

COLLEGE

Briefings

Fall 2013

Annual Report and AGM Update

Annual Report 2012

The College has posted the Annual Report for 2012/2013 online by clicking [on this link](#) (under Resources).

Recognition Awards

The Preceptor Recognition Award was created to recognize excellence and dedication in preceptoring and mentoring in Alberta. The College is pleased to present the Preceptor Recognition Awards for 2013 to Jennifer Sundberg, RD from Red Deer and Mary Anne Yurkiw, RD from Edmonton.



President of the College Council, Monica Storey, presenting the Preceptor Recognition Awards to Jennifer Sundberg (left) and Mary Anne Yurkiw (right).

The Dietetic Intern Bursary Program was introduced to support current dietetic interns who have demonstrated exceptional professionalism in practice while studying dietetics at the University of Alberta with the intention of becoming a Registered Dietitian. The recipients of the Dietetic Intern Bursaries for 2013 are Bailey Scheuerman, Stephanie Sontag and Jamie Wildgrube. The College wishes the recipients all the best as they embark on their careers.

The award and bursaries were presented at an award recipient luncheon at the College's September Council meeting.

New Council for 2013/2014

The College of Dietitians of Alberta is pleased to introduce the 2013/2014 Council. The College welcomes two new members to Council, Leslie Slubik, RD and Carmen Olson, RD. Council biographies can be found on the Member's section of the College Website under Resources.

Carole Micholuk, President
Michael Seibel, President-Elect
Monica Storey, Past-President
Diana Mager, Councilor
Karen Villetard, Councilor
Lorna Driedger, Councilor
Gwen Bentley, Councilor
Leslie Slubik, Councilor
Carmen Olson, Councilor
Gerri Nakonechny, Public Member
Craig Hrynychuk, Public Member
Robert Audette, Public Member

Discontinuation of AGM

When the College of Dietitians of Alberta came under the *Health Professions Act (HPA)* in 2002, the College had evolved from the previous organization, the Alberta Registered Dietitians Association (ARDA). As an association, ARDA was formally incorporated under the *Societies Act of Alberta* and as such was required to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM). When the College came under the *HPA*, it was no longer required to hold an AGM as it is strictly a regulatory college that does not offer non-regulatory member service functions. Despite this, for the past ten years, the College continued to hold an AGM as a holdover from the association days. With very minimal to no turnout by members and the public, despite notice and an invitation being forwarded each year, the Council of the College has moved to discontinue annual general meetings of the College, which is reflected in the College Bylaws.

General meetings will be called in the future from time to time as deemed necessary by Council to address specific issues concerning the membership. The College will continue to post the Annual Report on the College website each year as required under the *HPA*. College awards such as the Preceptor Recognition Award, Mary Mitchell Award and the Dietetic Intern Bursaries will be presented at a luncheon with Council, and the recipients will be highlighted in College communications.

Jurisprudence Learning Module Reminder

This is a reminder that the College requires all current members on the General Register to successfully complete the jurisprudence learning module by March 31, 2014. The learning module was developed to ensure every member of the College has an understanding of jurisprudence (the science or philosophy of law) as it pertains to dietetics.

Information on the jurisprudence learning module and resources can be found on the Jurisprudence page on the members section of the College website. Members can choose to use completion of the learning module towards one of their Continuing Competence Program goals for 2013/2014. To access the learning module, please click on the link found on the members section of the College website. If you have any questions about the module, please [contact the College office](#).

New Resources on Members Website

The College has posted the following new resources on the members section of the College website:

- **Dysphagia Resources:** The College has created a resource on the topic of Dysphagia to assist members in Alberta that work in this area.
 - **Getting Involved with the College:** This page has information on the many committees of the College and will list open positions (when necessary).
 - **Employment Opportunities and Events:** This page is continually updated throughout the year. Members are encouraged to check back frequently.
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Profile Updates

The College reminds members that as regulated professionals, RDs have a duty to update their profile within 30 days of any change in the information required for the College's Register. This includes changes to your address, contact information (phone and email), employment information or name changes. You may update your profile information online by logging onto the Online Profile, Continuing Competence Program & Jurisprudence link found on the members section of the College website. Please [contact the College office](#) for information on changing your name.

The College regularly posts information on the members section of the College website and all important notices are sent to members in several formats well ahead of deadlines. It is important to pay attention to College communications and members should visit the website regularly to be informed of changes to College requirements affecting your practice.

College Member Awareness

The College has been asked to develop a logo for use by members on their professional communications (websites, pamphlets, etc). The logo indicates registration with the College of Dietitians of Alberta and assists the public in identifying Registered Dietitians. If you are interested in posting the College member logo on your website, please [contact the College office](#) to request the Member Logo Style Guide and accompanying logo.



Members are encouraged to include this logo to identify that they are a "Member of the College of Dietitians of Alberta". In addition to use of the logo, individual members are strongly encouraged to use their professional designation (Registered Dietitian, Registered Nutritionist, Dietitian or RD) to indicate their legal right to practice dietetics in Alberta.

Special Olympics Partnership

The College was pleased to continue its collaboration this summer with Physiotherapy Alberta in providing health awareness and advice to Special Olympics Alberta. Our two groups recently collaborated on interactive sessions for the athletes and their caregivers at training events held at the University of Alberta in July. Through this partnership, the awareness of dietitians has been raised and the importance of nutrition alongside fitness continues to be promoted with the athletes.

The College looks forward to working with the Special Olympics and Physiotherapy Alberta again at upcoming training events being held throughout the year. The College would also like to thank volunteers Ricky Ng and Kelsey Masciola.



The College's Professional Practice Coordinator, Shannon Mackenzie, giving a presentation to Special Olympics athletes and coaches at their Summer Training Camp held at the University of Alberta.

CDRE Call for Participants

Call for Participation in the Development of CDRE Blueprint

The Alliance of Canadian Dietetic Regulatory Bodies (the Alliance) is seeking subject matter experts in entry level practice related to nutrition care, population and public health, or foodservice and management. Consider sharing your professional expertise by participating in the development of the Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination (CDRE) blueprint.

Click [here](#) to view the Application Form. Deadline for submission is October 23.

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