Members Honored as Medallion Award Recipients

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics’ Medallion Awards, given each year since 1976, honor Academy members who have shown dedication to the high standards of the nutrition and dietetics profession through active participation, leadership and devotion to serving others in nutrition and dietetics, as well as allied health fields. Several awards are given each year to those members whose dedication to the Academy and service to the profession serve as an example to all.

Jacqueline Raymonde Berning, PhD, RDN, CSSD
In recognition of:
• Her exceptional leadership in the Academy; the Sports, Cardiovascular and Wellness Nutrition Dietetic Practice Group (SCAN DPG); and other professional and volunteer organizations, as well as her dedication to high standards of the profession.
• Her exemplary service as an educator, researcher, and trailblazer in sports nutrition. She has excelled in promoting the role of the registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN) in healthcare and sports nutrition, both to professionals and consumers, and transmits that value to training future generations of Academy members.
• Her phenomenal contributions as a mentor to new spokespeople, along with her service to the Academy as Spokesperson.
• Her strong leadership and exceptional service through Academy committees, practice groups and evidence-based projects in sports nutrition and professional development.
• Her remarkable service to the University of Colorado as President of the Faculty Senate and chair of two different academic departments. She was the first female RDN to speak at a McGregor Football Clinic and the first sports RDN to be named to a National Governing Board. She also co-edited one of the first sport nutrition books.
• Her extraordinary ability to inspire students and colleagues, plus her exemplary service and contributions to the profession.

Mary Pat Raimondi Bertacchi, MS, RD
In recognition of:
• Her leadership and service in numerous national elected or appointed positions within the Academy, including the Board of Directors, as House of Delegates Director, as Legislative and Public Policy Chair, in the Political Action Committee and on the FNCE Planning Committee.
• Her diverse and longstanding leadership outside the Academy that has impacted health professionals beyond nutrition, including physicians, nurses and health educators. Mary Pat is skilled at building coalitions, supporting partners and finding solutions that benefit the RDN/NDTR and the health of Americans.
• Her visionary ability to see the future of the nutrition and dietetics profession while guiding others on the path to success. Mary Pat seeks viewpoints from a broad spectrum, helping her determine actions and inform other individuals and groups.
• Her consistent and influential advocacy as both a volunteer and in her former role as Vice President of Strategic Policy and Partnerships at the Academy’s D.C. office, including the authorship and fund-seeking for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) in Cook County, IL. Under Mary Pat’s visionary leadership in seeking nonprofit and community health partners, millions of low-income mothers, infants and children received nutrition education, health care referrals and supplemental foods each month. Today, the Cook County, IL WIC Program serves as a model program for nonprofit partnerships.

Kristine Larson Clark, PhD, RDN, FACSM, FAND
In recognition of:
• Her trailblazing efforts to promote the profession of sports dietetics as Director of Sports Nutrition, Penn State University, the first university to hire a full-time RDN in 1991; and as Assistant Professor at PSU, advocating for and developing academic courses in sports nutrition.
• Her collaboration with the United States Olympic Sports Medicine Committee; as nutritionist for the Women’s Soccer World Cup teams; as trustee for the American College of Sports Medicine and Fellowship in ACSM; and as a pioneering member of the American Council on Fitness and Nutrition, Joint Commission on Sports Medicine & Science.

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Her leadership and dedication to forwarding the profession, serving as chair of SCAN and the Academy’s Weight Management (WM) DPGs and volunteering in multiple roles at local, state, and national levels, such as Past President of the Wisconsin affiliate.

Her scholarly activities, including receiving research grants, authoring numerous academic and lay publications, and giving many state and national presentations.

Her community volunteerism, serving on the Boards of Directors for Meals on Wheels, Animal Rescue and the Special Olympics.

Her enthusiasm for the profession, mentoring hundreds of nutrition students and dietitians with her wisdom, wit, and warmth.

Alison B. Evert, MS, RD, CDE
In recognition of:
- Her elected position on the committee for the Evidence Analysis Library Update for Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes and subsequent contributions as writer and reviewer for manuscript dissemination.
- Her appointed role as co-chair of the 2010 update for the Academy’s Revised Standards of Practice and Standards of Professional Performance for Dietitians (Generalist, Specialty, and Advanced) in Diabetes Care.
- Her development of organization-approved protocols for diabetes medication initiation and adjustment at University of Washington Medicine, working with a UWMC endocrinologist to develop a diabetes medication-based competency policy and procedures.
- Her role as author and editor of multiple publications and her development of patient education materials for the American Diabetes Association and the Academy, including as co-author of the Count Your Carbs and Match Your Insulin to Your Carbs booklets in the “Choose Your Foods” series.
- Her extensive service as presenter and guest lecturer in the areas of diabetes nutrition and diabetes technology for health care professionals, students and consumers.
- Her steadfast leadership in the field of diabetes and nutrition, always with an emphasis on an expanded role for RDNs and the importance of medical nutrition therapy.

Joyce Ann Gilbert, PhD, RDN
In recognition of:
- Her extraordinary career as a clinician, educator, researcher, entrepreneur, business executive and the President and CEO of the Association of Nutrition and Foodservice Professionals.
- Her creative guidance while expanding initiatives and achieving organizational goals in financial management as treasurer of the Academy; as executive director of the Marilyn Magaram Center at California State University, Northridge; as vice-chair of the Center on Halssted; in the Military Graduate Dietetics Program; and on boards of many other organizations.
- Her education of current and future food, nutrition and dietetics professionals through programs, presentations, publications and mentoring.
- Her role as chair of the Commission on Dietetic Registration and the Professional Development Committee, as well as on task forces that developed numerous specialty certifications.
- Her outstanding service in the US military as a leader and role model, retiring as a Lt. Colonel.
- Her visionary and valued advocacy for initiatives that improve services for older adults, children, LGBTQ individuals and other underserved communities.
- Her passion for excellence that has created opportunities, moved the profession forward and been an inspiration for many.

David H. Holben, PhD, RDN, LD, FAND
In recognition of:
- His undeniable dedication to the high standards of the nutrition and dietetics profession for more than three decades, with a focus on food insecurity and food-based STEM education.
- His exploration of the relationship of dietary patterns and diabetes, obesity, and other conditions to food and nutrition security across the lifespan and optimization of solutions for food and nutrition security to promote health and wellness among vulnerable groups.
- His demonstration of servant leadership and innovation in nutrition and dietetics, allied health, child nutrition, hospitality management, the United States Army and the community.
- His efforts to move the profession forward through innovative, cutting-edge research, prolific writing, and energetic, student-centered teaching as Professor and Gillespie Distinguished Scholar in the Department of Nutrition and Hospitality Management at the University of Mississippi, as well as Director of the Office of Food and Nutrition Security.
- His motivation of thousands of students as a role model and mentor, promotion of credentialed food and nutrition professionals, and engagement with underserved communities across the globe to reduce health disparities, from rural Appalachia to Maritime Canada to rural Ghana.
- His philanthropic activities as an Academy Foundation Second Century Leader and endowment of multiple scholarships to further our profession, nutrition
and dietetics education, and community well-being.

**Sherri L. Jones, MS, MBA, RDN, LDN, SSGB, FAND**

In recognition of:

- Her key role in bringing attention to the malnutrition epidemic and the need to provide clarity for malnutrition clinical characteristics, which led to landmark publications that have defined the last decade of work for clinical dietitians.
- Her positions as chair of the Academy’s Quality Management Committee and the Clinical Nutrition Management DPG, as well as her current role as the Pennsylvania affiliate’s delegate to the Academy House of Delegates.
- Her early adoption of the Nutrition Care Process as an inaugural member of the Academy’s Peer Network for Nutrition Diagnosis, developing the first patient controlled liberalized diet program and paving the way for RDNs to succeed in wider areas of healthcare through her role as an improvement specialist.
- Her service as a Dietetic Internship educator and mentor to countless students and RDNs.
- Her support of NDTRs by serving on the Community College of Allegheny County Dietetics Advisory Committee for Nutrition and Dietetic Technicians, Registered program.
- Her promotion of lifelong learning and education by serving as peer reviewer, subject matter expert, author and speaker on a variety of topics such as the Nutrition Care Process, Nutrition Informatics, Malnutrition Recognition, Quality Management in Dietetics Practice and the Standards of Excellence Metric Tool.

**Kendra K. Kattelmann, PhD, RDN, LN, FAND**

In recognition of:

- Her long-standing active duty and US Army Reserve service, achieving the rank of Colonel, in which her clinical, educational, research and leadership efforts continue to impact the lives of patients, students, colleagues, and peers in domestic and international settings.
- Her exemplary record of teaching and mentorship as Didactic Program Director and university department head in times of institutional change and opportunity, with her efforts recognized in the bestowment of the title of Distinguished Professor, an esteemed honor from South Dakota State University.
- Her development of novel methodologies, approaches and well-funded, productive research programs that have led to important advancements in the professional understanding of how to facilitate optimal health and nutrition behaviors, including the prevention of obesity and chronic diseases across diverse populations.
- Her countless hours of professional leadership and service, in which she has selflessly offered her leadership talents and expertise in service of the Academy, multiple state and DPG organizations, and the Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior.