



The Oregon Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Awards Information

Each year, the Oregon Academy actively solicits nominations for awards from our entire membership. Qualified nominees were asked to submit an application to the committee for consideration.

The 2019-20 committee included the Oregon Academy Awards Chair, President, President-elect, and a Past President. We are pleased to present this year's recipients to you.

The Oregon Academy would like to thank everyone who nominated a peer or colleague this year. Please consider nominating someone next year!

We encourage you to begin thinking about nominations for the 2019-2020 year!

Look for announcements on our website and via email in November/December 2019.

Help us recognize our outstanding members!

Oregon Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
Outstanding Dietitian of the Year
(Formerly the Award of Merit)

Purpose

The Outstanding Dietitian Award is the highest honor given by the Oregon Academy. The purpose of the ODY award is to recognize the accomplishments of dietitians in the state of Oregon. This award will be reserved for special citations given only for notable leadership, ability and service. One award may be presented each year.

Award criteria

- Member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for a minimum of 8 years
- Active participation in the district, state or national association for at least 5 years.
- Has served as an outstanding role model of professionalism and as a source of inspiration to others in dietetics.
- Has demonstrated leaderships, e.g. in legislation, research, education, clinical dietetics, career guidance, public relations, community nutrition, etc. in the association or employment.
- Age requirement at May 1, 2019, over 35 years of age.

Past Award of Merit/Outstanding Dietitian of the Year Recipients

1983	Virginia Harger	2000	Peggy Paul
1984	Elisabeth Yearick	2001	Brenda Ponichtera
1985	Eleanor Latterell	2004	Kimra Warren Hawk
1986	Betty Johnson	2005	Anne Goetze
1987	JoAnne Magee-Marshall	2006	Mary Cluskey
1988	Kathy Dobyns	2007	Carolyn Raab
1989	Elaine Mackie	2008	Pat Fischer
1990	Sonja Connor	2009	Melinda M. Manore
1991	Cheryl Bittle	2010	Martha P. McMurry
1992	Jessie Pavlinac	2011	Terese Scollard
1993	Marjorie Norman	2012	Maureen McCarthy
1994	Madelyn Koontz	2013	Connie Liakos Evers
1995	Alyce Puppe-Waverly	2014	Nancy Becker
1996	Sabine Artaud-Wild	2015	Garrett Berdan
1997	Ann Messersmith	2016	Sarah McCormick
1998	Marie Banfe	2017	Diane Stadler
1999	Kelly Streit	2018	Jenny Jackson

Outstanding Dietitian of the Year

Amy Floreen, RD, LD



Amy Floreen has been a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist since 2001. She truly exemplifies the Oregon Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics vision of leadership, ability and service. Amy has served in both appointed and elected leadership positions including Oregon Academy Awards and Scholarship Chair, Student Scholarship Chair, Director of Membership, and President. She has been the recipient of both the Outstanding Student Award and Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year Award. Amy is a graduate of Oregon State University and completed the Mid-Willamette Valley Dietetic Internship.

Amy has been an exceptional mentor. From distance learning intern precepting to job shadowing, Amy has stepped up in extraordinary ways to support RDs2B.

Amy's professional experiences are varied, challenging and diverse. From serving as the Oregon State Hospital Treatment Care Plan Specialist, facilitating interdisciplinary team coordination to being the Oregon State Hospital Clinical Dietitian, responsible for 7 client living units and 3 food service sites – including both clinical and food service responsibilities. She has also served as the Pinnacle Healthcare Directory of Dietary Services and Clinical Nutrition Support, a consultant dietitian for Balance Nutrition and Wellness, and the Director of Nutrition Services for Riverpark Nursing and Rehabilitation. Her career has exemplified dedication to professionalism, sound management practices, creative innovations to meet unusual challenges, inspired and visionary teaching, promotion of and respect for cultural diversity, fiscal responsibility, regulatory compliance, leadership, teamwork, respect, and an enthusiastic commitment to quality in healthcare.

Amy also volunteers and champions other organizations, including the National Alliance on Mental Illness. From serving as the NAMI Walks Northwest team coordinator to participating in Mental Healthy Lobby Day, Amy has been active and involved. She also served as a member of the Making Oregon Vitale for Elders Coalition.

In Amy's own words:

I have dedicated my energy and expertise not only to enhancing the health and wellness of clients and community but to the advancement of those practicing or wanting to practice in the profession of Dietetics. An essential ingredient of a life well-lived, is life-long learning, growth, and community service. My mission is to help others do better. I have learned the value of translating my background in nutritional science, food service management and business into messages that boards, managerial teams, employees, peers and citizens can utilize to improve their work and lives. Through a collaborative approach I encourage those entering the field and those who are seeking professional enhancement to set goals, think outside the box, give time and expertise to the improvement of others.

The Oregon Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is proud to present Amy Floreen with the 2019 Outstanding Dietitian of the Year Award. Thank you, Amy, for your extensive contributions to the our profession and current and future colleagues. You truly are a servant leader, inspiring your peers and colleagues.

Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year

The Recognized Young Dietitian of the year must be 35 years old or younger and meet the following criteria:

- Be a national Academy & Oregon Academy member
- Demonstrate active participation in national, state or district dietetic association activities
- Demonstrate concern for the promotion of the optimal health and nutrition status of the population
- Demonstrate leadership

Past Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year Recipients:

1974	Cheryl Bittle & Sue Pisias	1996	Cindy Freer Francois
1975	Brenda Ponichtera	1997	Kimra Warren Hawk
1976	Jan Daoust & Carol Linn	1998	Anne Schenk & Lean Van Winkle
1977	Kathleen Loomis	1999	Kevin Monti & Patricia Rose
1978	Cheryl Boyum	2000	Catherine Bennett Dunster
1979	Signa Gibson	2001	Colleen Freeh Flattum
1980	Jenny Nelson	2002	Niki Strealy & Kerri Traynor
1981	Christy Strong	2003	Katherine Hill Burton
1982	Suzanne Kahn	2004	Juleanna Andreoni & Betty Izumi
1984	Patti Tarbet	2005	Lila Ojeda
1985	Marjorie Norman	2006	Jenny Vannoy
1986	Peggy Lawson	2007	Andi Markell
1987	Annie Fanning	2008	Monica Hunsberger
1988	Peggy Paul	2009	Amy Floreen
1989	Kelly Van Horn	2010	Jeri Greenberg & Katherine Dodd
1990	Ruth Carey	2011	Danielle Podesta
1991	Connie Evers & Julie Hood	2012	Jordann Kearns
1992	Mary Baron & Sandra Kelly	2013	Garrett Berdan
1993	Anne Goetze & Lynn Guiducci	2014	Leah Brandis
1994	Mary Kay Dilerette & Robin Stanton	2015	Whitney Ellersick
1995	Cheryl Alto & Diane Quiring	2016	Sareena Smith-Bucholz
1995		2017	Michele Guerrero
		2018	Claire Nichols

Oregon Academy Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year
Ansley Hill, RDN, LD



Ansley graduated from Georgia State University and completed her internship at Tulane University.

Advocacy, collaboration, dedication, initiative, and vision are all terms used to describe Ansley.

She brings her dedication to advancing the Dietetics profession and supporting community nutrition access in a variety of ways.

As the Public Policy Coordinator of the Oregon Academy Board she represents the profession as a facilitator and participant of local and national policy forums and advocacy opportunities.

Her work as a preceptor further represents her dedication to promoting the development of Excellence in future Dietetics professionals.

Thru her clinical position with Adventist Health in Portland and her online publishing contributions she facilitates the availability of evidenced based nutrition information in the public arena.

The Oregon Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is proud to present Ansley Hill with the 2019 Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year Award.

Emerging Dietetic Leader
Julie McGuire, MS, RDN, LD



Julie graduated from Whitman College with a BA in Biology and Environmental studies, followed by completing her BS in Nutrition and Food Management from Oregon State University. She completed her Masters and internship at Oregon Health Sciences University. She is currently employed as the Master's Program Coordinator at OHSU.

In the words of a colleague, "Julie is deserving of this award because she is committed to moving our profession forward and leads by example to train the next generation of registered dietitian/nutritionists. She excels at working one-on-one with dietetic interns and graduate students as part of their research and capstone mentoring teams, advising all of our master's students, and teaching our physical exam and medical nutrition therapy/pathophysiology courses. This past year, after completing the John Milner Nutrition and Cancer Prevention Research Practicum offered by the National Cancer Institute, she developed an oncology nutrition course that had the highest enrollment of any of our electives ever taught.

She is committed to interprofessional education and is deeply respected for her patient-care experience, her hands-on teaching style, her critical attention to detail yet gentle appreciation of different learning styles, her immaculate organizational and tech-savvy skills and her passion for nutrition support. Her position as a NFPE trainer for the Academy extends her reach far beyond OHSU and Oregon to registered dietitians/nutritionist throughout the United States.

Her service over the years at OHSU and with the Portland Academy, the Oregon Academy and The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is truly exemplary of an Emerging Leader in Dietetics."

Emerging Dietetic Leader

The Emerging Dietetic Leader of the year must:

- Be a national Academy & Oregon Academy member
- 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 association for at least 5 years.
- Not previously selected as an RYDY or RDTY.
- 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.

Past Emerging Dietetic Leader Recipients:

1997	Sharon Salmonson Brown	2004	Diane Stadler
1998	James Fox	2005	Kirstin Thingvold
1999	Lillian Brevoort	2011	Garrett Berdan
2000	Carol DeFrancesco	2017	Emily Kennedy

Oregon Recognized Dietetic Technician of the Year

The Recognized Dietetic Technician of the year must:

- Be a national Academy & Oregon Academy member
- Demonstrate active participation in the national, state or district dietetic association
- Demonstrate concern for the promotion of optimal health and nutrition status of the population
- Demonstrate leadership

There were no nominations this year

Past Recognized Dietetic Technician of the Year Recipients:

1986	Catherine Peterson	1995	Sharon Miller
1987	Robert Wilson	1997	Deborah Carreon
1988	Laura Condit	1998	Cindy Heilman
1990	Connie Gilbert	1999	Kathleen Cunningham
1991	Debra Tapp	2004	Julie Kerr
1992	Lorie Hallahan	2006	Linda Powell
1993	Laura Zollner	2007	Kim Elite
1994	Carla Patterson		

Oregon Outstanding Student Achievement Awards
Becky A. Johnson and Giavanna Saporito



Gia is a current dietetic intern at Oregon State University.

She is described as good natured, enthusiastic, resourceful, assertive, flexible, “A natural leader.”

Gia excels at understanding the big picture, working with the pieces that make up the whole, anticipating what is ahead of her, analyzing situations and considering solutions while working collaboratively with others. She has shown extensive flexibility in her experiences. Just a few among her many skills include tutoring, teaching, program development, team development and systems management.



Becky is a current dietetic intern at Oregon Health Science University.

She has set herself apart as an exceptional student thru her range of volunteer activities, including but not limited to, Oregon Academy Legislative day planning committee, OHSU food insecurity task force, Oregon Food bank, and the Spoon Foundation.

Her Master’s thesis project on biopsychosocial factors that influence dietary behavior in pregnant women will be a valued contribution to the professional knowledge fund.