

FSNA's 59th Annual Conference & Expo!

Join us April 30 – May 2 for FSNA's 59th Annual Conference & Expo!

We are back in Orlando for this year's festivities, but with a few new twists!

Instead of a separate Awards Ceremony, the awards will be split among three General Sessions and the Installation Banquet. The Opening General Session and Awards on Friday evening, sponsored by Snyder's of Hanover, will include President's Award Recognition, 100% Membership and 100% Certification

Recognition and the Years of Service Awards. This session will also feature Ron Freeman, a powerful speaker who has inspired thousands across the US to be their very best. As a young boy, Ron was told he would be dead or in jail before he was 18. Instead, he earned a Master's degree from Pittsburg State University in Kansas and was a professional football player. Through his experiences, he helps people of all backgrounds understand how drawing on what you can do propels you to be your very best.



Ron Freeman

Past President Judy Nixon passed away in 2005 from brain cancer. During her fight with this debilitating disease, Judy became a vocal advocate of women's health issues. To honor Judy and her struggle, her family, through the FSFS Foundation, has endowed the Judy B. Nixon Memorial Health Series. This year, Joshua



Joshua Goodling

Goodling was selected as the Keynote Speaker. At the age of four, Joshua was diagnosed with terminal cancer. The doctors said he had one week to live, and his chances of survival were zero. That was over 38 years ago, so it's been a long week! He is now an accomplished speaker and author. Joshua uses his experiences (both good and bad) to make a difference in the lives of others and after this session, we hope you will, too. During this session on Saturday morning, you can join others in congratulating the winners of the Florida Smart Start Awards (FSBW), Smart Start Awards (NSBW), the Super School Awards and Nutrition Awards.

The Closing General Session and Awards on Saturday afternoon, sponsored by Schwan's Food Service will reveal the winners of the Thelma Flanagan Quality Program Awards, Innovative Idea Award (FS E/M Level), Community Humanitarian Award, Public Policy & Legislative Award, Leadership Award (FS E/M Level), Student Wellness Advisory Council (SWAC) of the Year Award, Retiree of the Year Award and Outstanding Manager of the Year Award. Charles Marshall will also join us and share ideas on "How to be a Hero". In real life, heroes aren't rock stars, movie stars or sports figures. Real life heroes are the people who make a difference with their lives by believing in, and investing in, the lives of those around them. This session will help you learn how to believe in yourself, believe in the world around you and believe in other people.

The Saturday Evening Banquet, sponsored by M & B Products, will be a time to honor the local chapter presidents and FSNA Board and

install FSNA's new officers. The prestigious Heart of the Program Award, Louise Sublette Award of Excellence and Outstanding Director of the Year Award will also be presented at this time.

Back by popular demand, the Friday Night Party will be sponsored by U.S. Foodservice Florida and several of our exhibitors and hosted by Jeanie Perez. This party is our exhibitors' way of saying "THANK YOU" to our members. Be sure to drop by and thank them for this fun evening. Remember, seating is limited!

Since the Administrators and Supervisors' slots in the exhibit hall are so popular, we have decided to add the managers during this time period. Remember that badges must be worn for admission to the Expo Hall. Take time to visit each booth and let them know we appreciate them participating in the show. Without our exhibitors, there would not be an Annual Conference, and without our school food service members, we would not need our exhibitors.

As always, volunteers are needed to help with conference. If you are interested, please fill out the Facilitator/Volunteer Request form on page 39. Consider giving an hour or two and enrich YOUR conference!

Included in this copy of the *School Food in Florida* is a Conference Registration form, along with hotel reservation information and a tentative agenda. Send in your registration now, but definitely by the April 1, 2009 deadline. If you need additional information, call FSNA at (888) 878-1832 or visit our website at www.floridaschoolnutrition.org. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you in Orlando, April 30 – May 2, 2009!