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Fall Newsletter 2026

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Ambassador Award
Rilee Froehling RD LD



Rilee encourages fellow foodservice professionals to pursue continuing education and the CDM credential. Her mentorship and leadership reflect the values of both the CDM credential and the Minnesota ANFP. She has attended MN ANFP Fall Conferences in the past and would often ask me if I had learned anything new that could benefit CDMs' /RDs'.



All Minnesota Recipients will be Nominated for the same Award at ACE 2027

CDM of the Year
Laura Keske, CDM CFPP



Laura has also spent her career mentoring and training staff. Providing them with the tools and skills they need to be successful. Her interactions with every single staff member from the dish washer to the supervisors and everyone in between in is personable and inspires that person to perform to their highest level. She has promoted dozens of employees who have grown in their career.

Fall Conference Recaps













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THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEER LEADERS

The Minnesota ANFP Board of Directors is made up of passionate CDMs, CFPPs that volunteer their time. This is a rewarding opportunity and we welcome all members to ask how you can get involved.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Webinar-Are you Ready to
Become a CDM,CFPP?
November 12th,
10a.m.-10:45a.m.



Save the Date!
ANFP ACE
June 23-25th, 2027
Planet Hollywood
Las Vegas, NV

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Minnesota Fall Board Meeting Summary
4pm Tuesday October 6th, 2026

The Minnesota ANFP Board met on October 6 at Gran Casino Hinkley. President Shawn Pierce opened the meeting at 4pm. Minutes from June meeting were approved, and Treasurer CarieAnn reviewed expenses, bank balances, and cost of Fall Conference. We discussed the vendor show and recognized that we had lost 5 vendors, Jeff Wuollet brought up new ways for us to reach new vendors and explained why some vendors have decided to no longer attend the ANFP conference.

Discussion surrounding MN ANFP Membership numbers. Current membership is 325. Board is discussiong ways to help increase membership, a survey will be going out to current membership to gather feedback about the Fall Conference and ways to help increase membership.

Board discussed what it would like to foucs on for the Diamond Award, a follow up meeting will follow to discuss how we plan to proceed.

The board went over Leading Age and who will attend the booth during the vendor show, President Shawn Pierce will host the booth.

Remainder of meeting was spent on reviewing the Fall Conference and ensuring that everything was in place for the next two days of education.

Meeting adjourned at 6pm

MN State is proud to announce that they will be offering the first MN online Certified Dietary Manage program

About the Program

M State's Online Dietary Manager Program is a non-credit certificate program designed to prepare students for employment and advancement in non-commercial foodservice settings, including long-term care, healthcare, assisted living, corrections, and other institutional foodservice environments. The program combines 120 hours of flexible online instruction with 150 hours of hands-on field experience. Online classroom instruction is asynchronous and may include pre-recorded lectures, instructional modules, readings, assignments, and assessments.

More informaiton can be found using this link

https://mnscu.rschooltoday.com/public/getclass/category_id/327/program_id/47/subcategory_id/7348



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A Thank You to Our Members!

Thank you to all of our members who joined us for our 2026 Fall Conference. We know how hard it can be to take time away from our communities and we appreciate you taking some time to connect with us and our fellow CDM, CFPPs!

Please feel free to reach out to us anytime at MNANFP@gmail.com for questions or concerns regarding CEU certificates from conference. You can go to Eventbrite for other resources from the conference, also. Look for more information on our small pop-up meetings around the state on our Facebook or LinkedIn page.

Let's keep the momentum going, building our confidence and amplifying our voices!