

ANFP Recognizes 2016 Award Winners at Annual Conference

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St. Charles, IL - The Association of Nutrition & Foodservice Professionals (ANFP) recently presented awards to several individuals and corporate partners that demonstrate the highest level of dedication to the association and the foodservice industry. The honors were awarded during ANFP's Annual Conference & Expo (ACE), which took place June 10-13 in Indianapolis, IN. The ANFP Awards Program celebrates foodservice industry innovators, and applauds individuals who advance and support Certified Dietary Managers and the CDM credential. The following awards were announced at ACE:

Diamond Award

The coveted Diamond Award recognizes one ANFP state chapter per year that exemplifies dedication to members through chapter initiatives and enthusiastic leadership. This year, the Diamond Award was presented to **Iowa ANFP**. Their best practice submission this year involved the state's initiative "The Year of the Better You" which is a program focused on members living well-rounded, healthier lives. The three-pronged approach of this initiative includes opportunities for volunteering and service, improving health through wellness and nutrition activities, as well as practices for sound emotional and mental health. Members participated in blood drives, National Walking Day and had meetings that focused on overall health. **Barbara Thomsen, CDM, CFPP**, accepted the award on behalf of the chapter.

CDM of the Year

Jessica Weisbrich, RDN, LD, CDM, CFPP, recently won the 2015 Minnesota Chapter CDM of the Year Award. Since becoming involved with ANFP in 2007, she has served as the Minnesota Chapter Awards and Recognition chairperson for five years, and more recently was awarded the ANFP CDM of the Month in January of 2016. She became a CDM in 2008, and after many years as a cook and dietary aide, decided to continue her education and return to Minnesota State University, Mankato, to pursue a degree in Dietetics. Jessica became a Registered and Licensed Dietitian in 2014. Jessica works for Oak Hills Living Center in New Ulm, MN.

Institute Alumni LEAD Award

The ANFP Leadership Institute is a multiday networking and education workshop that focuses on shifting from manager to leader. **John Hickson, CCA, CDM, CFPP, FMP, FSP, CHESP, CP-FS**, continues this practice through the four pillars of leading change, leading people, leading strategically, and leading collaboratively within his professional life as well as his service with ANFP. He has applied his leadership knowledge in many capacities as the Director of Support Services at Southern Surgical

Hospital in Slidell, LA, as well as the President/CEO of SCORE. Additionally, his service as a member of the Board of Directors and the Professional Development Committee has proven his leadership capabilities.

Legacy Award

The Legacy Award recognizes commitment to ANFP through volunteer participation as well as event attendance at annual conferences, regional meetings, and chapter programs. **Paula Bradley, CDM, CFPP**, is dedicated to the CDM and the organization. She has volunteered countless hours on the Leadership Development Committee and ANFP Board of Directors (Chair) and as an item writer. She has served as State President-Elect, State President, and State Immediate Past President as well. Paula truly believes in mentoring members, whether it is becoming involved in ANFP or to better themselves personally. Paula works at Protection Valley Manor in Protection, KS.

Model of Commitment Leadership Award

Dr. William Palumbo, DCN, MS, RD, CDN, LNHA embodies the Model of Commitment Leadership Award. He demonstrates commitment to the CDM credential, as well as supports the nutrition and foodservice department leader through mentoring. Dr. Palumbo has encouraged his Directors to earn their Certified Dietary Manager credential and has fostered continuing education amongst his region. Dr. Palumbo has encouraged many aspiring RDs, Dietetic Technicians and Executive Chefs to obtain their CDM which affords them the opportunity to be amongst the industry's renowned food and nutrition professionals. Dr. Palumbo works at Morrison Community Living in Kings Park, NY.

Excellence in Dining Award

Joshua Watkins, CDM, CFPP, has introduced various new dining concepts at Palmetto Park Senior Living in Palmetto, GA. He has made dining a fun and life-changing experience for residents. He takes the time to sit with them individually to discuss their nutritional needs. Additionally, Joshua personally oversees residents dining events like Annual Grandparent's Day Sandwich Buffet and Taste of Palmetto Park. He has instituted other dining concepts like Grab 'n Go Meals, Annual Community Open House and Cook Panel Discussions with residents. The residents frequently express their enjoyment about dining at Palmetto Park.

Distinguished Service Award

Since becoming a CDM and an ANFP member in 1992, **DeLaine Rasmussen, RD, CDM, CFPP**, has been very active with ANFP and the South Dakota ANFP Chapter. She has served on the board for multiple terms as President-Elect and President of the chapter. DeLaine has been an advocate for dietary managers and traveled to the state capital, as well as Washington DC, to meet with state representatives to discuss and educate them on the role of the CDM, and importance of employing CDMs to manage dietary operations and ensure nutritious healthful food is prepared using safe methods. DeLaine works at Dietitian Nutrition Services, LTD in Sisseton, SD.

Leading Change Partnership Award

The Leading Change Partnership Award demonstrates strong commitment to the CDM credential from a facility or company that supports the nutrition and foodservice department leader. Orchard Healthcare's commitment to excellence is rooted in their dedication within their Dietary Service program to provide the highest level of quality care. Administrator, Jackie Greene, consistently supports and assists her department leader by encouraging her to stay involved with ANFP. Jackie also contacts other administrators directly to encourage them to provide the same support to their own CDMs. Orchard Healthcare is located in Hayneville, AL.

The Nutrition & Foodservice Education Foundation (NFEF) - Foodservice Department of the Year Award

Palmetto Park Senior Living has been chosen to receive the inaugural NFEF Foodservice Department of the Year award. This award is based on teamwork, innovation, customer service, and operational contribution. The Palmetto Park dining services team empowers their employees by teaching communication and team building exercises. Their staff is recognized for their excellent service and is honored each month by their administrators. The Palmetto Park staff also educates residents, clients, and customers on the importance of nutritional meals. The Palmetto Park facility revamped all their menus and hosted a “Taste of” event for their residents and families. They have developed an annual “Grandparent’s Day” complete with a sandwich buffet and an annual Open House complete with volunteer musicians during the holiday season. Palmetto Park Senior Living is located in Palmetto, GA.

Congratulations to ANFP’s 2016 award winners!