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SDPC FOODS DIRECTOR WINS STATE RECOGNITION

The South Carolina School Nutrition Association has named Sally Nicholson, Director of Student Nutrition Services for the School District of Pickens County, as the Director of the Year. This statewide achievement recognizes the extraordinary contributions of school nutrition directors who manage effective, fiscally sound school meal programs that provide healthy, appetizing meals to students.

"School nutrition directors are responsible for planning well-balanced meals that appeal to student tastes, while overcoming the challenges of tight budgets and complex nutrition and food safety standards," said Cindy Jacobs, President of the South Carolina School Nutrition Association. "Sally Nicholson superior accomplishments in the school nutrition arena illustrate her exceptional leadership and tremendous dedication to School District of Pickens County students."

The Director of the Year Award was created to recognize school nutrition directors who exhibit an extraordinary commitment to their school meal programs. The directors are responsible for maintaining the quality of the program through student interaction, menu planning and a commitment to serving nutritious, tasty and well-balanced school meals. Through effective oversight of all aspects of foodservice operations, including budgeting, staffing, training, marketing and community outreach, school nutrition directors ensure the overall success of school meal programs.

"This was a huge, huge honor. I was shocked, and totally blown off my feet," Nicholson said. "I'm very blessed to have a career that I enjoy, and I have one of the best food service teams I could ever ask for. They really get the mission of feeding children quality, healthy, nutritious meals every day."

Nicholson will be honored a National Student Nutrition Association Conference in Salt Lake City this summer. As South Carolina representative, she will also be considered for the national School Nutrition Association's Director of the Year Award.

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