GET YOUR SNEAKERS ON AND GET READY TO RUN DOWN YOUR DREAM!

As incoming President, my message and dream is really no different than many of the Presidents that came before me and those that will come after me. However, the difference with every person’s pursuit of a dream is the people intertwined. I am extraordinarily lucky to have great people supporting me and the pursuit of my dreams; family, friends, co-workers, employees, industry partners, organizations and the list goes on and on. I encourage you to slow down and take a moment to look around you and identify (and THANK) the people that support you on your journey toward your dream. Many times they won’t even realize their role in the pursuit of your DREAM.

So what are some of the dreams I have for FSNA during the upcoming year?

• The Membership committee will need help from everyone to meet their goal. Currently, Florida is 6th in the nation for membership at 2,566. Georgia is #1 at 4,292 national members. We told Georgia at the National Leadership Conference that FLORIDA IS COMING FOR THEM! I want Florida to be #1 in the Nation for membership! The Membership committee will be giving the local chapters membership goals to meet and ideas on how to get it done! If every chapter meets their goals we will be #1!

• The Professional Development committee is going to be tasked with exploring opportunities and resources available that will enable members to meet the new Federal Professional Standards, which will include opportunities at Annual Conferences, Region Seminars, and Local Chapter meetings.

• The Marketing committee is going to work with members on improving the recognition of school nutrition programs as equal importance in the education process. Through targeted grassroots efforts, the local chapters and members are going to be on the front lines of making sure the state and the nation knows how awesome school meals are in Florida!

• Lastly, the FSNA Board will look at the efficiency and effectiveness of the current association structure. This will include evaluation of the current committees, scholarships and awards, as well as the review of financial and human resources to ensure FSNA is meeting the ongoing and future priorities of all members.

WOW, that is a lot to tackle for the upcoming year, but with all the great, passionate members of FSNA we will be RUNNIN’ DOWN A DREAM together!

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