

# *Michigan Dietetic Association Awards*

## **FIFTY- YEAR MEMBERS**

Shirley J. Minisee  
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## **OUTSTANDING DIETETIC EDUCATOR AWARD**

### **Linda H. Eaton MS, RD, CHES**



*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.*

Linda received a Masters in Public Health from Case Western Reserve University. Currently, she is Adjunct Professor at Oakland University and Madonna University. Linda directs students in the undergraduate program and guides them through the Internship process. She has been and is a mentor and role model for her students.

## **OUTSTANDING DIETETICS STUDENT AWARD**

### **Jessica L. Butcher**



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

Jessica graduated with a Bachelor in Science in dietetics from Western Michigan University. She became active in the Student Dietetic Association. She served as the Public Relations Officer for the Dietetic Community Practice Program. Through this committee, Jessica facilitated the arrangements between both students and mentors to enable current dietetic students to volunteer alongside practicing RD's. This program allowed students to gain greater insight as to what is involved in dietetics, while also benefiting our local RD's through volunteer hours.

Jessica is completing her dietetic internships at Michigan State University. Her internship experience has enable her to work for Gordon Food Service, WIC, Shore Haven Living Center, Grand Rapids Public Schools, and Saint Mary's Health Care. She is involved in professional organizations such as MDA and ADA.

## **EMERGING DIETETIC LEADER AWARD**

### **Susan Katz-Scheinker MBA, RD**



*This award is given to individuals who have initial practice experience not less than 5 years and not greater than 10 years and who have demonstrated concern for the promotion of optimal health and nutritional status of the population, leadership, e.g. in legislation, research, education, management, etc., in the Association, community or employment.*

Susan is Senior Account Manager, Acute Care at Novartis Medical Nutrition. She received her Masters in Business Administration from Wayne State University. Susan has exercised leadership in her present position by hiring, coaching, training dietetic professionals and leading teams through strategic change, relationship management and analytical aptitude. She has participated in local state and national associations.

## **RECOGNIZED YOUNG DIETITIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

### **Emily Ostrowski RD**



*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.*

Emily received her Bachelor of Science in dietetics from Michigan State University. She completed her Dietetic Internship at the University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, MI. Currently, she is an active team member as a clinical dietitian at Sparrow Health System, Lansing, MI. She provides leadership for many community programs and is a clinical preceptor for Michigan State University Dietetic Interns. Professionally Emily is involved in many ADA, MDA, and the Food and Nutrition Association committees and has served in several leadership positions with the Lansing Dietetic Association.

## **MICHIGAN REGISTERED DIETITIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

### **Anne DeVitto MS, RD, CSP**



*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.*

Anne works as a Pediatric/Neonatal Dietitian at Sparrow Health System. She saw a need, collected data to support evidence based change in protocol. Over the past year, Anne analyzed daily growth and intake data for over 80 very low birth weight (VLBW) infants born at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, MI. As a result of this analysis, clinical practice in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) is being adjusted to be more aggressive in providing complete nutrition to maximize the growth potential of the VLBW infants. She has presented this information at an interdisciplinary national conference.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD-INDIVIDUAL**

### **Bethany Thayer MS RD**



*This award recognizes an MDA member who has been responsible for a creative public relations project related to ADA and MDA Public Relations Plans*

Bethany worked on the project “*Promoting the RD as the Nutrition Expert*”. She offered her services as an editor/writer for many communication pieces. She established “*Ask the RD*” column in a quarterly magazine mailed to 250 households. In addition, she got a monthly column in *Metro Parent Magazine*, a free magazine with a monthly printing of over 67,000 and pass along readership of over 100,000 monthly. She has also written other columns regarding “30 second nutrition tips” and “nutrition tips of the day”. Bethany has certainly enhanced evidence based nutrition messages from an RD, the nutrition expert.

# *Michigan Dietetic Association Institute 2006 Scholarship Awards*

## **MDA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Katilyn Murtha**



Katie Murtha graduated this month with Honors from Michigan State University with a Bachelors of Science in Dietetics. She will be completing her internship at The University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers in Ann Arbor. After her internship, she plans to obtain her Masters in Public Health. She would like to work in an area that incorporates both clinical nutrition aspects and plenty of public speaking opportunity. During her time at MSU, Katie has dedicated her time to maintaining her GPA, holding leadership roles at the student parish on campus, working part-time, and volunteering with numerous Dietetic-related organizations. In her spare time, Katie loves to play piano, run, watch the news, and spend time with her family and friends.

## **MDA INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Lisa Granskog**



Lisa is a “Yooper” and grew up on a dairy farm in the Upper Peninsula. She decided to become a dietitian while in high school and in the spring of 2005, graduated from Michigan State University with degrees and high honors in Dietetics and Kinesiology. Lisa is currently in the MSU Dietetic Internship Program, which will be completed at the end of June. She is currently seeking employment in the Grand Rapids/West Michigan area and plans to take the RD exam this summer. Lisa is married to her college sweetheart, who is a software engineer. Their spare time is spent house hunting, reading, and spending time with family.

### **MDAI ADVANCED DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

#### **Courtney Vince**



Courtney Vince graduated from Michigan State University in 2001 with a BA in Supply Chain Management from The Eli Broad College of Business, after which she worked for 2 years for a defense contractor. Courtney just graduated from The University of Michigan with a Master’s in Public Health in Human Nutrition/Dietetics. She will be completing her dietetic internship at The University of Michigan School of Public Health. Following her internship, she plans to pursue a career in community nutrition.

### **BERNICE HAGELSHAW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

#### **Melanie Stanczak**



I am a 23-year-old Dietetic Intern at Michigan State University. I completed my undergraduate degree at Central Michigan University (CMU) with a major in Dietetics and a minor in Spanish. During my undergraduate education, I was a Centralis Scholar Award Winner, and also received the Robert C. Byrd scholarship, Suzanne J. Bosserd

scholarship and the Helen Lohr scholarship. I was a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the Golden Key International Honours Society. I was also the President of the Student Dietetic Association of Central Michigan University. I presented original research four years in a row at the Student Research and Creative Endeavors Exhibition held at CMU. I also presented this research at the Michigan Dietetic Association annual conference three years in a row. While an undergraduate, I worked with a nutrition professor on gerontology-related research for three years and was also a research assistant for National Public Radio working on a grant-funded childhood nutrition project.

I am currently a member of the American Dietetic Association and Dietitians of West Michigan. I will be completing my Dietetic Internship this summer, after which I look forward to beginning my career in the field of Clinical Dietetics. I also plan to continue my education by earning my Master's degree.

### **TRI-CITY COUNCIL FOR DIETETIC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Amy Pendell**



Amy is an adventurous spirit and has many different life experiences from which to draw upon in her future as a dietitian.

In high school Amy was an exchange student with Youth For Understanding and lived in Australia. She began her collegiate studies in International Relations at Michigan State University's James Madison College. She spent her junior year abroad on the Michigan State University ? University of Surrey, England Exchange Program.

Amy completed an internship with the State of Michigan Trade office in Toronto, Ontario Canada. She graduated from Michigan State University in 1991 with a degree in International Relations. She then worked and traveled overseas for several years.

In 1999 Amy began her dietetic studies at Michigan State University. She was awarded the Constance Parks Hagelshaw and Doretha June Hagelshaw scholarship in 2000. That same year her son John was born and she took two years off from her studies to care for him.

In May 2005 Amy graduated from Michigan State University with her dietetics degree. After graduating, she interned with the Michigan Public Health Institute. She is currently working as a Nutritionist for WIC with the Central Michigan District Health Department.

Amy feels passionate about nutrition education and loves working in public health. She looks forward to completing her internship and becoming an RD. She feels honored to be awarded this prestigious scholarship.

### **DELPHINE RUTKOWSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**



**Megan McCollough**

Megan McCullough is a dietetics major starting her senior year at Michigan State University. She is involved in many activities including being the Food and Nutrition Association President, a Sparrow Hospital Volunteer Coordinator and member of the Olin Health Advocate Nutrition Team. Outside of nutrition activities, Megan has participated in Alternative Spring Break, traveling to Virginia and Alabama the past two years to help with Habitat for Humanity Collegiate builds. She hopes to be an outpatient dietitian and is looking forward to visiting dietetic internships this summer.

### **SUZANNE J. BOSSERD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

**Jessica Schouten**



Jessica is a junior at Michigan State University and has a grade point average of 3.77. She is a member of the American Dietetic Association, Michigan Dietetic Association, and

the Food and Nutrition Association. Jessica was recently appointed the position of Secretary of the FNA and will serve on the e-board for the 2006-2007 academic years. In addition to nutrition, Jessica is also studying Spanish language and will be living in Spain for the summer as part of a study abroad experience. Outside of the classroom she participates in a wide variety of volunteer activities in addition to her job at a local fitness facility where she has worked for the past two years. Jessica enjoys rollerblading and other various outdoor activities including hiking and beach volleyball. She hopes to someday work in the area of sports nutrition. Jessica would like to thank the family of Suzanne Bosserd for their generous donation.

### **Michelle Hollen**

I grew up in a suburb of Grand Rapids and graduated from Rockford High School in 2002. I have been at Michigan State University for four years, and will be graduating this May with a Bachelors of Science in Dietetics. Outside of school I am involved in our campus Food and Nutrition Association, volunteering in the community, and I hold three part-time jobs. I am attending Georgia State University this fall for a 16 month coordinated internship/Masters program. After graduate school I plan to work in a hospital for 2-3 years before returning to school to earn a medical degree.



