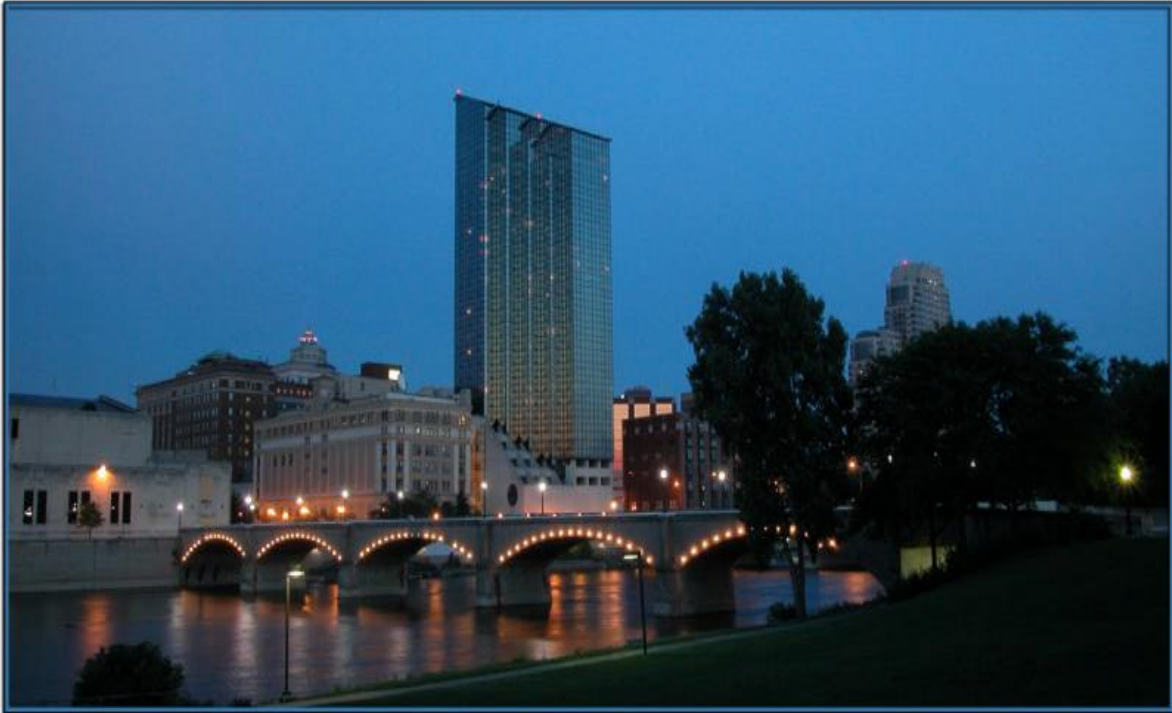


**Michigan Dietetic Association
Annual Awards Ceremony**



May 13, 2005

11:45am-12:30pm

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Public Relations Award – Group – MDA Representative Program

Coordinators: Anne Hoffman, RD, CDE; Diane Fischer, MS, RD

The group award recognizes an outstanding project developed and implemented by two or more MDA members.

The MDA Representative Program was initiated approximately 4 years ago under the direction of Diane Fischer and continues with At Large Director, Ann Hoffman. The program positions dietitians, trained in working with the media, in major media markets in each district. The goal is to communicate timely nutrition messages, based on current science, to consumers. The Media Representatives respond to media requests, write monthly press releases to pitch to the media, and provide credible information to consumers in various nutrition topics, with a goal to impact childhood obesity. The program has also provided training for Michigan Dietitians about working with the media.

Fifty-Year Members

Ann M. Zittleman, RD
Armesia H. Lloyd, RD
Isabel A. Galura, RD
Marybeth Landis, RD
Muriel G. Wagner, RD
Patricia A. Perry, RD

Jenny Taylor Bond, PhD, RD, FADA

2005 American Dietetic Association Lenna Frances Cooper Lecturer



Legislator of the Year -- Senator Laura Toy

Currently represents the 6th District in the Michigan State Senate, serving the Wayne County communities of Garden City, Livonia, Redford Township, and Westland. She is a Republican, who resides in Livonia. She sponsored the dietitian licensure bill last year and again this year (S403). She has been a great supporter of the Michigan Dietetic Association and of Registered Dietitians.



Michigan Dietetic Association Award – Carol Grafford, RD, CDE

The MDA Award recognizes distinguished professional service, achievements and contributions to the association by an outstanding member. ADA recognizes this award as the Outstanding Dietitian of the Year Award.

Carol received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Minnesota. She currently works as a Diabetes Coordinator for Portage Health System in Hancock, Michigan. While President of MDA, facilitated the restructuring of the Board of Directors and helped implement the strategic governance method of consensus. She tried to recognize every person's contribution. She has served on the MDA's Council of Districts, Nominating Committee and Council on Professional Issues.

Some of her professional accomplishments include ongoing individual and group MNT,, numerous newspaper, radio and TV interviews and presentations on a wide variety of nutrition topics.



Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award – Karen Schmitz, Ph.D., R.D.

An award given to an educator who has not only given much over the years to the dietetic profession, but is also deemed outstanding by students and colleagues.

Karen received her Ph. D. from Michigan State University. Currently she is an Associate Professor/Director of the Dietetics Program at Madonna University. Karen directs students through the undergraduate program and guides them through

the internship process. She also is developing new courses and learning experiences at Madonna University.

Some of her accomplishments include receiving the Research Stipend Award from Madonna University in 2004 and Michigan's Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year in 1998. Karen has given numerous presentations promoted nutrition, as well as dietetics, in the community. She is a mentor and role model for her students.



Michigan Registered Dietitian of the Year Award – Shari Steinbach, MS, RD

An award given to recognize an MDA member who has made an outstanding contribution to the District and/or State Association through a SINGLE endeavor or activity in the past year. We look for things that are big and splashy.

Shari works as a corporate Dietitian/Meijer Healthy Living Advisor. In less than a year and a half she has developed a health education program that reaches a vast majority of consumers not only in Michigan but also Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio.

She has developed a website www.meijer.com/healthyliving which features a monthly health topic, weekly dinner menus which include a complete nutritional breakdown and a detailed shopping list and the “Ask Shari” column where consumers can send their nutrition/health questions.



Recognized Dietetic Technician of the Year – Elisabeth Key, DTR

This award recognizes a dietetic technician who has made outstanding contributions to the dietetic profession through their workplace involvement, participation in professional and community involvement.

Elisabeth received her associate’s degree from Madison Area Technical College in Madison Wisconsin. Elisabeth currently works as a dietetic technician at Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital. At Mary Free Bed she performs nutritional risk screens and assessments for patients and provides nutritional interventions for infants and children.

Some of Elisabeth’s accomplishments include being recognized by the American Dietetic Association as Wisconsin’s Outstanding Dietetics Student for Dietetic Technician Programs. She is also the co-chair of the Michigan Dietetic Association’s Annual Conference Public Forum.

Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year Award (2)

The recognized young dietitian of the year award is given to dietitians under the age of 35 who have made outstanding contributions to the dietetic profession, the district and state dietetic associations and the general public.



Raquel Franzini Pereira, MS, RD

Raquel received her Bachelor of Science in Dietetics from the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil and her Masters in Community Nutrition from Michigan State University. She currently works for Spectrum Health Hospitals HeartReach Program, where she is an outreach community dietitian. She creates and implements programs for the community on nutrition, prevention of heart disease, diabetes and cancer and tobacco consumption prevention. She has successful grant proposals with United Dairy Industry of Michigan and Michigan Nutrition Network.

She is involved in many committees including the American Diabetes Association and the Regional Health Alliance Leadership Committee. Raquel is also fluent in English, Portuguese and Spanish.



Katie Haraminac, RD

Katie received her Bachelor in Science from Michigan State University and is applying to get her PhD in Public Health/Management and Policy. She currently works for the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center as a registered dietitian in the Oncology Nutrition Services department.

She is an active member of the American Dietetic Association and is President of the Ann Arbor Dietetic Association. She has also made an impact by giving many presentations, lectures and publications on nutrition.

Outstanding Dietetics Student Award (2)

This award is given for outstanding academic performance, community service and dedication to the profession of Dietetics.



Dawn Dahl – Coordinated Program

Dawn is currently a student at Wayne State University. She has written and published articles for the Michigan Dietetic Association Link Newsletter. She is a current member of school PTA and has served as Committee Chair on several events. She has volunteered and organized nutritional information for General Health Fair and with meal services for the Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team. She received her Serv-Safe certification in 2003 and is currently a member of the Wayne State University Student Dietetic Organization.



Megan McMurray – Didactic Program

Megan will be receiving her Bachelor degree from Madonna University this month. While maintaining a GPA of 3.69 Megan has been the President of the Madonna University Nutrition Network. Megan is very active in community service and has gone on alternative spring breaks to help ones in need and currently volunteers at the All Saints Soup Kitchen. This past summer she worked at the Central Ohio Diabetes Association Camp where she prepared meals and assisted campers with meal plans. She certified in Serv-Safe and currently works at Alliance Foods as well as being a Residence Assistant for one of the Residence Halls at Madonna University.

Honorary Member- DeGrow & Associates

DeGrow & Associates was established in 1995 as a public policy and Issue management firm and, currently, consists of Mike DeGrow and Katherine DeGrow. Prior to 1995, Mr. DeGrow spent 17 years in the legislative arena and an additional 6 years in Association work. Ms. DeGrow has served in numerous capacities in the Legislature and state government since 1973 and was most recently the Director of the Senate Majority Policy Office where she and her legal staff provided the Majority Leader with advice and information on legislative policy and program issues. In today's fast changing, term-limited political environment, it is important that an organization, such as the Michigan Dietetic Association, create a strong political presence and image in Lansing, be responsive to their membership, and maintain an active involvement by their members. This environment dictates that successful organizations must continually ask themselves: are we effectively promoting our issues to the legislature; do we have the influence necessary to carry out our initiatives and be a player in the political process? These key elements are indicators for success and must be constantly evaluated by providing focus, direction and attention to strategic legislative objectives and initiatives of the organization. DeGrow & Associates works very closely with its clients to ensure that these objectives are met.

2005 Michigan Dietetic Association Institute Scholarship Winners

The MDAI is proud to present nine scholarships to very deserving students pursuing careers in dietetics in Michigan. A special thank you is extended to all the donors for their generosity as the financial burden of higher education continues to challenge our dietetic leaders. Please recognize the MDAI Scholarship committee members Julia Moses, Quentin Moore, Miriam Nettles and Judi Brooks for their time and commitment to the selection process. Don't forget to make a donation to MDAI today. Donations are always welcome.... Thank you!

Bernice Hagelshaw Memorial – Anna J. Lupert



Anna Lubert is a lifetime resident of Grand Blanc, Michigan. She graduated with honors from Michigan State University in 2004 with a

bachelors of science degree in dietetics and health promotion. She is currently a dietetic intern at Hurley Medical Center in Flint. Following her internship she plans to remain in Michigan and pursue a career in community nutrition.

MDA Institute Advanced Degree

Mary Muser has completed her CMU Dietetic Internship. She is currently working as a dietitian at a Tendercare facility in Sault Ste. Marie



MDA Memorial Scholarship

Erin Chaney just graduated from Michigan State University (May 2005) with a Bachelors of Science in Dietetics. She will be completing her dietetic internship at The University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers in Ann Arbor, MI. Clinical nutrition is her main area of interest. She would like to begin her career as a clinical nutrition to determine what area she enjoys most. Erin really enjoys working with children so she may choose to specialize in

pediatric nutrition. In her spare time Erin loves to read and scrapbook.



MDA Memorial

Melissa Shannon is a resident of Livonia, Michigan. This month, she graduated from Madonna University with High Honors and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Dietetics. Melissa has been very active in the field of dietetics. During the past year, Melissa has volunteered with a Clinical Dietitian at Detroit Receiving Hospital; volunteered at Camp Hamwi, a camp for children with diabetes in Danville, Ohio; and has worked at St. Mary's Hospital as a Dietary Aide. In the fall, Melissa will begin a dietetic internship with the University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers. Eventually, she plans to pursue a Diabetes Educator certification and a Master's degree.



Tri-City Council for Dietetic Education Scholarship

Kimberly Thompson, a twenty-nine year old graduate student of Central Michigan University from Mount Pleasant, Michigan, is currently completing her dietetic internship through CMU. She currently has a Bachelor of Science degree in Foodservice Administration and Dietetics where she maintained a 3.74 while working full time and going to school full time. Her experience lies in foodservice where she worked in the commercial industry for over ten years. In her off time, Kimberly loves to read books, play the piano, and go hiking or biking with her husband and dog, Niki.



Delphine Rutkowski Memorial

Christa Cameron is going into her senior year at Michigan State University in the dietetics program. She hopes to continue her education by obtaining a Master's degree in nutrition and ending with a Ph D. Through the years, she hopes to have a variety of experiences in clinical work, as well as public speaking and a strong involvement in the

ADA. In my free time, she enjoys going to the gym, bike riding, writing poetry and fiction, painting, drawing, and reading



Suzanne J. Bosserd Memorial

Danielle LaFata graduated from Central Michigan University in 2001 with a B.S.B.A. (Bach of Sci in Bus. Admin.) in General Business and a concentration in International Business. She has had her personal training certification through ISSA (International Sports Sciences Association) since May 2002. Danielle was accepted into Wayne State University's nutrition and food science masters program in the

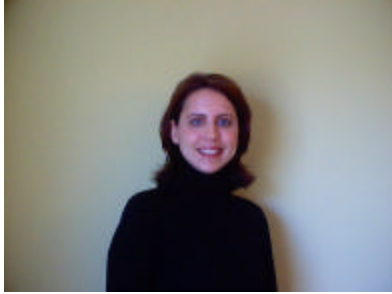
fall of 2003. She was accepted into the dietetics program in May 2004 and will be done with both by May 2006. Danielle also has competed in fitness competitions that aired on ESPN 2. Danielle was recently married last August.



Suzanne J. Bosserd Memorial

Megan McMurray graduated with honors as a Bachelor of Science in Dietetics after four years of study from Madonna University where she has been involved in a variety of activities. For two years she has served as the President of Madonna University's Nutrition Network and helped organize fundraising activities, holiday baskets and a school activity for National Nutrition Month. Outside of Nutrition Network she has been an active member of Campus Ministry and the Peace and Justice Subcommittee volunteering at soup kitchens, advocating justice

issues and participating in the Alternative Spring Break trip to Kingstree, South Carolina for the past three years. Next year she is planning to attend Central Michigan University's Dietetic Internship. She is also the 2005 recipient of the Outstanding Dietetics Student Award.



Suzanne J. Bosserd Memorial

Jennifer Traub, a wife and mother of two school-aged children, decided to return to school after a 10-year absence, determined to earn a B.S. in Dietetics. This fall she will begin a dietetic internship at the University of Michigan, after which she plans to become registered as a dietitian. Her short-term goal in becoming a Registered Dietitian is to provide medical nutrition therapy in a clinical setting. Long-term, she hopes to work in a private practice setting, counseling individuals diagnosed with or at risk of obtaining various nutrition-related diseases such as cancer, heart disease, and diabetes.

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**Diane Fischer, Awards Chair
Lee McDonagh, MDA President
Julia Moses, MDAI President**

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