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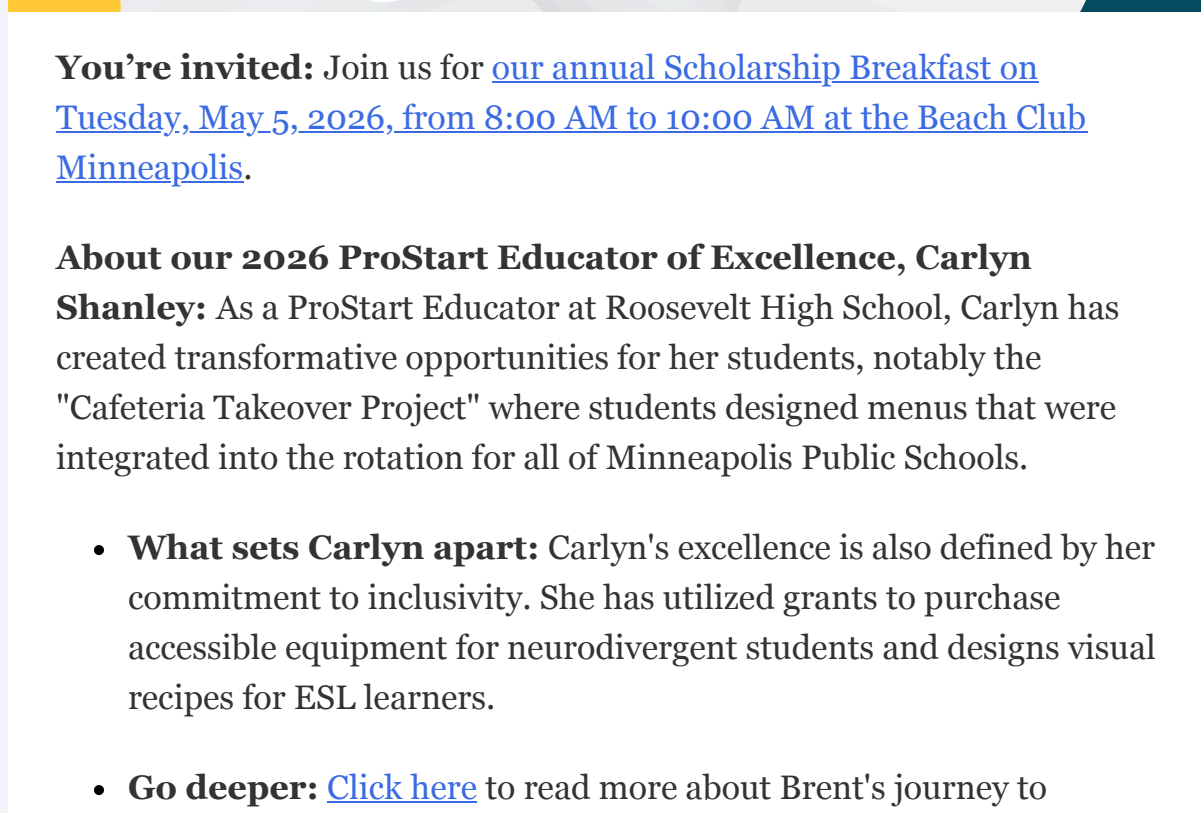
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In today's April 20, 2026 Update:

- **2026 Scholarship Breakfast - May 5:** [Register today to celebrate hospitality's next generation](#)
- **Hotels on the Hill - May 12-13:** [Join American Hotel & Lodging Association in Washington D.C.](#)
- **Next USI Insurance Webinar - May 12:** [Learn How to Reduce Your Legal Risks When Disciplining or Terminating Employees](#)
- **NRA Food Show May 16-19:** [Contact Andrea](#) for Discounted Registration Fees
- **Secure Choice Retirement Program:** [Enrollment Open](#)
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Celebrate ProStart Educator of the Excellence Carlyn Shanley at the 2026 Scholarship Breakfast



You're invited: Join us for [our annual Scholarship Breakfast on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the Beach Club Minneapolis.](#)

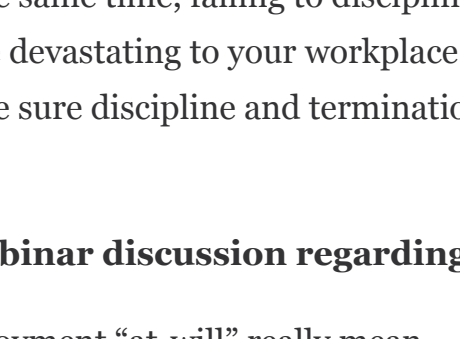
About our 2026 ProStart Educator of Excellence, Carlyn Shanley: As a ProStart Educator at Roosevelt High School, Carlyn has created transformative opportunities for her students, notably the "Cafeteria Takeover Project" where students designed menus that were integrated into the rotation for all of Minneapolis Public Schools.

- **What sets Carlyn apart:** Carlyn's excellence is also defined by her commitment to inclusivity. She has utilized grants to purchase accessible equipment for neurodivergent students and designs visual recipes for ESL learners.
- **Go deeper:** [Click here](#) to read more about Brent's journey to becoming the 2026 ProStart Mentor of the Year.

Interested in sponsoring the breakfast? Support the event and showcase your brand by becoming a sponsor! [Check out our sponsorship opportunities today.](#)

[Register Here!](#)

Register Now: May Employer Solutions Webinar Series Presented by USI Insurance



Calling all operators: Did you know more lawsuits result from disciplining or terminating employees than any other employment decision? [Join USI Insurance virtually on May 12, 2026 at 10 AM](#) to further understand employment law risks when disciplining or terminating employees, since .

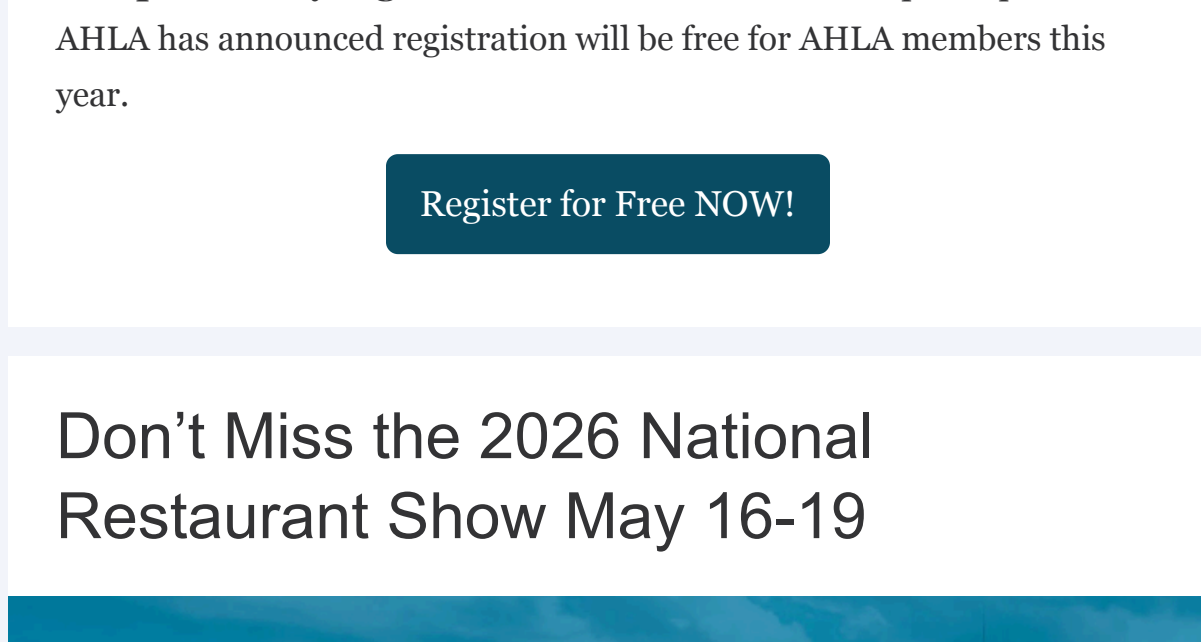
- **Yes, and:** At the same time, failing to discipline or terminate where necessary can be devastating to your workplace. Therefore, it's essential to make sure discipline and terminations are handled properly.

Join us for this webinar discussion regarding:

- What does employment "at-will" really mean
- Basic equal employment opportunity and discrimination laws
- How to effectively use discipline
- Drafting effective and legally sound disciplinary documents
- Determining when to terminate, while avoiding "wrongful termination" claims

[Register Here!](#)

Less Than One Month Away: Complimentary Registration for Hotels on the Hill Now Available



Calling all lodging advocates: Hotels on the Hill, the lodging industry's premier advocacy event, is taking place [May 12-13, 2026, in Washington, D.C.](#)

- **Why it matters:** Direct advocacy results in change. In-person advocacy remains our strongest avenue for effective advocacy.

Complimentary registration: To remove barriers to participation, AHLA has announced registration will be free for AHLA members this year.

[Register for Free NOW!](#)

Don't Miss the 2026 National Restaurant Show May 16-19



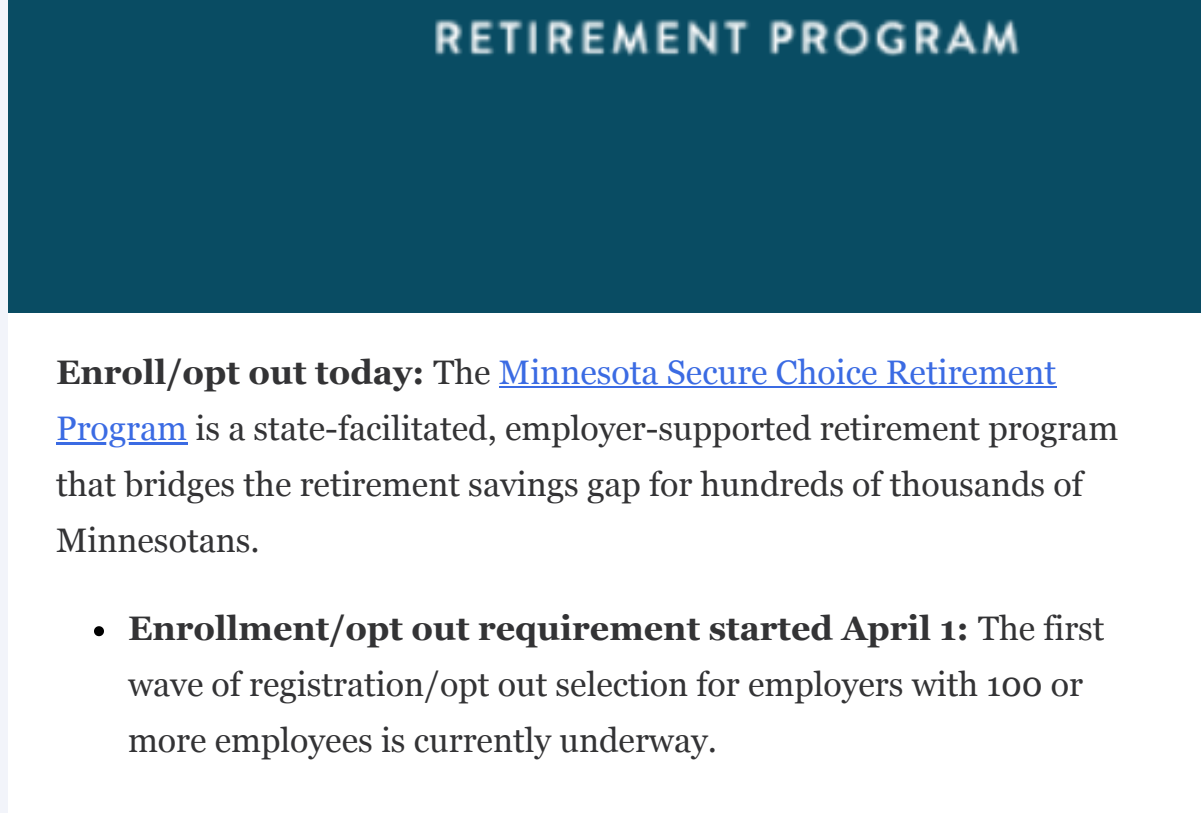
NRA Food Show Returns: The National Restaurant Association's Food Show is [returning to McCormick Place in Chicago, May 16-19, 2026.](#)

Member Perk: Hospitality Minnesota members are eligible for exclusive registration discounts.

- **Next step:** [Email Andrea](#), our Membership Manager, to claim your discount code before you register.

[Learn More!](#)

REMINDER: Minnesota Secure Choice Retirement Program Enrollment Open

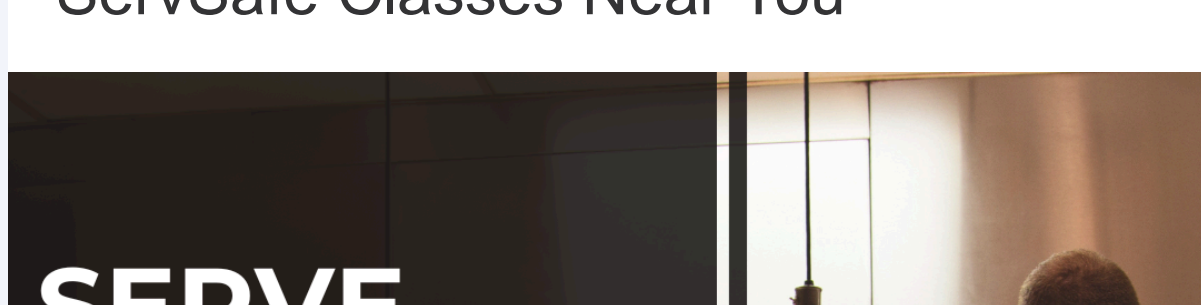


Enroll/opt out today: The [Minnesota Secure Choice Retirement Program](#) is a state-facilitated, employer-supported retirement program that bridges the retirement savings gap for hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans.

- **Enrollment/opt out requirement started April 1:** The first wave of registration/opt out selection for employers with 100 or more employees is currently underway.

[Learn More](#)

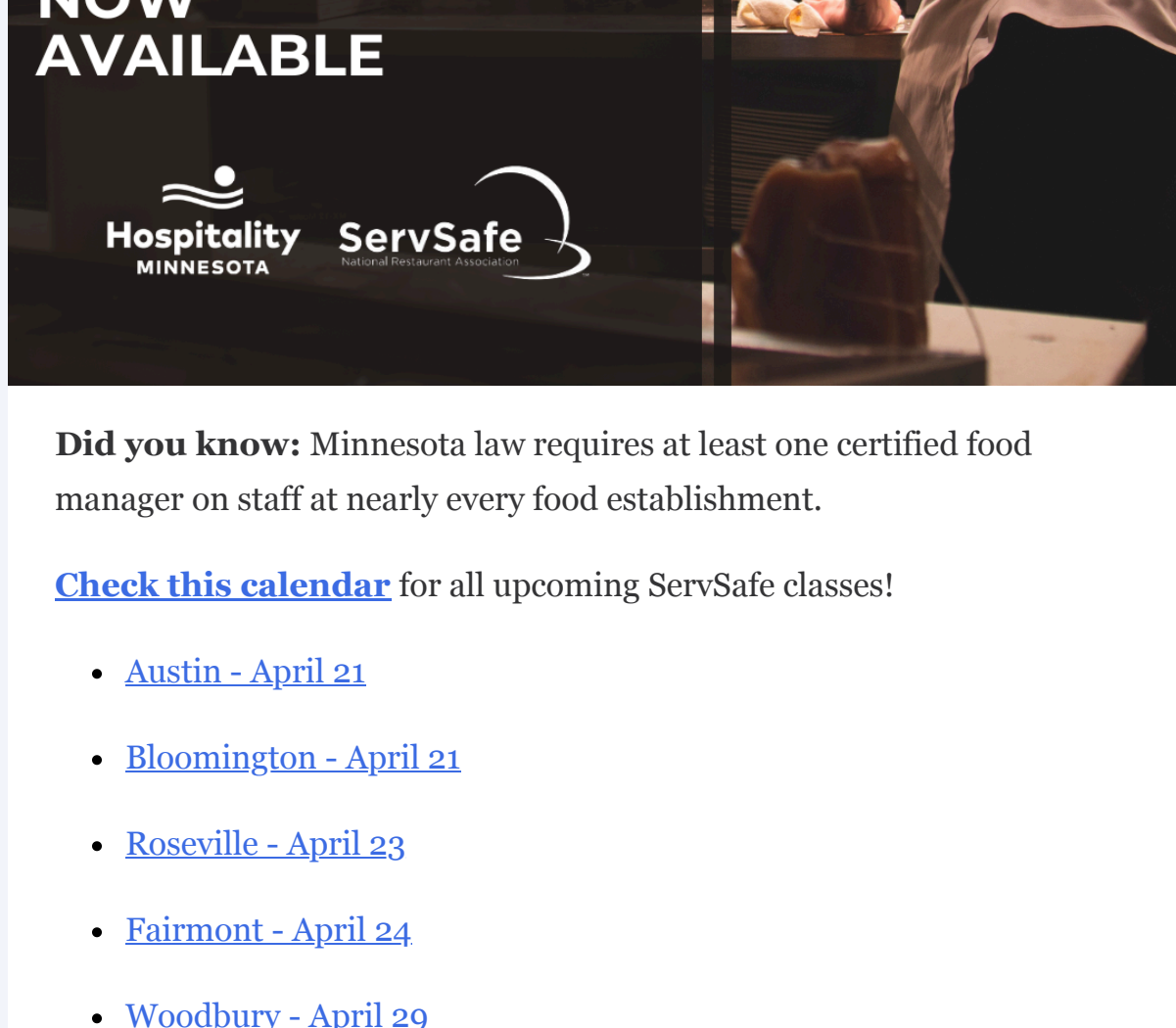
How Has Paid Family Medical Leave Impacted Operations?



Share your perspective: Hospitality Minnesota is collecting member feedback on the state's Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) program to shape our advocacy strategy for the 2026 legislative session.

[Share Your Experience](#)

ServSafe Classes Near You



Did you know: Minnesota law requires at least one certified food manager on staff at nearly every food establishment.

[Check this calendar](#) for all upcoming ServSafe classes!

- [Austin - April 21](#)
- [Bloomington - April 21](#)
- [Roseville - April 23](#)
- [Fairmont - April 24](#)
- [Woodbury - April 29](#)
- [Rochester - April 30](#)
- [St. Cloud - April 30](#)

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In the News

- [Tax proposals unlikely to pass in divided legislature this session](#) | KSTP
- [20 Washington hotel conversion planned by CDT Realty](#) | Minneapolis / St. Paul Business Journal
- [Walker Art Center announces that Cardamom will close](#) | Star Tribune
- [State-by-state burger guide spotlights 9 Minnesota restaurants](#) | Bring Me The News
- [6 Things To Do in Stillwater This Spring: Markets, Festivals & Local Events](#) | MN Patch

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