

Vice President

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I have always loved school meals. I loved eating the food, except for cooked prunes! Yuck! I loved my cafeteria ladies, especially the ladies at Mulberry Elementary in Statesville City Schools. I look back and see how those special ladies influenced my career choice today. My first job was in food service and as I worked my way through high school and college I held two food service jobs. I guess you could say “the food service industry” has been in my blood for a long time. It was during my college internship with Guilford County Schools I discovered my true love—Child Nutrition. I was hooked from the very beginning.

After college I had an opportunity to work with Guilford County Schools as a supervisor. After about 1 ½ years I had the wild notion to try my hand at being a director. In 1995 I became the third director for Davie County Schools where I am currently still holding that position. Over the last 15 years I have become a certified SNA member. Our association has afforded me the opportunity to serve on the Marketing Committee, NAC Committee, Nutrition Committee where I served as Chair, with recent service as the Industry Chair. Our state members elected me to serve as Secretary for two years. I have attended all of our state conferences since becoming a member and have attended one national leadership conference, two national industry conferences, and five national conferences.

From the first time I stepped into our state conference I was in awe and knew one day I wanted to be a part of this great organization. We are so fortunate to have an opportunity to have SNA-NC to be our voice and provide us with rich resources to aid us in our jobs. We as members must be committed to our association, our jobs and be strong in our beliefs that we are an important role in a child’s life each and everyday. I would love the opportunity to serve as your next vice president to continue renewing our place in the education system and building a strong state association.