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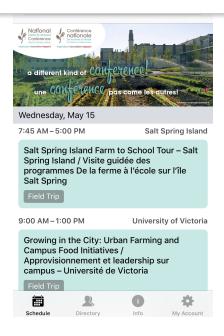
Inspiration. Innovation. IMPACT.

We're excited to share the following updates about the 2019 National Farm to School Conference:

NEW Program Updates

We have launched the full Conference Program and Conference App!

Visit our website to check out the full Conference Program and details on the Conference App. The conference app is the best way to stay organized before & during the conference, keep track of your schedule and workshop times, connect with other attendees; access resources, documents, and more. The app can be downloaded to any mobile device (cell phone, tablet, etc.), and is also accessible via your computer web browser. Go to the *Find Events* section on the app and search - 2019 National Farm to School Conference.



Cast your vote for the 2019 Michelle Lessard Award!



Farm to Cafeteria Canada (F2CC) will present the Michelle Lessard Award to a program or group of individuals representing a regional organization, a school, or a set of schools that have created a stellar Farm to School program, practice, or policy in Canada.

Michelle Lessard started the first Farm to School Salad bar program at Dragon Lake Elementary School in Quesnel BC in 2007. In nine short weeks she created a Farm to School salad

bar service in a school that had little more than a broom closet to feed the 230 children who were enrolled there. Michelle's initial program paved the way for the establishment of a network of more than 200 programs championed by Farm to School BC, under the stewardship of the Public Health Association of BC. This provincial network and related networks of activity across Canada led to the establishment of Farm to Cafeteria Canada.

Michelle Lessard passed away in the spring of 2015, and as a tribute to her memory and the legacy she has created, Farm to Cafeteria Canada will be presenting this award to a deserving program or group of individuals at each of its national gatherings. **This year the winner will be announced at the 2019 National Farm to School Conference.**

Announcing the 2019 Nominees:

- Ontario Student Nutrition Program Southwest Region's Vegetable and Fruit Delivery Program
- Schools Take Root project
- Apprenti en Action
- Think&EatGreen@School

Learn more about this year's nominees, and Cast your vote now! Voting will be open until Tuesday April 30th at 11:59 pm (PT).

F2S Inspirational Video Feature



Looking to get your F2S creative juices flowing? In each of these updates we're featuring inspiring videos of Farm to School activity happening across Canada. Check out this week's video from Project CHEF, viewable via the conference homepage.

Do have a video you'd like to share? Send us an email with a link for a chance to have it appear as one of our feature videos!

That's all for now! We look forward to seeing you at the 2019 National Farm to School Conference, as we INSPIRE, INNOVATE and organize for IMPACT to close the distance between farm and fork and bring more healthy, local, sustainable food to the minds and plates of students!



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