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Haynes wins national SNA competition

SES cafeteria manager will represent DCPS at Legislative Action Conference

Heather Haynes, cafeteria manager at Sorgho Elementary School, has been notified that she is the winner of the national School Nutrition Association 2019 Legislation Action Conference video contest.

Haynes had been named one of three finalists in the competition, which invited school nutrition professionals across the country to submit videos describing the benefits of a healthy school lunch. View Haynes' exciting winning entry here: <https://youtu.be/tWHiWo4OqIA>

"Winning this trip to LAC is an amazing opportunity!" Haynes said. "I am so excited to travel to Washington D.C. to be a voice for our kids and their nutrition. The training offered at this conference is top notch and I'm really looking forward to bringing that back to Daviess County and Sorgho Elementary. I also have the opportunity to bring a second person to LAC with me. It was no question that Louise Weston, cafeteria manager at Daviess County Middle School, is perfect! She is an excellent example for all of us!"

In addition to being an excellent and experienced cafeteria manager, Weston was also named the DCPS Kids First Customer Service Award winner for 2018-19.

Haynes and Weston will join school nutrition advocates from across the nation as they meet with legislators and advocate for national public policy efforts supporting school nutrition programs. The conference is scheduled from Feb. 24-26.

As she always does, Haynes is going "above and beyond" with this invitation, and has proposed a project to benefit the homeless in the D.C. area. "When I heard I was a finalist, my immediate thought was that if this really happens, I have to give back somehow," Haynes said. "This is where 'Operation Hot Hands' began! Through conversations with Lisa Sims, SNA representative Hailey Frye, the Washington D.C. Department of Human Services, and Sorgho's Family Resource Center coordinator, Lucas Vilorio, this idea is becoming a reality! This drive will include Hot Hand packets and gloves, which will be donated to homeless shelters and shelters in Daviess County and in Washington D.C. Lucas has been a huge help with talking through these ideas and with his continued support, I know this will be a wonderful fundraiser! It's great to know that we can all come together and make a difference! A team from the DCPS nutrition department will be going to D.C. a day early to hand out PB&J sandwiches, Hot Hands and gloves, and handmade cards from our Sorgho kiddos. I want people to know that they matter, just as we do for our kids every day in the cafeteria! This is the perfect opportunity to make that happen!"

DCPS food services director Lisa Sims said, "Congress needs to hear from those of us in School Nutrition and I am confident that Heather will represent Daviess County and Kentucky well."

Note to media – Our media partners are invited to interview Heather Haynes or enjoy a great school lunch at Sorgho Elementary School, 5390 Kentucky 56. Contact Haynes at 270-852-7470 or heather.haynes@daviess.kyschools.us