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TASN 2009 Annual Conference- A Texas-sized Success!

The TASN 2009 Annual Conference in Houston, Texas was a huge success, largely in part to the support of our sponsors, instructors, exhibitors, volunteers, and attendees!

Over 260 exhibits featured the latest and greatest products in the school food service industry. TASN exhibits are always a highlight for attendees as they not only showcase new products but also educate members on nutrition, equipment, and other aspects of the industry.

Close to 1,300 attendees from across the state participated in more than 50 learning sessions, topics ranging from school food finance and emergency readiness to customer service and food safety. Sessions were led by out-of-state food service directors, National Food Service Management Institute professional instructors, TASN industry members, and many of TASN's very own talented and knowledgeable members.

Attendees were also treated to two fantastic general session keynote speakers, Kathleen Passanisi and Doug Lipp. Passanisi focused on managing stress, causing fits of laughter during the First General Session, while Lipp focused on customer service, drawing from his experiences as a Disney executive.

Also a highlight was the TASN Awards Ceremony, during which 189 awards and scholarships were announced, recognizing school districts, members, and TASN chapters for outstanding achievement during the 2008-2009 school year.

TASN also hosted several new programs at the 2009 Conference, the First Annual TASN Health Fair and Blood Drive, benefiting the Gulf Coast Blood Center, and a Top Chef Competition, highlighting the skills of several top food service managers and the products of many generous exhibitors.

TASN is committed improving student achievement through nutrition by providing leadership assistance, nutritional information and program guidance to all school food authorities in developing effective and comprehensive nutrition services. For more information on TASN and their annual conference, visit www.TASN.net.