



FOOD SERVICE PERSONNEL CONFERENCE

August 19, 2025

7:45 AM – 2:00 PM

Geneseo Central School District

**“Understanding Team Dynamics:
What’s Your Role”**

**Keynote Session with Christina Fecio
and**

Chef Demonstration with Land O’Lakes



Breakfast & lunch provided



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Board of Cooperative Educational Services

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration deadline: July 29, 2025

Fee: **Eligible for BOCES aid**
(Includes breakfast and lunch)

- \$155.00 per Upstate Institute Member District attendee
- \$189.00 per Non-Member District attendee



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- Your district will be billed after the conference.
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Districts may substitute participants. Please email with new attendee information.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

7:45-8:15 Sign-in, Breakfast & Networking

8:20-8:50 Welcome & Civil Rights Training

8:55-9:55 Keynote

10:00-11:00 Chef Demo

11:00-11:45 Lunch

**Cheese Sauce Recipe Challenge!!!
Vote on your favorite recipe**

11:45-12:15 Breakout Session

12:20-12:50 Breakout Session

12:55-1:25 Breakout Session

1:30-2:00 Closing

Rights and Responsibilities in the School Nutrition Programs with Rebecca Schorer

“Understanding Team Dynamics: What’s Your Role?” with Christina Fecio- Explore team dynamics through a refreshing and approachable personality framework. By identifying unique strengths, preferences, and areas for growth, team members will gain valuable insights into how they naturally interact within a team setting.

Chef Demonstration with Land O’Lakes

*Enjoy beef in au jus, broccoli salad,
cheesey mashed potatoes, corn,
garlic lover’s pasta, salad and
dessert from D & R Depot!*

Product Placement and Presentation with Deena Kingston - We will learn about the science behind decision-making, why we make the choices we make and the power of presentation. Take away tools to use on your serving lines that encourage a student’s selection of the options you want them to choose.

Team Dynamics With Christina Fecio - Through self-assessment, group activities, and real-world scenarios, participants will deepen their understanding of their own styles and learn practical strategies for working effectively with colleagues of different types.

Food Service Fun with Jim Tyx - You don't always have to take regulations so seriously. Let's have some fun and make it a game! We'll be playing a few lively rounds of B-I-N-G-O that are sure to get intense as we compete for fun prizes. Brush up on your food service knowledge and get ready to compete for some exciting rewards. There will also be a surprise game revealed on the day of the event. This session promises to be fun, entertaining, and most of all, competitive.

Basket Drawing, Recipe Challenge Results & Evaluation



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