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## **SAGE Dining Services® Enhances Leadership Team to Continue to Provide Exceptional Dining Experiences**

Lutherville, MD — SAGE Dining Services is pleased to announce enhancements to its leadership team in order to continue to provide exceptional dining experiences for independent schools and colleges in North America. Jennifer Quick has been promoted to Regional Vice President of the West, and Gary Fugman and Tom Ankner have been promoted from District Managers to Area Managers of the Northeast.

The SAGE leadership team ensures that all operations across North America are in compliance with SAGE Standards, and that accounts are consistently maintained at the highest levels. They are responsible for implementing SAGE programs and for training and developing management teams that continuously create and deliver exceptional dining experiences.

Jennifer Quick joined SAGE as a Food Service Director in 2003. She has served as District Manager and most recently as Area Manager for Texas. She has assisted in new account openings and renovations and helped train and mentor many SAGE Managers and District Managers nationwide. Before coming to SAGE, Jennifer owned her own catering company and seafood restaurant on the Texas coast. She graduated from North Texas State with a degree in marketing.

Gary Fugman, formerly District Manager for accounts in Connecticut and Massachusetts, will now serve parts of the Northeast as Area Manager. Gary earned his A.O.S in Hotel Management and his Culinary Arts Certificate in 1992. He has worked in roles that ranged from sous chef to the owner of a 250-seat restaurant. Within 17 years since joining SAGE, Gary has moved his way up from Catering Manager to Food Service Director to District Manager and now Area Manager.

Tom Ankner, formerly District Manager for accounts in New Jersey, Connecticut, and New York, will now serve parts of the Northeast as Area Manager. Tom earned his associate degree in Culinary Arts from The Culinary Institute of America. He went on to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees in Hospitality Management and Food Service Management from Florida International University. Since joining SAGE in 2005, Tom has served as a Culinary Support Team member, Food Service Director, and

District Manager.

“Our sustained growth has allowed us to stand above our competition and focus on creating a robust leadership structure constantly working to ensure a high level of service is maintained at all of our locations. Our leaders are some of the most educated and knowledgeable individuals in the food service industry and we are proud that we continually promote from within, helping to maintain a happy and passionate workforce,” says Paco Rodriguez, President and Co-Founder of SAGE.

**About SAGE Dining Services®**

SAGE Dining Services®, established in 1990, is the leading food service provider for independent schools and colleges throughout North America. SAGE's unparalleled expertise in nutrition, sustainability, and culinary trends produces exceptional dining experiences that delight the senses, inspire minds, and foster community. Learn more at [SAGEdining.com](http://SAGEdining.com).