



Greetings GSNA Family,

Challenges are gifts that force us to search for a new center of gravity. Don't fight them. Just find a new way to stand. - **Oprah Winfrey**. We have proven this quote to be true in so many ways. We are resilient, proved we could pivot, withstood the many changes, had our world turned on its head, and guess what? **WE ARE STILL STANDING! WE ARE STILL MARCHING FORWARD!!!**

It is truly an honor for me to serve as your 2022-2023 GSNA President. I am thrilled to be working with such an exceptional group of members in the months ahead. A world we cannot yet imagine lies before us. Still, I am confident that GSNA and its members will provide the innovative leadership necessary to prepare our association to be incredibly successful in this ever-changing industry.

As I look ahead to the upcoming year, I want to share one of my favorite adages: "Many hands make light work." There is tremendous power in the size of our membership and the talents our members bring to this association. Through our collective action, I am confident we can fulfill our mission and **march** in unison to the sound of our **heartbeat**.

So, Welcome Back, Family! I look forward to seeing all the returning members in many capacities this year. If you are new to the Georgia School Nutrition Association, WELCOME! You have joined a fantastic team, and we look forward to all you bring to our association. I am so proud you are a part of our team and will be on this journey with us as we focus on 4 pillars for building up our association through growth in membership, development of future leaders, defining the core value of industry partners, and restoring association finances. GSNA has so much to offer, so I encourage YOU to get involved and stay engaged at the local or state level; opportunities are waiting to be seized. So come on, grab your drum, join in on the drumline as we create new stories to become stronger than we have ever been!

I look forward to seeing and hearing all the amazing things you are doing in your local districts to drive our association forward. The **Heart of the Mission** aims to establish new standards for the advancement of our **mission**, so claim your spot in the band as we begin... 🥁 **Marching to the Heartbeat of Our Mission** 🎵 🎵 🎵

Thank you for allowing me to serve alongside you this year. I genuinely appreciate your support and encourage you to share any feedback and ideas you may have as we work together this year. I greatly appreciate your involvement, interest, leadership, and support of GSNA's Mission and Vision.

Hope is the Heartbeat of the Soul!

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GSNA President - 2022-2023

"The desire to reach for the stars is ambitious. The desire to reach **HEARTS** is wise."
– Maya Angelou