Celebrating Leadership and Innovation

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Agenda

- Welcome and Acknowledgements
- Presentation of Leadership and Innovation Awards
- Panel Discussion
- Group Q+A
- Resources and Reminders
- Closing and Thank You
CALIFORNIA FOOD FOR CALIFORNIA KIDS®

California Food for California Kids is an initiative of the Center for Ecoliteracy
Network at a Glance

49% network districts integrate food and agriculture curriculum

67% network districts promote local food in schools

65% network districts encourage students to eat more local foods
Farm to School

- 48% have implemented Farm to School for 3-5 years
- Leading in Farm to School learning opportunities for students are nutrition education posters, Harvest of the Month or California Thursdays, classroom lessons, and culinary programs
School food heroes have provided farm to school activities for more than 730,000 students at over 1,200 sites.
2021 Leadership and Innovation Award Winners
San Luis Coastal Unified School District

2021 Leadership Award for Cultivating an Innovative Farm to School Culture

Erin Primer
Food and Nutrition Services Director
5,300 meals served daily
Fresh and Locally-Sourced Menu Items
Investing in People through Professional Development
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Palm Springs Unified School District

2021 Innovation Award for School Food Policy Advocacy

Stephanie Bruce, MBA
Director, Nutrition Services
30,000 meals served daily

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USDA Undersecretary Kevin Concannon’s visit to Palm Springs USD
Stephanie Bruce and Jack O’Connell, former State Superintendent of Instruction

Stephanie Bruce with Frank Harris and Gene White at the Legislative Action Conference in D.C.

Stephanie Bruce with Congressman Ruiz
Mt. Diablo Unified School District

2021 Innovation Award for Garden Education and School Food Collaboration

Dominic Machi
Director of Food and Nutrition Services and Warehouse

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Jennifer Sachs
Chief of Educational Services
Thank you Mrs. Woodard!

OGMS Summer 2021
Western Placer Unified School District

2021 Innovation Award for Community Collaboration in Feeding Children and Families

Christina Lawson, SNS
Food Service Director
West Contra Costa Unified School District

2021 Innovation Award for All Organic Procurement and Food Distribution

Barbara Jellison
Director of Food Services
Pajaro Valley Unified School District

2021 Innovation Award for Nutrition Education and Enrichment for Virtual Learners

Linda Liu, RD
Director of Food and Nutrition Services
Panel Discussion
Resources and Reminders
PLANT-FORWARD
Culinary Workshops for School Nutrition Staff

1:00 - 2:30 pm PDT

September 28, 2021
September 29, 2021
September 30, 2021

The same workshop will be offered across three days.
Resources and Reminders

- CEP selection deadline is next Thursday, September 30
- New P-EBT benefits website for California
- Waiver for Fiscal Action Flexibility for Meal Pattern Violations Related to COVID-19 Supply Chain Disruptions 2021-2022 SY
Thank you!