides diverse
meals from around the
world, uses fresh
vegetables from the
garden, and cooks
from scratch!



Mountain Lake Childrens Residence Essex County



Pulled Pork Tacos



Greek Chicken Salad

"Bill enjoys the challenge of introducing new dishes while also working within the component guidelines for the school nutrition program. The impact has been profound on our campus. Providing delicious and healthy meals not only helps our students physically but also sets the tone for a positive outlook on the day."
-Matt Verni, Business Official

3 words to describe Bill:

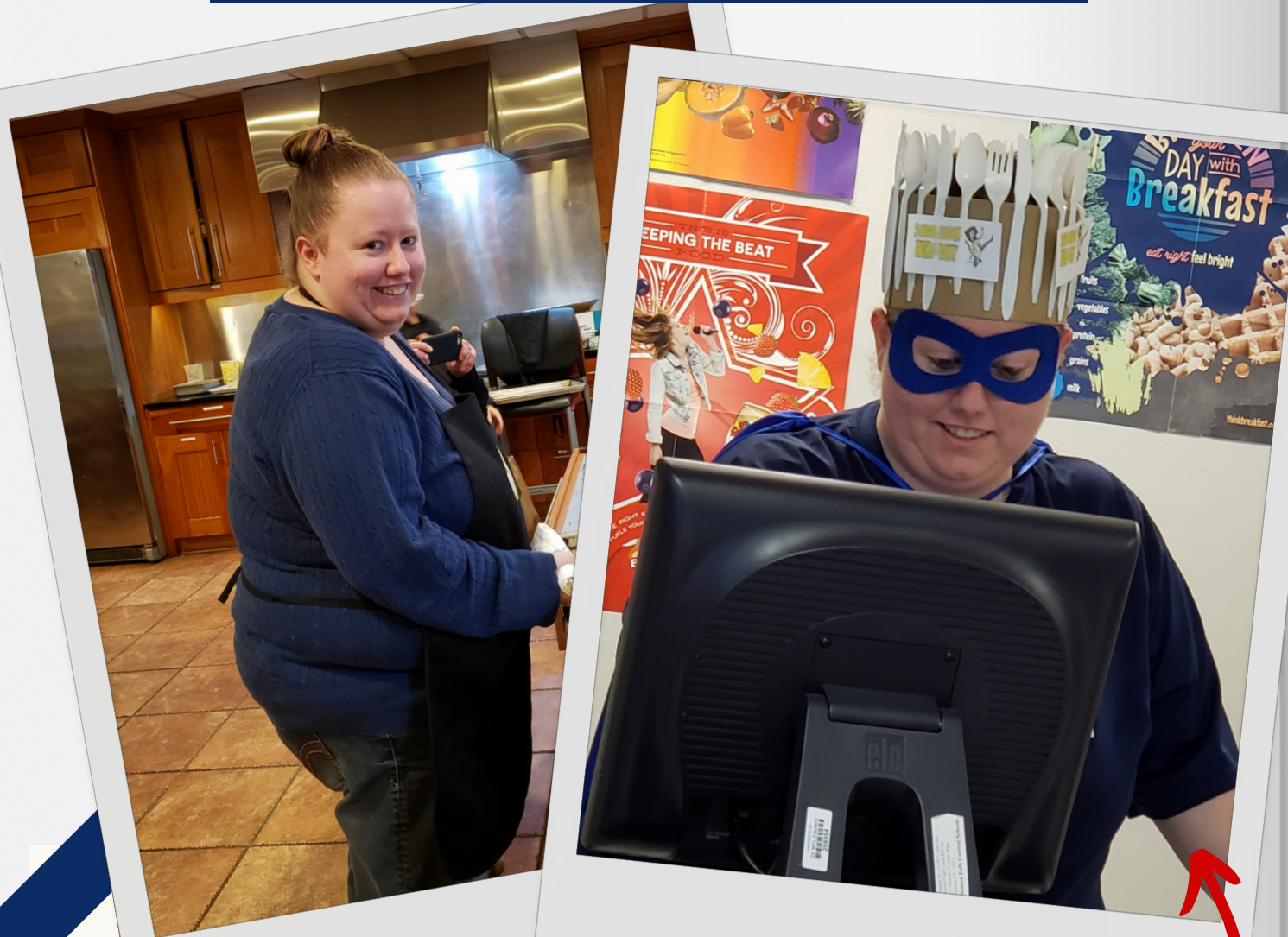
Positive
Motivated
Resourceful



Courtney McClelland
Cook Manager

Seneca Falls CSD

Seneca County



A few words to describe Courtney are:

- Positive
- Leader
- Reliable
- Team Oriented



Courtney has been with Seneca Falls CSD for over 15 years!

Courtney McClelland is a huge asset to Seneca Falls CSD. She goes **above and beyond** what is expected of her and is able to maintain a positive outlook!

Food Service Director, Stephanie Lyon-Lawrence, refers to Courtney as her **"Right Hand Person"**



FRESH PRODUCE FROM THEIR GARDEN!

Way to go!

Thank you!

ANITA TRAUTWEIN
FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR



Jen Konarski (left)
 Nicole Farrell (right)
Anita Trautwein (center)

Anita nominated two food service workers for Holland's Triple H Award- Holland's Highest Honor!

30 years!

"Anita's experience has been **invaluable**."- Christine Ljungberg, Business Official

Since starting at Holland CSD, Anita has: provided **vital training** to staff, increased **participation** & helped build **camaraderie**!

46% lunch participation!

Holland CSD
Erie County

INCREASED PARTICIPATION
KNOWLEDGEABLE



GREAT RAPPORT



PROVIDED MUCH NEEDED TRAINING

TEAMWORK PERSONABLE

TRULY AMAZING!

Anita retired from Alden CSD in 2021



She came back to **help** Holland CSD in the spring of 2022!

Orange Ulster Boces

Orange County



The amazing team led by Food Service Director, Tracy Green-Deserto, provides over

605 daily breakfast meals

648 daily lunches

195,000 free meals per year

125 Years of Combined Experience



Joann
8 Years

Dedicated ✨ ✨ ✨

Sets the bar high



Barbara
16 Years

Flexible ~~~~~



Robin
6 Months

Perfectionist



Carmela
18 Years

Happy 🌈



Michele
17 Years

! *Great Attitude*



Cristina
2 Years

Well oiled machine



Jennifer
2 Years



Gary
33 Years

St Lawrence Lewis BOCES

Saint Lawrence County

Thank you to Craig Orvis, for his dedication to many schools over the years.

He has not only worked in Child Nutrition as Cook Manager, Food Service Director, and SED Master Instructor, but also became a bus driver for the schools!



Craig Orvis,
Food Service Director

Craig has worked in several schools throughout his 35 year career:

- Lyme Central School
- Watertown City SD
- St Lawrence Lewis Boces
- Carthage CSD

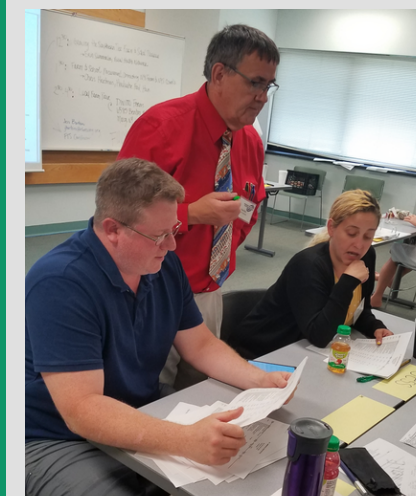


Craig understands the important role Child Nutrition plays in helping children thrive. He is proud to have been there with his staff to support students and families with healthy, balanced meals.

Craig believes that networking is imperative for Food Service Directors. He has enjoyed sharing his knowledge as a Master Instructor and encourages directors to reach out to experienced directors in their area.



Craig finds joy in interacting with the students both in the cafeteria and on the bus.



Craig's Catchphrase:
"Just feed my kids"

"Knowledge is no good if it is not shared!"
-Craig

Hammond CSD

Saint Lawrence County



Chelsie Washburn,
Cafe Manager

Chelsie started at Hammond CSD in August 2022. She has many years of experience working in food service and served as a General Manager of a small family-owned deli.

"Chelsie is extremely dedicated and fully invested in serving the best quality meals to our students."

-Blaine Hoppel, Food Service Director

Chelsie believes that creating an environment that is both welcoming to students and staff is essential



Green eggs for Dr. Seuss's birthday!



36% SBP participation!

Detailed production records ensure daily offerings last the duration of breakfast



To maintain high participation Hammond CSD provides a menu that is vast in variety but includes past favorites

Nearly 50% lunch participation!



Fresh, local apples!

Brenda Rossi

Cook Manager



After 24 years in school food service, Brenda is retiring! Brenda wore many hats during her time at North Colonie, and is **knowledgeable about every job in the kitchen.**

Brenda's favorite memories include: time with students, creating connections and happy faces during tough times!

North Colonie
CENTRAL SCHOOLS
Albany County



She will fondly remember when she was the school baker, making fresh baked goods for the students.



Brenda will miss the staff, her colleagues and the students.

— HAPPY —
Retirement



Buffalo City School District

Erie County

Wow!
31 years!



Bridget O'Brien Wood,
Food Service Director



After 31 years of service, Bridget is retiring! Bridget has loved her work and remembered a time early in her career when she was told "There is no greater vocation than to feed a hungry child". She lived by these words throughout her time with Buffalo City School District and fed over 26,000 children per day!

SED
Master
Instructor



Bridget is proud of the connections she facilitated between **local farmers** and the school district. Bringing fresh, local product to schools, creating a sense of community, and introducing students to farming and new foods!



Bridget is a leader in the farm to school community and implemented many initiatives to better serve her students.



★ Staff! ★

Bridget will miss watching the fantastic staff interact with students and each other. She enjoyed seeing staff grow and change in their careers and personal lives.

Reminders from
Bridget:
There is always
something to learn

Keep building on
what you have.

Create
partnerships



"There are
bright spots
everywhere
you look"
- Bridget



Liverpool CSD

Onondaga County

Way to go



Elizabeth Corrigan
Cook Manager

Elizabeth started working at Liverpool CSD part time while balancing her young children and employment. She quickly began to love the staff, environment and students. Over the years, her **passion** for the Child Nutrition Programs has grown. She recently received credentials as a "School Nutrition Specialist" after being awarded the "Memorial Trust Fund" scholarship from SNA.



Liverpool food service staff utilize a staff training day to complete in a "Top Chef" style competition



FRESH FRUITS



Some of Liverpool's best practices include **taste testing** with high school students in the business class to develop a marketing program for the Child Nutrition Programs

Long Lake CSD

Hamilton County



*SED
Master
Instructor*



After 24 years of superb service as the Food Service Director, Karl Geiger has retired

Karl concluded his career by teaching the next generation of Child Nutrition professionals at the SED Child Nutrition annual **Professional Cooking Training!**



Karl's words of wisdom for new Food Service Directors:
"Stay hungry for knowledge and growth in your field"



Karl loved being an integral part of the community and enjoyed watching the students grow throughout the years.



We wish him well as he moves on to his next adventure. He is looking forward to more time with family. Thank you Karl!





*Have a
great
Summer!*

Send your
best practices to
cnsplight@nysed.gov

Thank you!