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## Past Award Recipients

### Distinguished Dietitian (1984-2018)

NYSAND initiated the Distinguished Dietitian Award began in 1984 to recognize those members that did not fit in the category of Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year but had contributed a great deal to the association. The Academy followed in 1987 to encourage all affiliates to offer an Outstanding Dietitian Award. Each state affiliate may have their distinct name for the award, but each affiliate's awardee is listed in JAND announcement under the title of Outstanding Dietitian Award.

Year	NYSAND Distinguished Dietitian Recipient
1984	Nancy DeMuth Ruhle
1985	Ruth Kocher
1986	Elizabeth Casey
1987	Alyette Schizas
1988	Margaret Simpson
1989	Janice Kelley
1990	Ruth Harmon
1991	Jean Borgia
1992	Judith Gilbride
1993	Susan Braverman
1994	Kathleen McClusky
1995	Marie L. Oakleaf
1996	Dorothy C. Humm
1997	Anne Kendal
1998	Jacqueline N. Smith
1999	Deborah Segall
2000	Lois Chait
2001	Kathleen J. McArdle
2002	Linda Horace
2004	Eden Kalman
2005	John A. Krakowski
2006	Roberta W. Gershner
2007	Virginia Vorhis
2008	Sandra J. McNeil
2009	Constance Brown-Riggs
2010	Linda J. Quinn
2011	Helene Messner
2012	Ann Darcy
2013	Linda M. Mocny
2014	Susan Figaro Grace
2015	Lisa B. Stollman
2016	Dorothy Wrase Hares

2017	Susan Branning
2018	Diana Monaco

### Emerging Dietetic Leader (1996-2018)

The Emerging Dietetic Leader Award began in 1996. The intent of this award is to recognize the competence and activities of members, regardless of their age, who are at the beginning of their dietetics careers. NYSAND may award one member each year the Emerging Dietetics Leader Award.

The list of Emerging Dietetic Leader winners for the year is published in a fall issue of the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Our list was verified by reviewing the JADA/JAND, however, if you determine that there is an error, please contact the NYSAND Central Office, to provide updated information.

Year	Emerging Dietetic Leader Recipient
1996	Frederick Raymond Tripp, Jr.
2000	Marlisa Brown
2001	Barbara George
2004	Fern Gale Estrow
2005	J. Elizabeth Smythe
2006	Keri M. Gans
2010	Maria Mahar
2011	Jennifer Kovalick
2012	Margaret Meehan
2016	Jessica Garay Redmond
2017	Jacqlene Hanks
2018	Michelle Nardi

### Isabelle A. Hallahan (1994-2018)

Isabelle A. Hallahan was a leader in the profession of dietetics serving in many roles in the professional association including New York State President 1963-64, American Dietetic Association Speaker of the House of Delegates 1970-71 and President, 1972-73. She grew up in the Buffalo, NY area but her work lead her to the Long Island where she was the Director of Dining Halls at Hofstra College in Hempstead, NY as well as Director of School Lunch in the school district in Elmont, NY. In 1968, when it was noted that the Social Security legislation lacked recognition of nutrition services as a reimbursable medical service, the American Dietetic Association (ADA) recognized the need for active involvement in legislative affairs and Mrs. Hallahan accepted the first part-time position as liaison for legislation and public policy for the ADA.

With the encouragement, guidance and generosity of Isabelle A. Hallahan, the New York State Dietetic Association created the Isabelle A. Hallahan Award, which recognizes the accomplishments by a female RD/RDN (or RD/RDN eligible) with a master's degree that is working directly in a food service management capacity.

The list of recipients that have received the Isabelle A. Hallahan award may be incomplete. If you have information that would add to this data, please contact the NYSAND Central Office and provide updated information.

Year	Isabelle A. Hallahan Recipient
1994	Lois Chait
1996	Jacqueline DeCecco
2001	Mary Damiano
2002	Paula Pickett
2004	Barbara George
2005	Linda M. Mocny

2006	Stephanie DiBacco
2008	Lisa Neuhaus
2009	Soghra Naheed Ali-Sayeed
2010	Karen Ostrum
2013	Veronica McLymont
2014	Julie M. Tucker
2015	Ruth Sullivan
2016	Margaret Tyrrell
2018	Dawna Bennett

### **Jack Bellick (2001-2018)**

Jack Bellick was involved at the district and state level of the dietetic association often serving in the capacity of Treasurer, Delegate to the House and Parliamentarian. During his career as Director of Nutrition Science at the New York Department of Mental Hygiene, he served as Treasurer of the American Dietetic Association. His contributions were recognized in 1988 when he received the Academy’s Medallion Award. In 1995 his work was further recognized when he was given the Marjorie Hulszier Copher Award. It is of note that he was the first male recipient of this Academy award that was initially given in 1945.

Jack would listen to the concerns of members and then quietly encourage them to “get involved”. To support involving a student or active member that had been credentialed in the past 3 years and had consistently participated in district or state activities, he created the Jack Bellick Award. The award allows a young member to attend the Annual Meeting Event and experience the NYSAND Board of Directors and Coordinating Cabinet Meeting with their expenses covered.

The list of recipients that have received the Jack Bellick award may be incomplete. If you have information that would add to this data, please contact the NYSAND Central Office and provide updated information.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Jack Bellick Recipient</b>
2001	JoAnn A. Cooper
2002	Cynthia Cave –Gaetani
2003	Kimberly J. Woloszyn
2004	Tara Buonanno
2005	Karen Anderson
2006	Allison Parker
2007	Robin Neal
2010	Danielle Pacella
2012	Matthew Nulty
2013	Rachel Berger
2014	Sharon Puello
2015	Rachel Stahl
2016	Emily Gorman
2017	Jennifer Assael
2018	Karishma Devjani

### **Legislative and Policy Advocacy Excellence (2001-2018)**

The Legislative and Policy Advocacy Excellence award recognizes a member that has been involved in the positive promotion of the profession in public policy in the following ways:

- Involvement in the initiation of legislation
- Involvement in the initiation of legislative regulation and/or governmental policies  
Directly involved with leadership and/or advocacy of an initiative
- Encouraged other members to become actively involved in the public policy arena

The list of recipients that have received the Legislative award may be incomplete. If you have information that would add to this data, please contact the NYSAND Central Office and provide updated information.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Legislative and Policy Advocacy Excellence Recipient</b>
2001	Colleen Kabot
2002	Beth Ann Mills
2003	Lisa Hodgson
2004	Maria Museler
2007	Edward H. Weiss
2008	Karen Ostrum
2011	Fern Gale Estrow
2012	Rita Batheja
2013	Helene T. Messner
2015	Reyna Franco
2016	Erika Hval
2017	Ann Darcy
2018	Carol DeBonte

### **Media Excellence (2001-2018)**

The Media Excellence award recognizes a member that has been involved in the positive promotion of the profession in the media for at least three years in the following ways:

- Covers current issues and concerns of the Academy
- Provides scientifically accurate nutrition information and promotes the profession of dietetics
- Presentations are creative but also offer balance and perspective and have a broad audience appeal.

The list of recipients that have received the Media Excellence award may be incomplete. If you have information that would add to this data, please contact the NYSAND Central Office and provide updated information.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Media Excellence Recipient</b>
2001	Linda Quinn
2003	Keith-Thomas Ayoob
2004	Bonnie Taub Dix
2007	Elisa Zied
2010	Keri M. Gans
2011	Theresa Jackson
2013	Deborah Beauvais
2015	Julie M. Raway
2016	Jaime Schwartz Cohen
2017	Alissa Rumsey
2018	Susan Weiner

### **Outstanding Dietetic Student (1994-2018)**

The Outstanding Dietetic Student Award began in 1994. One student for each type of dietetics education program within New York may be selected by NYSAND. Recipients of the award are recognized by the Academy with a certificate and letter signed by the president of the Academy and their name is listed in the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Coordinated Program in Dietetics Recipient</b>	<b>Dietetic Internship Recipient</b>	<b>Didactic Program in Dietetics Recipient</b>	<b>Dietetic Technician Program Recipient</b>
1994	Allyson Prace	Catherine Britton	Suzanna Marie Perks	

1995		Ilene V. Smith	Catherine Elizabeth Fink	Michael J. O'Brien
1996	Nancy H. Cody	Christine M. Klinger Marlo Sinrod-Mittler	Terrence A. Black	Barbara O'Shea
1997			Patricia Sawyer	Catherine S. Mangan
1999		Leslie F. Folley	Rebecca Dechario	Melissa M. Mettler
2000		Julie A. Mulder	Robin B. Colton	
2001	Elisa D. Margolius	Katherine Streeter	Lisa A. Sweet	Doreen J. Ellis
2002			Ann-Marie W. Batz	Ann Marie Nelson
2003		Jamillah R. Hoy-Rosas	Alison R. Sturm	
2004	Tony G. Jimenez	Karen J. Gonyea		Jessica L. Enright
2005		Susan Indilicato	Tomoko Okada	Carmen D. Backstock
2006		Petra Robinson	Colleen A. McCullough	Amy L. Vetter
2007		Katherine E. Lysyczyn	Jenica K. Abram	Antonia C. Tritto
2008		Rebecca L. Hassigner	Allison M. Dilzer	Jaclyn S. Mattes
2009	Danielle N. Pacella	Matthew Nulty	Michelle Denton	Rosemarie Dias
2010		Maria Erdman	Erica Giovinazzo	Barbara Parisi
2011	Lindsay M. Putzbach	Emily M. Caras	Courtney J. Smith	
<b>Year</b>	<b>Coordinated Program in Dietetics</b>	<b>Dietetic Internship</b>	<b>Didactic Program in Dietetics</b>	<b>Dietetic Technician Program</b>
2012	Emily C. Gorman	Mary R. Clausen	Tracey Giambertone	Barbara L. Minter Munoz Decote
2013	Kimberly Wilber	Monica Sathyamurthy	Emily Marie Harrington	
2014	Nicole Gajewski	Lina Begdache	Erin Kelly	
2015	Drew M. Hemler	Kristen L. Davis	Mary E. Briggman	Elizabeth M. Sloat
2016		Shrouk El Sayed	Kate Kane	
2017	Xylina Ulloa			
2018	Jennifer Bragg	Stephanie Bostic	Summer Neu	

### Outstanding Dietetics Educator (1995-2015)

The Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award began in 1995.

1995	Alice Beth Fornari Marcia C. Miller
1996	Priscilla Trayers Tennant
1997	Lois A. Schroeder
2000	Melodie J. Bell-Cavallino
2001	Susan Plavin Braverman Kay Stearns Bruening Katherine L. Kraus
2002	Mary Platek Edward Weiss
2004	Tanya M. Horacek
2007	Tina Colaizza-Anas
2008	Sharron Dalton

2009	Susan E. Travis
2010	Elizabeth Kmincinski Lisa Sasson
2011	Jennifer Bueche Arlene Spark
2012	Charlotte Baumgart Kathleen M. Border L. Beth Dixon Jennifer L. Wilkins
2013	Emily Wilcox Gier Elaine Rosenthal Megan Whelan
2014	Debra Connolly Khursheed P. Navder
2015	Luz E. Valencia-Penagos

### **Recognized Diet Technician of the Year (1985-2017)**

The Recognized Diet Technician of the Year Award (RDTY) began in 1985 with the purpose to recognize the professional contributions of dietetic technicians in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (Academy) and to encourage their continued participation in Academy affairs. Each affiliate is allowed to select one recipient each year. Affiliates may choose to not participate in the award program. It is of note that from 2004-2016, there were no nominations received for this award by the NYSAND Awards Committee.

The list of RDTY winners for the year is published in a fall issue of the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Recognized Diet Technician Recipient</b>
1985	Susan DeFilippo
1986	Pamela Grace Smith
1987	Colleen Mary Sullivan
1988	June McCarthy
1989	Linda A. Graham
1990	Donna Marie Stannard
1991	Lela Poindexter
1992	Patricia Ann Chrisamore
1993	Anne B. Gennings
1994	Judith F. Herlihy
1995	Sandra D. Heilig
1996	Michelle Lee Tovcimak
1997	Julie Stavros
1998	Josephine May Henderson
1999	Sheryl Kay Updike
2000	Patricia Gilpatric
2001	Pam D. Podenak
2002	Joseph Aliano, Jr.
2003	Kevin Deptola
2017	Mary McCabe

## Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year (1976-2018)

The Recognized Young Dietitian Award (RYDY) began in 1976 with the purpose to recognize the competence and activities of young dietitians in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (Academy) and to encourage their continued participation in Academy affairs. The groups will be an additional resource from which the leadership of the Academy will develop - at the district, state and national levels. The maximum number of RYDYs per year is based on the number of districts in a state affiliate. Thus NYSAND may choose ten RYDY awardees each year, one from each district, but may not have more than one in a district.

The list of RYDY winners for the year is published in a fall issue of the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

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Year	Recognized Young Dietitian Recipients	
1976	Martha T. Conklin Patricia Mary Episcopia Aricha T. Harker	Patricia H. Joynt Jane A. Mitchell
1977	Clarice Jean Marseglia Mary Louise Schmidt Patricia Mae Severson	Many Kay Skodouk Marcia Ann Ward
1978	Bruce John Brennan Lucinda Sue Bruce Linda Marie Mocny	Gordan Richard Obermann Janet Alice Oberdorf Deborah Segall-Doviak
1979	Joanne D. Bureau Kristine D'Angelo David Jacqueline F. DeCecco	Michele Fairchild Cynthia Sue Lanciault Cathy L. Schaffer
1980	Barbara Jean Bruce Carol Bertha Chinnon Lorraine Pettimarie Deyo	Lois Helen Fiskin Eden Kalman Toby Lynn Miller
1981	Rose Marie Holmes Cindy Ruth Kaufman Renee Lina Meredith	Judith E. Morgan Mary Corning Schumaci Mattie Varvado
1982	Genevieve C. Chung Donna Marcy Handzel Kathleen Mary Hausner	Lynne Marie Oudekerk Barbara Joyce Visocan
1983	Margo Alexander Wendy Demark-Wahnefried Deborah Gail Faul	Barbara Burke Saintomas Elizabeth M. Schwartz Frank D. Wojtylak
1984	Katherine Mae Brieger Geraldine MacNeela Jaffe Loretta A. Johnson Gail A. Levy	Lester Y. Rosenzweig Joyce Ellen Smith Judith Moss Stern
1985	Susan Durkin-Speer Linda Mae Arpino Levine Paula Marie Mydlenski Vivian J. Papa	Donald Jay Shulman Bonnie Taub-Dix Beth S. Torin Riva Touger-Decker
1986	Rosanna Enza Baicich Katherine Cappuccio Patricia Frances Hunt Denise Lowery Hotaling	Barbara Lynn Isaacs Suzanne McNulty Nancy-Ann Padrone Mindy G. Hermann-Zaidins
1987	Melodie Jeanne Bell Julie Caroline Conner	Patricia J. O'Keefe Peggo O'Sullivan

	Elaine Marie Eakins Karen Ellen McCardle-McMahon	Claudia R. Sick Mary Elizabeth Weber
1988	Patricia Case Clement Leen Ann Coloa Laura W. Conway Annette Eleanore Holleger	Carolyn Irwin Patricia Marie Myslinski Nancy Shuler Beth Ann Williams
1989	Jennie Ann Chmielewski Suzanne Marie Eckler Maura Harrigna Gonzalez Melinda J. Monaghan	Linda Jean Quinn Karen S. Reznik Jeanne F. Cartwright Stracuzzi Joyce Lindower Wolitzer
1990	Karen Korsan Collins Vivian H. Crisman Caroline Marie Gargiulo John A. Krakowski	Mary Jo V. Parker Maria Sara Petviello-DeNicola Diana Ehle Pietrocarlo Catherine Helen Powers
1991	Patricia E. Balcom Mona Sue Boyd Maureen S. Fauler	Melody Daphne Fest Leonard Fredrick Marquart Mary Karen McMahon-Noonan
1992	Erin McSweeney Bettinger Johanna Marie Ennist Theresa George Theresa Kolor	Wanda Marie Koszewski Vicky Lynn O'Neil Ann Patricia Tighe
1993	Nancy Marie Copperman Marcella Barbour Fiacco Michelle P. Gallant Maria E. Hass	Brenda Lyn LiPoma Daria Polanchik Pamela Bailey Sullivan
1994	Donna L'Ecuyer Acox Rose Cicone-Baron Shelly Anne DeHaan Joan Beverly Hoppe	Howard Merzel Beth S. McKinney Joyce Marcley Nelson Roberta Shea
1995	Josephine Connally-Schoonen Iris Cruz-Jute Barbara Jean Morgan Marie Nichols	Theresa Marie Shepherd Cynthia K. Weis Sharon Ann Zalemski
1996	Joyce Julia Bagyl Elizabeth Kathryn Bonis Paula Franzese Colleen Mary Kabot	Virginia Lynn Lyons Lousie Schmitz Jennifer W. Turnbull
1997	Robyn A. Cotler Melissa Ann Dabbiero Tracy Marie Gordner Eileen Mary Griffin	Katherine L. Kruse Kenneth Vincent Massie Mary C. McDonald
1998	Denise Marie Feeley Emily Wilcox Gier Kendra Evans Kenney Zari Beth Kolodny	Andrea Dale Platzman Grace Ann Ricci Sharon Ellen Ruderman
1999	Shannan E. Carter Joan L. Entwistle	Erica Kristin Gladwell Theresa M. Murphy
2000	Susan M. Branning Christopher S. Esola Kathleen M. Fugione Beth R. Krause	Alan W. Lee Kelly L. McIntyre Laura M. Spanbauer



2001	Pamella Darby Stephanie Dibacco Belinda Jackson	Cindy Milner Krista Zanetti
2002	Jodi Denton Land Bonnie Taylor	Heather Belding-Wilson Lisa M. Zwillig
2003	Aimee Baer-Mattiolo Pamela Beamer	Jennifer R. Eliasi Kyle Shadix
2004	Cynthia Cave-Gaetani Theresa Geldard	Christine Klinger Gerstle Lisa Kingery
2005	Mary Beth Griffin Candi Possinger Donald Milton Stokes	Patricia Szeliga Lisa A. Yarra
2006	Elizabeth R. Gartlan	Shayne Small
2007	Jennifer Ignacio	Amy Marlow
2008	Thomas Cimo Molly Morgan	Dominique Symonette Susan Wernimont
2009	Melissa B. Buczek Theresa Jackson	Courtney M. Santagata
2010	Jennifer Burris Melissa Pflugh	Megan Whelan
2011	Michelle Easterly Tomoko Okado	Julie Tucker
2012	Sarah R. Daubman Elysa Dinzes Christine Foy	Marie Keogh Amy Menzie
2013	Amy Miller Kathryn M. Szklany	Danielle M. Wright Tsun-Min Wu
2014	Julie M. Leonard Annmarie Ng	Matthew R. Nulty Danielle Stegman
2015	Erin M. Burch Julie Douglass	Despina A. Hyde Ashely Voyles
2016	Jenna Divicenzo Lauren Nickerson	Rachel Stahl Elizabeth Sweeny
2017	Jennifer Garner Drew Hemler Amy Merwarth	Alexandra Nicolette Renee Ortolani Kellie de Lacy
2018	Jennifer Carland Erika Hval Nolan B. Reese	

### **Ruth Harmon Memorial (2001-2014)**

Ruth Harmon, RD, was a public policy leader for the New York affiliate. She traveled to districts throughout New York to review the details of public policy initiatives that were important to the work of dietitians in the New York Legislature as well as the US Congress. Through her leadership and generosity the New York affiliate created the Ruth Harmon Memorial Award. This award was given to a dietetic student leader to learn more about public policy by supporting their attendance at the Academy's annual Public Policy Workshop (PPW) held in Washington D.C. NYSAND was able to give this award twelve times from 2001-2014 award.

The list of recipients that have received the Ruth Harmon Memorial Award may be incomplete. If you have information that would add to this data, please contact the NYSAND Central Office and provide updated information.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Ruth Harmon Memorial Recipient</b>
2001	Kimberly Woloszyn
2002	Emily Adams
2003	Cheryl Brown
2004	Vera H. Branson
2005	Kristen Thurmond
2006	Leigh Kusovitsky
2007	Sarah Cruz
2008	Mark Izhak
2011	Kelly Moltzen
2012	Carly Gilfoil
2013	Brittney Patera
2014	Elizabeth Carnes