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EGAN NAMED SILVER FRIEND OF CHILD NUTRITION AWARD WINNER

NEW ORLEANS, La. – Jan. 21, 2018 – Senior Instructor, Beth Mincemoyer Egan, M.Ed., RD, SNS, of the Pennsylvania State University (PSU), University Park, Pa., is the 2018 recipient of the National Foodservice Achievement Management Excellence's (FAME) Silver Friend of Child Nutrition Award. She received her award at the FAME award ceremony held at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans during the School Nutrition Association's 2018 School Nutrition Industry Conference.

The Silver Friend of Child Nutrition Award is awarded to an advocate of school nutrition such as a principal, state association representative, or community leader who supports school nutrition beyond the scope of their normal professional duties.

"I am so very honored and humbled to win the Friend of Child Nutrition FAME award. I feel like I am joining a very prestigious group," said Egan. "I was lucky to discover the field of Child Nutrition right out of college and have loved every minute of working in the profession, particularly in my role as a college faculty member. Child nutrition professionals inspire me every day with their dedication to nourishing our nation's children. I am grateful for the opportunity I've had to play a part in educating and encouraging our industry's future professionals. I'm thrilled to be recognized within my chosen profession by this award."

Egan began working as an instructor at PSU in 1995 and became a senior instructor in 2015. In her role as an instructor and academic advisor with Penn State World Campus, Egan worked with many child nutrition professionals to complete their continuing education and degrees. Many of her former students have become child nutrition program directors and local, state, and national leaders in the School Nutrition Association.

Promoting child nutrition and careers in the field is a top priority for Egan. In her current role, Egan teaches and advises hospitality management and nutrition students in food safety and food service management where she makes a point to introduce students to the child nutrition industry. She has trained over 1000 school nutrition employees, managers, and directors to help them to better understand the keys to running successful child nutrition programs.

"The highlights of my career have been the students with whom I've been privileged to work. I am especially proud of those who have gone in to the Child Nutrition profession and especially those who have served their professional association, SNA, on the local, state and national level. Right now three of my former students are State Presidents or President-elects. Several of my former students have served on SNA National Committees and/or the

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SNA Board of Directors,” said Egan.

An avid supporter of the School Nutrition Foundation, Egan served on its board for several terms. She also played an active role in the School Nutrition Association’s Research Committee, where she helped develop the new SNA Ethics Professional Development program “What Should You Do?”, the original School Nutrition Program internship, a resource guide for the Keys to Excellence, and served on the editorial board for the Journal of Child Nutrition and Research. As the College Section chair she helped implement the Child Nutrition poster showcases for best practice at ANC and bring more awareness to research being done in the school nutrition field.

For 29 years the FAME Awards have been honoring school nutrition professionals who raise the industry standards by tackling challenges within their school districts and communities. FAME event tickets can be obtained by visiting www.fameawards.net. For event updates throughout the year, visit www.fameawards.net or www.facebook.com/fameawards.

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