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## SAGE Dining Services® Founders Receive 2021 NBOA Award

Lutherville, MD – SAGE Dining Services is pleased to announce that SAGE Founders Tina and Paco Rodriguez have won the **2021 National Business Officers Association Sarah Daignault Outstanding Support for Independent Schools Award**. The award will be presented virtually at the **2021 NBOA Annual Meeting**, held Tuesday, February 23.

Tina and Paco have spent more than 30 years supporting independent schools across North America, delivering exceptional dining experiences with a high level of financial transparency. Their partnership with NBOA dates to 2000 when SAGE hosted the organization's first Annual Dinner; Tina and Paco have hosted many NBOA Annual Dinners over the last 21 years. In addition to their work with NBOA, Tina and Paco have sponsored the Graduate Certificate program in Business Leadership in Independent Schools, in conjunction with Johns Hopkins University; presented extensively to national and regional conferences on nutrition, local food procurement, and business leadership; authored chapters on dining service management for NBOA's 2008 and 2015 business office guidebooks; and provided insight and input for numerous other articles and publications on dining services, allergy management, and business leadership.

"Tina and I are humbled and honored to receive this special recognition," said Paco Rodriguez, Cofounder and President of SAGE. "Sarah Daignault was an inspirational leader and remains a good friend. How cool to receive the award named for her!"

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### **National Business Officers Association**

NBOA is a nonprofit membership organization focused on supporting independent school business officers and business operations staff. Founded in 1998, the association supports members from 1,500 independent schools in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and 23 additional countries.

### **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).