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ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATIONS OVERVIEW

Due: 5 pm on Friday, January 20, 2023

The California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Awards Committee requests your assistance in soliciting nominations for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Annual Awards. Please consider the criteria for each award carefully. Each nomination must be completed in full. Incomplete applications or applications submitted after the deadline will not be reviewed. Individuals may submit their own nominations.

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General Instructions

All awards, unless otherwise denoted, require the nominee to be a current member of Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and current member of the California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics throughout the entire awards process: at the time of the award nomination and award receipt.

All nominations must include:

1. Online nomination form
2. Resume or CV in PDF format
3. 1-page narrative describing how the applicant meets award criteria; up to 3-page narrative allowed for the Dolores Nyhus Memorial Award. It is recommended the selection criteria available on this document be used to craft the narrative.
4. Letter of Recommendation (LOR)
Please download and complete the California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Letter of Recommendation Form, [available here](#). After completion, save it as a pdf.
 - a. All applications require one letter of recommendation EXCEPT
 - b. Dolores Nyhus Memorial Award requires 2 letters.
 - c. If you have a previous letter that you would like to use for the applicant, you may upload your letter this year instead of completing the form.
5. Headshot of nominee 250 x 250 pixels in the png format

Specific selections criteria for each award are provided on subsequent pages of this document.

Nomination Submission

Each nomination must be submitted via [this Award Nomination Link](#).

Incomplete applications or applications submitted after the deadline will not be reviewed.

Selections Process

Following Awards Committee review, all applicants will receive notice as to whether they have or they have not been selected to receive an award.

Award Presentation

Awards will be presented at the California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Annual Conference (CANDAC) Awards Ceremony Luncheon on Thursday, April 27, 2023, in Long Beach, CA. Winners of Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics awards will also be recognized at the CANDAC23 Ceremony.

California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Awards

Dolores Nyhus Memorial Award & Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Outstanding Dietitian of the Year Award is the highest award that a California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics member can receive in honor of the late Dolores Nyhus. The recipient will also be named Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Outstanding Dietitian of the Year. The award recognizes the commitment to excellence made by an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the profession.

Selection Criteria- Please use this information to support the nomination:

- Must be a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist/Registered Dietitian and member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The following California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics members are not eligible for the current year: California Academy paid employees, award committee members, President and President-elect, and recipients of the Distinguished Service Award within the last year.
- Has lived and worked professionally in California for a minimum of 15 years. This time length does not necessarily need to be continuous.
- Has made a significant contribution that enhances the dietetic profession in clinical, food service management, public health, research and/or other practice fields I) in the workplace or II) within CA Academy.
- Has promoted Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access within the profession.
- Has given outstanding service to the professional association at the district, region, state, and/or national levels through active participation and leadership as a committee member, officer, or evidenced action beyond general participation.
- Has been a mentor to nutrition professionals or students.

Distinguished Service Award is given to an outstanding dietitian in California who has given exemplary service to California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. *Selection Criteria - Please use this information to support the nomination:*

- Must be a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist/Registered Dietitian and a member of Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The following California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics members are not eligible for the current year: California Academy paid employees, Award Committee members, President, and President-Elect.
- Has demonstrated at least five years, not necessarily continuous, of active service and leadership in the California Academy as an officer, committee, or member in district, region, or state activities.
- Exhibits outstanding professional performance.
- Has promoted Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access within the profession.
- Has made significant contributions to the California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
- Has been a mentor to nutrition professionals or students.

Crystal Award is awarded to state volunteer(s) for the development and progress toward a state goal or activity. *Selection Criteria - Please use this information to support the nomination:*

- The awardee(s) should have led or completed a project of a significant nature to the state and involving over 100 hours of volunteer work.

- The volunteer(s) must be a Registered Dietitian, a member of Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and the California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
- A maximum of 2 awards will be given annually.

California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Practice-Based Awards

These awards can only be given to the same person one time in any one practice category. “Active Participation” in a dietetic practice group or a local district, region, or state dietetic association implies service to that group as a committee member, officer, or evidenced action beyond general participation as a member. All nominees must be a registered dietitian nutritionist (or diet technician registered for the Technical Practice Award) and must have completed a minimum of five years in the relevant area of practice.

Carol Hayes Torio Excellence in Management is given to a California Academy member for professional excellence in the practice of management dietetics in one of the following areas of practice: clinical nutrition management, college and university food service, school food service, hospital food service, business/industry/management. *Selection Criteria - Please use this information to support the nomination:*

- Must be a member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
- Must be a Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist.
- Must have completed a minimum of 5 years in the relevant area of practice.
- Has demonstrated leadership in Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics/ California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, or other professional associations concerned with management of food and nutrition support/care services. This includes active participation in a district, region, state, or national level.
- Has presented talks, seminars, and other educational events related to this area of practice to a professional group
- Has published refereed articles or other refereed publications related to this area of practice.
- Has demonstrated leadership in:
 - establishing and participating in innovative approaches to the management of food services and nutrition support/care services.
 - teaching others about management of food and nutrition support/care services.
- Has promoted Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access within the profession.

Excellence in Clinical Dietetics is given to a California Academy member for professional excellence in the practice of clinical dietetics. *Selection Criteria - Please use this information to support the nomination:*

- Must be a member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
- Must be a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist/Registered Dietitian
- Has completed a minimum of 5 years in the relevant area of practice.
- Has demonstrated leadership in Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics/ California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, or other professional associations concerned with clinical dietetics. This includes active participation in a district, region, state, or national level.
- Has presented talks, seminars, and other educational events related to this area of practice to a professional group
- Has published refereed articles or other refereed publications related to this area of practice.

- Has demonstrated leadership in:
 - establishing and participating in innovative approaches to clinical dietetics
 - has participated in the training of staff and student interns in clinical dietetics.
- Has promoted Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access within the profession.

Excellence in Community Nutrition is given to a California Academy member for professional excellence in the practice of community nutrition in one of the following areas of practice: clinical nutrition policy development, nutrition programs, nutrition education or community- based research.

Selection Criteria - Please use this information to support the nomination:

- Must be a member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
- Must be a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist/Registered Dietitian
- Has completed a minimum of 5 years in the relevant area of practice.
- Has demonstrated leadership in Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics/ California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, or other professional associations concerned with community nutrition. This includes active participation in a district, region, state, or national level.
- Has presented talks, seminars, and other educational events related to this area of practice to a professional group
- Has published refereed articles or other refereed publications related to this area of practice.
- Has demonstrated leadership in:
 - establishing and participating in innovative approaches to community nutrition policy, programs education or research
 - teaching others about community nutrition policy, programs, education, or research.
- Has promoted Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access within the profession.

Excellence in Private Practice, Business or Communications is given to a California Academy member for professional excellence in the private practice, business, or communication in one of the following areas: private practice/patient counseling, health care facilities, business, or communications.

Selection Criteria - Please use this information to support the nomination:

- Must be a member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
- Must be a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist/Registered Dietitian.
- Has completed a minimum of 5 years in the relevant area of practice.
- Has demonstrated leadership in Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics/ California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and other professional associations concerned with private practice/patient counseling, health care facilities, business, or communications. This includes active participation in a district, region or at the state level.
- Has presented talks, seminars, and other educational events related to this area of practice to a professional group
- Has published refereed articles or other refereed publications related to this area of practice.
- Has demonstrated leadership in:
 - establishing and participating in innovative approaches to private practice, business or consultation with health care facilities, business, or communications
 - teaching others about private practice, business or consultation with health care facilities, business, or communications

- Has promoted Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access within the profession.

Excellence in Education is given to a California Academy member for professional excellence in the practice of education in one of the following areas: educating the dietetic practitioner, teaching within medical/dental or nursing schools, teaching of nutrition-related courses in the post-high school setting or developing educational media for these groups. *Selection Criteria - Please use this information to support the nomination:*

- Must be a member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
- Must be a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist/Registered Dietitian.
- Has completed a minimum of 5 years in the relevant area of practice.
- Has demonstrated leadership in Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics/ California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, or other professional associations concerned the practice of education in one of the following areas: educating the dietetic practitioner, teaching within medical/dental or nursing schools, teaching of nutrition-related courses in the post-high school setting or developing educational media for these groups. This includes active participation in a district, region, state, or national level.
- Has presented one or more talks, seminars and other educational events related to this area of practice to a professional group
- Has published one or more refereed articles or other refereed publications related to this area of practice.
- Has demonstrated leadership in establishing and participating in innovative approaches to education or other area of higher education or administration
- Has promoted Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access within the profession.

Excellence in Research is given to a California Academy member for professional excellence in dietetic/nutrition research.

Selection Criteria - Please use this information to support the nomination:

- Must be a member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
- Must be a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist/Registered Dietitian.
- Has completed a minimum of 5 years in the relevant area of practice.
- Has demonstrated leadership in Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics/ California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, or other professional associations concerned with nutrition and/or dietetics research. This includes active participation in a district, region, state, or national level.
- Has presented several talks, seminars and other educational events related to this area of practice to a professional group.
- Has published several refereed articles or other refereed publications.
- Has demonstrated leadership in:
 - Contributing to the body of knowledge of dietetics/nutrition via research
 - Teaching/mentoring others in a specialized field of research.
- Has promoted Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access within the profession.

Excellence in Technical Practice (for Dietitian Technicians) is given to a California Academy member for professional excellence in technical practice of dietetics in one of the following areas: management of food service, nutrition care of patients or community nutrition education. *Selection Criteria - Please use this information to support the nomination:*

- Must be a member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
- Must be a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist/Registered Dietitian.
- Has completed a minimum of 5 years in the relevant area of practice.
- Has demonstrated leadership in Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics/ California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, or other professional associations concerned with management of food service, nutrition care services, or community nutrition education. This includes active participation in a district, region, state, or national level.
- Has presented one or more talks, seminars and other educational events related to this area of practice to a professional group
- Has published one or more refereed articles or other refereed publications related to this area of practice.
- Has demonstrated leadership in:
 - establishing and participating in innovative approaches to technical practice
 - teaching others about technical practice of dietetics.
- Has promoted Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access within the profession.

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Awards

The following award winners listing is published annually in the *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics* and each awardee will receive a congratulatory letter and certificate signed by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics President.

Outstanding Dietitian of the Year Award is the highest award that a California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics member can receive. Recipients also are recognized as the Dolores Nyhus Memorial Award in honor of the late Dolores Nyhus. Please see criteria for the Dolores Nyhus award.

Emerging Dietetics Leader Award recognizes the competence and activities of members, regardless of their age, who are at the beginning of their dietetics careers. Members who receive this honor support the promotion of optimal health and nutritional status of the public through demonstrating leadership in legislation, research, education, management, and other areas related to the profession.

Selection Criteria - Please use this information to support the nomination:

- Member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
- Initial practice experience not less than 5 years and not greater than 10 years. Interrupted careers or time periods not in practice, are not to be considered or rationed into the 5-10 years of professional practice experience.
- Active participation in the national, state, or district/region association for at least 5 years.
- Is a Registered Dietitian, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, Dietetic Technician, Registered or Nutrition and Dietetics Technician, Registered
- Not previously selected as an RYDY or RDTY in your current or any other affiliate.

- Demonstrated concern for the promotion of optimal health and nutritional status of the population.
- Demonstrated leadership, e.g., in legislation, research, education, management, etc., in the association, community or employment.
- Has promoted Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access within the profession.

Recognized Nutrition and Dietetics Technician of the Year Award recognizes the professional contributions of nutrition and dietetics technicians and encourages their continued participation in the community and Academy activities. Award recipients are selected by their affiliated dietetic organizations. They demonstrate leadership qualities and performance in the Academy or their employment through education, clinical nutrition, foodservice management, public relations, career guidance and legislation. *Selection Criteria - Please use this information to support the nomination:*

- Member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
- Is a Dietetics Technician, Registered or Nutrition and Dietetics Technician, Registered.
- Active participation in national, affiliate, or district/region association.
- Not previously selected for this award in current or any other affiliate.
- Demonstrated concern for the promotion of optimal health and nutritional status of the population.
- Demonstrated leadership, e.g., legislation, research, education, clinical dietetics, food service management, public relations, career guidance, etc., in the association or employment.
- Has promoted Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access within the profession.

Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year Award (RYDY) recognizes the competence and activities of younger dietitians in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and to encourage their continued participation in Academy affairs. This group will be an additional resource from which the leadership of the Academy will develop – at the district, state, and national levels. California may choose 1 dietitian from each of the 10 areas (districts or regions). *Selection Criteria - Please use this information to support the nomination:*

1. Member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
2. Is a Registered Dietitian or Registered Dietitian Nutritionist.
3. Age limit as of award submission deadline, 35 years or younger.
4. Active participation in the national, state, or district/region association.
5. Not previously selected as an RYDY in current or any other affiliate.
6. Demonstrated concern for the promotion of optimal health and nutritional status of the population.
7. Demonstrated leadership, e.g., in legislation, research, education, management, etc., either in the
8. either in the association or employment.
9. Has promoted Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access within the profession.

Outstanding Dietetics Student Award recognizes the emerging leadership and achievement of students in ACEND-accredited and approved dietetics education programs and encourage their participation in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. There are up to four awardees-one per program area- Didactic Program in Dietetics, Dietetic Internship, Coordinated Program, and Dietetic Technician Program within the state. If the affiliate has all four program types, the affiliate may award four students. *Selection*

Criteria - Please use this information to support the nomination:

1. Member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Students must be members by January 1 of the year in which they would receive the award. Students must supply their membership number; membership identification numbers will not be provided to a third party (i.e., educators).
2. Student enrolled in one of the following ACEND-accredited dietetics education programs: CP, DI, DPD, DT, FG, FB, IDE/FDE.
3. Demonstrated academic achievement as documented by letters from program faculty or preceptor.
4. Demonstrated leadership and professional potential, e.g., honors, student dietetic association activities, community service activities, etc.
5. Has promoted Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access within the profession.

California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Awards Given to a Non-Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Individual or Company

Meritorious Service Award is given to an individual or company who provides exceptional service for the dietetic profession. Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDN) and Nutrition and Dietetics Technician Registered (NDTR) are **not** eligible for this award. An example of a recipient may include, but not limited to, nurse practitioners, medical doctors, pharmacists, business owners, and/or other ancillary services.

Selection Criteria - Please use this information to support the nomination.

- Previous winners are not eligible for this Award.
- Known to dietitians for exemplary service to the profession throughout the state or in a considerable portion of the state.

Friends of the California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is awarded to a corporation, media, or others who have made exceptional contribution to California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics but are not eligible for the Meritorious Service Award. Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDN) and Nutrition and Dietetics Technician Registered (NDTR) are **not** eligible for this award. A maximum of 2 awards will be given annually. *Selection Criteria - Please use this information to support the nomination.*

- Contributions may be in the form of product, financial support, advertising or any other support of California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics projects and activities.
- Please specify whether the company employs dietitians and their connection to the profession of dietetics.