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ALABAMA GULF COAST SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM
EARN TOP USDA AWARD

Montgomery, Ala. – Summer meals are a critical resource for millions of American K-12 students. Each year the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recognizes the nation’s best summer food service programs by presenting The Turnip the Beet Awards.

This year, Alabama’s Feeding the Gulf Coast: Feel the Beat, Let’s Eat Program has been officially awarded a Silver National Turnip the Beet Award.

Recipients of this special award are the top in the country for providing high-quality and healthy meals to students and their families. These programs are perfect examples of professionalism and represent the nation’s best summer meal providers and local sponsors.

See the official Feeding the Gulf Coast video at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=16&v=ZEmC2q7deOU

Turnip the Beet award winners are summer meal sponsors who are going above and beyond, to ensure every meal that they prepare is both nutritious and appetizing for students. They showcase excellence by serving a variety of vegetables, fruits, whole grains and dairy products. These top programs often also incorporate student and parent feedback into their menus – offering both delicious and nutritionally balanced meals.

See the full list of national winners on the official USDA website:
https://www.usda.gov/media/blog/2019/06/18/just-announced-turnip-beet-awards-recognize-high-quality-summer-meals

This year, only 118 summer meal providers nationwide received a bronze, silver, or gold Turnip the Beet Award.

Feeding the Gulf Coast provides resources to more than 400 meal centers throughout 24 counties in Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida. It feeds over 300,000 people each year.

Learn more about this award-winning community and outreach program at https://www.feedingthegulfcoast.org/.

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