

Knoxville District Dietetic Association
Biographical Information for Award Candidates
2009-2010

Outstanding Dietitian of the Year

Sandy Altizer, RD, LDN

Present Position: Pediatric Nutrition Specialist at GI For Kids, PLLC

Education: BS Human Ecology Tennessee Technological University

Professional Activities:

ADA: membership since 1998; Sports, Cardiovascular, and Wellness Nutrition DPG 2005-2007; Pediatric DPG current

TDA: membership since 1998; TDA Nominations Ballot for 2010-2011 year

KDDA: membership since 2002; Recognized Young Dietitian Award 2008; Secretary 2006-2008; Ask A Dietitian 2004-2007; Dial A Dietitian 2004-2007; Bylaws 2009; Nominating Committee Elect 2010

Other Professional Activities: Medical Nutrition Advisor and Liaison for Celi-ACT Support Group, Celiac Sprue Association Chapter #120, Knoxville 2005-present; Board member PLLD Celiac Support Group 2007-present; University of Tennessee Dietetic Internship preceptor present; Independent Consultant-University of Tennessee Women's Athletics 2004-2005; Member Team ENHANCE – University of Tennessee Women's Athletics 2004-2006; Maryville Daily Times Contributor; Knoxville News Sentinel Contributor; WVLT, Channel 8, news contributor to Health Connections; Community speaker including KDDA CPI 2009; Knox Area Task Force on Eating Disorders 2005-2006

Melissa B. Hansen-Petrik, PhD, RD, LDN

Present Position: Clinical Assistant Professor and Director, Didactic Program in Dietetics, Department of Nutrition, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Education: PhD University of Tennessee Knoxville

Professional Activities:

ADA: membership since 1992; Dietetic Educators of Practitioners DPG 2002-present; Dietitians in Nutrition Support DPG 1993-1997; Nutrition Research DPG 1993-1995; Oral and poster presentation at FNCE; Gemple Research Award 2005; CBORD Group, Inc. Corporate Scholarship 1991

TDA: membership since 1992; Child Nutrition Task Force; Poster Session Judge 2003

KDDA: membership since 1997; Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award 2006; Nominating Committee Chair 2009-2010, member 2008-2009; Career Guidance 2005-2008; Ask A Dietitian 2000-2005

Other Professional Activities: Faculty advisor to Undergraduate Nutrition Student Association 2003-present; Chairperson Department of Nutrition Undergraduate Committee 2004-present; Dietetic Internship Selection Committee 2001-present; Mary Helen Byers Award for Innovative Teaching in Nutrition 2006, 2007, 2008; American Society for Nutrition 2005-present; Society for Nutrition Education, Nutrition Education for Children Special Interest Division 2009-present; American Epilepsy Society 2005-2008; ASPEN 1994-1997; Healthy Steps Program University of Tennessee Extension 2008-present; Scholarships Committee University of Tennessee 2009; CEHHS Honors Program Exploratory Committee University of Tennessee 2007-2008; Town Hall East, Inc. Board of Directors 1999-2001, President 2001-2003; Holston River Festival with Dogwood Arts Festival Chair 2003-2005; President elect Coastal Carolina Dietetic Association 1995-1996; South Dakota Dietetic Association Centennial Award for students 1989; several journal articles, publications, presentations and posters on environmental factors in development of food habits and preferences in early childhood and nutrigenomics

Outstanding Dietitian of the Year-continued

Mary Beth Pierce, RD, LDN

Present Position: Clinical Dietitian East Tennessee Children's Hospital

Education: BS Human Ecology University of Tennessee Knoxville

Professional Activities:

ADA: membership since 1997; Dietitians in Nutrition Support DPG

TDA: membership since 1997

KDDA: membership since 2007

Other Professional Activities: ASPEN member 1999-present; Certification Nutrition Support Dietitian 2000-present; lecturer DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine 2009; Anticoagulation Team 1997-2008; Pharmacy and Therapeutics, Policy and Procedure Committee 2003-2007; Critical Care Committee 2003-2007; Patient/Family Education Committee; Hardin Valley Family Fitness Challenge Grocery Tour 2009; Cooking classes, nutrition classes and grocery tours for Tanasi Girl Scout Council

Marsha L. Spence, PhD, MPH, RD

Present Position: Research Assistant Professor and Assistant Director Public Health Nutrition, Department of Nutrition, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Education: PhD University of Tennessee Knoxville

Professional Activities:

ADA: membership since 1996; Weight Management DPG; School Nutrition DPG; Public Health and Community Nutrition DPG; ADA Foundation Colgate Scholarship 2005; ADA Foundation General Mills Scholarships in Recognition of WIC 2000; Child and Adolescent Weight Management Certification

TDA: membership since 1996; Child Nutrition Taskforce Chair 2007-present; Healthy Food Brigade Washington DC Advocacy Delegate 2009

KDDA: membership since 1997-2000; 2004-present; Outstanding Dietetic Student Award 1998; Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award 2009

Other Professional Activities: School Nutrition Association; American Society of Nutrition; American Public Health Association, Food and Nutrition, Awards Committee Chair 2008-2009, Section Counselor 2009-1011; Association of State and Territorial Public Health Nutrition Directors Annual Meeting Planning Committee 2008-2010, Poster Committee Chair 2008-2010; Maternal and Child Health Bureau Performance Measures Workgroup 2008-2009; Association of Graduate Programs in Public Health Nutrition Committee Chair for "Strategies for Success: Curriculum Guidelines for Public Health Nutrition" Programs; University of Tennessee Innovative Technology Center Spotlight on Innovative Faculty 2009; Action for Healthy Schools Summit State Team 2002-present, National Delegate 2002; Public Charter 708 (School Vending) Advisory Committee 2007-present; Monroe County Diabetes Prevention Committee 2008-present; Promoting Healthy Weight Colloquium Series Planning Committee, Chair 2008-present; University of Tennessee Dietetic Internship Selection Committee 2007-present; Public Health Nutrition Training Grant Advisory Committee Co-Chair 2008-present; Technology Advisory Committee 2009-2010; Tennessee Public Health Association 2006-present; several publications, presentations and abstracts on school nutrition environment

Outstanding Dietetic Educator of the Year

Katie Kavanagh, PhD, RD

Present Position: Assistant Professor, Department of Nutrition, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Education: PhD University of California, Davis

Professional Activities:

ADA: membership since 1996; Research DPG 1998-2007; Weight Management DPG 2001-2008; Public Health Nutrition Community Nutrition DPG 2007-2008; Ad Hoc Reviewer for The Journal of American Dietetic Association 2007-present; ECOLAB Scholarship 2004

TDA: membership since 1996

KDDA: membership since 2008; Career Development Chair 2008-present

Other Professional Activities: American Society of Nutrition 2001-present; Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior 2005-2009; American Public Health Association, Maternal and Child Health Section 2006-present, Food and Nutrition Section, Awards Committee Chair; Ad Hoc reviewer for several journals 2005-present; Tennessee Breastfeeding Coalition 2006-present; East Tennessee Breastfeeding Coalition 2006-present; University of Tennessee Knoxville Professional Development Award 2006; invited lecturer across East Tennessee and the nation; principal investigator in WIC related research projects at University of Tennessee Knoxville current; several refereed publications regarding infant feeding

Hollie Raynor, PhD, RD, LDN

Present Position: Associate Professor, Department of Nutrition, University of Tennessee Knoxville; Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Education: PhD State University of New York Buffalo

Professional Activities:

ADA: membership since 1989; Weight Management DPG; Research Resource Coordinator for Weight Management DPG; Sports, Cardiovascular and Wellness Nutrition DPG; Prediabetes Evidence Analysis Project Committee

TDA: membership since 1989

KDDA: membership since 2009

Other Professional Activities: Adjunct Assistant Professor (Research) Brown Medical School, Providence, Rhode Island; Domestic Committee-Dannon Institute National Leadership Institute 2007-present; Society of Behavioral Medicine Working Group 2008-present; Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion, Childhood Obesity Prevention Think Tank Forum member; Consultant for Diabetes, Obesity and Cardiovascular Network of Dietitians of Canada; Consultant, instructor and preceptor for Cherokee Health Systems; International speaker on lifestyle intervention; Knoxville Area Coalition on Childhood Obesity, Assessment/Outcomes and Funding Committee 2009-present; University of Tennessee Dietetic Internship Selection Committee 2007-present; University of Tennessee Steering Committee Obesity Research Center 2007-present; Faculty Search Committee Public Health Program, Epidemiology 2008-present; American Psychological Association 1999-present; American Society of Nutrition 2008-present; Society of Behavioral Medicine 1999-present; North American Association of Study of Obesity 2003-present; manuscript reviewer for 33 peer-reviewed journals; conference abstract, program and grant reviewer for several organizations; several publications in peer-reviewed journals and books

Outstanding Dietetic Educator of the Year-continued

Darla Smith, MPH, RD, LDN

Present Position: Nutritionist at UT Genetics Center, Adjunct Instructor at University of Tennessee

Education: MPH University of California-Berkeley

Professional Activities:

ADA: membership since 1977-1982, 1983-present; Nutrition Educators of Health Professionals DPG Treasurer 1999-2001, Membership Chair 1993-1999; Pediatric Nutrition DPG 2006-present, Webcast Committee 2007-2008; Dietitians in Development and Psychiatric Disorders DPG 2006-2007, Nominating Committee 2006-2007

TDA: membership since 1977-1982, 1983-present; Outstanding Dietitian of the Year Award 1996; President 1992-1993; Nominating Committee 2006-2007; Long Range Planning Chair 1993-1994; Hill Day Coordinator 2007

KDDA: membership since 1997; Legislative Committee Co-Chair 2006-2009; Council on Professional Issues Chair 2005-2006; Nominating Committee Chair-elect/Chair 2003-2005; Policy Initiative Chair and Legislative Chair 1998-2000

Other Professional Activities: Clinical Dietitian part time Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center 2000-present; University of Tennessee and Chattanooga State Technical Community College (CSTCC) dietetic internship mentor and preceptor; Adjunct instructor UT 2000-present; Contributed to improvement of Nutrition 303 Food Service Systems Management course at University of Tennessee Knoxville; Genetic Metabolic Dietitians International Communications Committee 2008-present; founded and developed coursework for Dietary Managers Program at CSTCC; Tennessee PKU Foundation Board 2008-present; Nutritionist for WRCB, Eyewitness Morning News 1992-1995; Communications Committee American Cancer Society 1992; River Valley March of Dimes Program Committee 1986-1997; Chattanooga Outstanding Dietitian 1987-1990; numerous offices for Chattanooga District Dietetic Association 1982-1997

Outstanding Dietetic Student

Claudia Favre

Present position: Graduate Student, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Education: MS in Public Health Nutrition, University of Tennessee Knoxville, anticipated 2010; Dietetic Internship University of Tennessee Knoxville

Association Activities:

ADA: membership since 2005; ADA Foundation Commission on Dietetic Registration Scholarship 2009; Janette Smith Memorial Scholarship 2006

TDA: membership since 2005

KDDA: membership since 2008

Other Professional Activities: Graduate Teaching Assistantship 2008-present; Healthy Eating and Activity Laboratory (HEAL) University of Tennessee Knoxville 2008

Claudia's thesis is studying family mealtimes, dietary quality and BMI in children and is also involved with Plate Waste Studies University of Tennessee Knoxville 2008-present. Claudia is active with the Graduate Nutrition Student Association 2008-present, serving as their current president and serving on the National Nutrition Month Committee 2009. Claudia spent her summer internship at Greater Kingsport YMCA "Look Who's Cooking" program, School Nutrition Services for Kingsport City Schools and Holston Medical Group, "Healthy U for Kids and Teens". Interestingly, Claudia gave daily lessons and designed public health programs for Cofradia Bilingual School in Cofradia Honduras; and clearly has a real passion for pediatric nutrition. In addition, Claudia has been involved with the Community Proposal Project for Knox County Health Department 2009 and Community Assessment of Food Equity with Knox County 2008; Department of Human Environmental Students at Iowa State University and Lima Peru

with clinical dietetics and nutrition research 2006. Claudia has received the College of Education, Health and Human Services Scholarship 2009; President's Spirit of Southeast Award 2007 at Southeast Missouri State University; Southeast Missouri State University Regent's Scholarship 2007 and Missouri Dietetic Association Eugenia Shrader Undergraduate Scholarship 2006.

Sarah Lewis

Present position: Student, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Education: Bachelor of Science in Nutrition, University of Tennessee Knoxville, anticipated 2010

Association Activities:

ADA: membership since 2009

TDA: membership since 2009

KDDA: membership since 2007

Other Professional Activities: In addition to being a full time student, Sarah is a nutrition associate at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center where her work ethic and customer service skills are held in high regard. Sarah volunteers with Women's Way-Weight Management Coaching this past year researching and constructing meal plans where her work was beyond expectations. Sarah volunteers at University of Tennessee Cancer Institute working on a research study and also is a circuit coach/trainer at Curves. Sarah is preparing for a masters degree/dietetic internship and hopes for a career in clinical nutrition practice. Sarah is also involved: Undergraduate Nutrition Student Association 2007-present; Alpha Chi Omega Sorority 2005-2009, president 2007; Dean's Undergraduate Advisory Board 2009-present; Provost Student Advisory Committee 2009-present; HOPE Scholarship.

Shannon Looney, MPH

Present position: Graduate Student, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Education: MPH, University of Tennessee; Doctorate Degree in Nutrition, anticipate 2013

Association Activities:

ADA: membership since 2004; ADA Frances E. Fisher Memorial Scholarship 2008; Public Health Community Nutrition DPG 2009-2010;

TDA: membership since 2007; Graduate Student Scholarship

KDDA: membership since 2007; Student Representative 2009-2010; Directory Committee 2009

Other Professional Activities: J. Wallace and Katie Dean Fellowship 2009-2010; Geraldine M. Piper Fellowship Endowment 2008-2010.

Shannon is currently pursuing her doctoral degree in nutrition (statistics cognate area) and completed the Dietetic Internship 2009 at University of Tennessee Knoxville. Dr. Hollie Raynor invited her to join the team at the Healthy Eating and Activity Laboratory (HEAL) at UTK. Shannon now works with the adult behavioral weight loss intervention grant at HEAL, which is funded by NIH. Shannon's principal research project is, "Does portion size influence intake of low-energy-dense foods in preschool age children?" Shannon is also a co-principle investigator with "The Nutrition Challenge".

Shannon worked in collaboration with another graduate student to re-establish the Graduate Nutrition Student Association at UTK, and served as president of the organization 2009-present. She also served as co-president on the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences Dean's Advisory Board, and as such was responsible for planning the Spring 2009 graduate research panel for the College. Shannon also works as a Maternal and Child Health Graduate Assistant with Dr. Betsy Haughton and Dr. Marsha Spence and provides leadership for the Promoting Health Weight Colloquium. In addition, Shannon belongs to the American Public Health Association 2009-present and American Society for Nutrition 2008-present.

Outstanding Dietetic Student-continued

Lusi Martin

Present position: Graduate Student, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Education: MS in Public Health Nutrition, University of Tennessee Knoxville, anticipated 2010; Dietetic Internship University of Tennessee Knoxville

Association Activities:

ADA: membership since 2007

TDA: membership since 2007

KDDA: membership since 2007

Other Professional Activities/Awards:

Lusi's current graduate research is in the Healthy Eating and Activity Laboratory (HEAL) on "Development of Self-Regulation in Individuals with Type 2 Diabetes" with Dr. Hollie Raynor. Lusi has been awarded the National Institute of Health Research Supplement to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research to support Lusi's research due to the excellent scientific quality of this project. Lusi is a Student Perspective Strategic Health instructor with Project Graduates Really Achieve Dreams at University of Tennessee Knoxville and was a Nutrition and Wellness Peer Health Educator Intern at California State University Student Health Center. Lusi has volunteered with several endeavors related to health and nutrition education and is also a ClinicVols Volunteer with University of Tennessee Knoxville and American Red Cross. Lusi was an oral presenter and poster presenter at Ronald E. McNair Research Conference, California Dietetic Association and Graduate Research Colloquium at University of Tennessee Knoxville, placing 2nd in 12th University of Tennessee Knoxville Annual McNair Research Conference. More accolades: Geraldine M. Piper Fellowship Endowment 2009-2010; University of Tennessee Knoxville Graduate Nutrition Student Association 2007-2009; Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Board Co-chair 2008-2009; Susan G. Komen: Recognition of Research and Completion of Community Profile 2009.

Emerging Dietetic Leader of the Year

Linda Quimby, MS, RD, LDN

Present Position: Clinical Dietitian University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville

Education: MS University of New Hampshire Durham

Professional Activities:

ADA: membership since 1999; Diabetes Care and Education DPG 2005, 2006; Medical Nutrition Practice DPG 2009, Dysphagia Planning Committee 2009-2010; Mead Johnson Nutritional/Bristol Myers Squibb Scholarship 2002

TDA: membership since 2006; Awards Committee 2008

KDDA: membership since 2006; Scholarship/Awards Chair 2008-2010; Dial A Dietitian 2006-2008; National Nutrition Month/Public Relations Marketing 2009

Other Professional Activities: Advanced Life Stroke Certification 2008; University of Tennessee Dietetic Internship preceptor 2006-present; University of Tennessee Medical Center Medical Explorer Program preceptor 2006-present; "Nutrition Education for Prevention of Stroke" presentation for Morrison CPI in Knoxville and Johnson City 2009, Annual Stroke Symposium, Knoxville 2008; New Hampshire Dietetic Intern of the Year Nomination 2003; TEAM Nutrition Presentation, University of New Hampshire 2002; Panelist on Service Learning Writing Fellows Project, Northeast Writing Centers Association Conference, Clark University 2001

Emerging Dietetic Leader of the Year-continued

Denise Wood, MS, RD, LDN

Present Position: Clinical Dietitian at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center

Education: MS University of Tennessee Knoxville

Professional Activities:

ADA: membership since 1989

TDA: membership since 1989; Legislative Support Hill Day 2003

KDDA: membership since 1997; Ask A Dietitian 2003; Dial A Dietitian 2004-2008; Quality Assurance Chair 2005-2008; Reimbursement Chair 2008

Other Professional Activities: East Michigan State University Dietetic Internship preceptor 2007; Jane Savage Scholarship 2001, 2002; Salvation Army volunteer 1999; Mission of Hope volunteer 2003

Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year

Elizabeth Anderson, MS, RD, LDN

Present Position: Research Associate III with Department of Nutrition, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Education: MS University of Tennessee Knoxville

Professional Activities:

ADA: membership since 2003; Certificate of Training in Adult Weight Management

TDA: membership since 2003; Child Nutrition Task Force 2007-present

KDDA: membership since 2005; Legislation Chair 2008-2009 partial term, 2009-2010 full term

Other Professional Activities: Original research on school nutrition poster presentation for TDA 2006; Jane Savage Nutrition Scholarship University of Tennessee Knoxville 2007; Elizabeth L. Schroeder Award of Excellence to Outstanding Senior University of Dayton; University of Dayton Student Dietetic Association President; Committee for Dietetic Accreditation University of Dayton Student Representative

Sarah Griswold, MS-MPH, RD, LDN

Present Position: Nutritionist with Worksite Wellness Programming at Knox County Health Department

Education: MS-MPH University of Tennessee Knoxville

Professional Activities:

ADA: membership since 2002

TDA: membership since 2002

KDDA: membership since 2002-2006; 2008-present; Co-Secretary 2008-2010

Other Professional Activities: Tennessee Public Health Association 2006-present; East Tennessee Breastfeeding Coalition 2008-present; Greater Knoxville Nutrition Council 2008-present; East Tennessee Wellness Roundtable 2008-present; presenter at East Tennessee Breastfeeding Coalition 2003; presenter Tennessee Public Health Association Poster Session 2009; Habitat for Humanity volunteer; National Kidney Foundation Affiliate Education Award 2005; published in *Dicta*, Knoxville Bar Association Journal 2009

Recognized Dietitian of the Year-continued

Cheryl Hill, MS-MPH, RD, LDN

Present Position: Community Nutritionist for Healthy Weight Program at Knox County Health Department

Education: MS-MPH University of Tennessee Knoxville

Professional Activities:

ADA: membership since 2002; Healthy Aging DPG 2007-2008; Public Health/Community Nutrition DPG 2008-2009

TDA: membership since 2004

KDDA: membership since 2004; Membership and Fellowship Chair 2008-2010

Other Professional Activities: Undergraduate Nutrition Student Association Student Mentoring Network-2 years; Tennessee Public Health Association-2 years; Adjunct Lecturer University of Tennessee-Knoxville; Volunteered in “Help Me Grow”-a community church parent/child nutrition program; Shining Star Award-Tennessee Department of Health; Partnership with Knoxville City Parks and Recreation Department for Nutrition Education, Activity Training Program

Courtney Johnson, RD, LDN

Present Position: Clinical Dietitian at University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville

Education: BS University of Tennessee Knoxville

Professional Activities:

ADA: membership since 2004; Weight Management DPG 2008; Renal DPG 2009

TDA: membership since 2004

KDDA: membership since 2004; CPI Chair-Elect 2009-2010; Dial A Dietitian Chair 2007-2008; Public Relations Media/Marketing Co-chair 2008-2009

Other Professional Activities: TDA Poster Session 1st place Junior Division 2004; Group Fitness Instructor RUSH Fitness Complex 2006-present; interview WVLT Channel 8 on various nutrition topics 2007; Ask A Dietitian monthly call-in segment on The Style Show, WBIR Channel 10 2007-2008; community lectures on various nutrition topics 2007-2010

Leah Kittle, MS, RD, LDN

Present Position: Clinical Dietitian with Metabolic Support Services at University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville

Education: MS University of Tennessee Knoxville

Professional Activities:

ADA: membership since 2003; Dietitians in Nutrition Support DPG; presented original research at FNCE 2008

TDA: membership since 2003; Awards Committee 2008

KDDA: membership since 2003; CPI Chair 2008-2009 CPI Chair-Elect 2007-2008; CPI Committee 2006, 2007; National Nutrition Month/Public Relations Committee 2008; Dial A Dietitian 2007-2008

Other Professional Activities: Certified Nutrition Support Clinician, American Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition; UT dietetic internship preceptor 2007-2010; Medical Explorer Program at University of Tennessee Medical Center volunteer/mentor 2007-2010; “Healthy Eating” presenter for UT Wesley Foundation and Carson Newman Wellness class; Guest speaker for careers classes at UTK and Carson Newman College; community lectures on various nutrition topics 2007-2009; interviews with WVLT, channel 8 and WBIR Channel 10 on various nutrition topics 2007-2009; “Ask A Dietitian”- monthly call-in segment on The Style Show, WBIR, channel 10 2007-2008; Experimental Biology April 2008

Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year-continued

Valerie Wilkins, RD, LDN

Present Position: Clinical Dietitian and Outpatient Dietitian at Blount Memorial Hospital, Maryville

Education: BS University of Tennessee Knoxville

Professional Activities:

ADA: membership since 2004; Dietitians in Business and Communications DPG; Medical Nutrition Therapy DPG

TDA: membership since 2004

KDDA: membership since 2004; Volunteer Reporter for TDA Newsletter 2008-2010; CPI Committee 2008-2009

Other Professional Activities: Interview with WVLT Channel 8 promoting National Nutrition Month 2008; Undergraduate Nutrition Student Association Community Service Chair 2004-2005; American Overseas Dietetic Association 2008; Top Collegiate Scholar for the College of Human Ecology; University of Tennessee Dietetic Internship preceptor 2008-present; KDDA mentor program for undergraduate students 2009-2010; Global Outreach-visited Kenya to help malnourished children 2009; Race for the Cure and Relay for Life volunteer 2005-present

IRIS Award

Judith Pelot

Present Position: Nutritionist for Senior Nutrition Program, Knoxville

Professional Background and Activities: BS Nutrition University of Tennessee Knoxville; Senior Nutrition Program Nutritionist for Knox County Community Action Committee in Knoxville 1997-2000, 2002-present; Assistant Director of Nutrition/Customer Service at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga, Tennessee 1992-1996; Diet Clerk at East Tennessee Baptist Hospital in Knoxville 1990-1992; Knox County PTA Outstanding Volunteer 2006; Blue Grass Elementary PTA, Board of Managers, 1999-present, president 2008; West Valley PTSA, Board of Managers, 2005-present, co-president 2010; Bearden High School PTSO, Board of Managers 2008-present; Knox County Nutrition Council 1997-2000; Junior League of Knoxville 1997-2007

Promotion of Dietetic Profession: Judith plans the monthly cycle menus and provides consultation to Central Cook-Chill kitchen facility for Knox County Mobile Meals. Judith has organized and supervised experiences for 10 dietetic interns for the past 6 years with Knox County Mobile Meals. Judith also develops nutrition snack menus for the Knoxville Parks and Recreation After School Program. As part of the Nutrition Education Activity Training (NEAT) program, Judith provides samples of fresh fruit, vegetables and whole grains to over 500 youth who attend NEAT. As president of the Blue Grass Elementary School PTA, her membership drive theme was "Get Moving Today, Join the PTA" and received state recognition for incorporating her PTA theme with the state initiative. As co-president of West Valley Middle School PTA, Judith promotes healthy snacks and nutritious lunches for Knox County students. With the Junior League, she served on the Mini Grants for Schools Committee and the Health Grants Committee. Judith is an advocate for nutrition that covers the lifespan and a true asset to our community.