

# COLLEGE

## *Briefings*

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Winter 2012

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Annual General Meeting 2012 Update

### Annual Report 2011/2012

The College held its Annual General Meeting on September 14, 2012 in Edmonton. During the AGM, the College presented the Annual Report for 2011/2012, which is available online by clicking [on this link](#).



### Recognition Awards

This year was the inaugural presentation of the College's recognition awards. The Preceptor Recognition Award was created to recognize excellence and dedication in preceptoring and mentoring in Alberta. The College presented the Preceptor Recognition Award for 2012 to Cheryl Ryan, RD from Calgary, pictured to the right with Doug Cook, Registrar and Annette Li, President of College Council.

2012 also marked the introduction of the Dietetic Intern Bursary Program which was introduced to support current dietetic interns who have demonstrated exceptional professional 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 2012 are Michelle Dotto, Chelsey Feddema and Stephanie Theroux. The College wishes the recipients all the best as they embark on their careers.

### New Council for 2012/2013

The College of Dietitians of Alberta is pleased to introduce the 2012/2013 Council. Council biographies can be found on the Member's section of the College Website under Resources.

Monica Storey, President  
Carole Micholuk, President-Elect  
Annette Li, Past-President  
Debra Buffum, Councilor  
Diana Mager, Councilor  
Karen Villetard, Councilor

Michael Seibel, Councilor  
Lorna Driedger, Councilor  
Gwen Bentley, Councilor  
Gerri Nakonechny, Public Member  
Craig Hrynchuk, Public Member  
Robert Audette, Public Member

### Collaborative Practice

The College was pleased to be invited to and participate in the first annual Collaborative Practice and Education Leaders Network forum on November 26, 2012. The forum was attended by leaders representing the regulatory bodies, practice and education sectors across Alberta. Minister of Health, Fred Horne, opened the session by summarizing that transformation to our publicly funded health care in Alberta, and in particular change to the health of the population through improvement to the social determinants of health, can only come about through collaboration.

The primary goals of the forum were to achieve a common understanding and consensus on the conceptual approach to collaborative health system change and to establish priorities for coordinated change April 13, 2013 through to March 31, 2014.

Next steps in follow-up to the session include creating an executive committee, which will direct, influence, lead and model change, and identifying action-initiative co-leads to lead the priority work required for change. The Leaders' Network will continue to stay connected over the coming year to keep abreast of the work as it is completed.

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### Jurisprudence Module

Jurisprudence, the law and dietetics practice, is a topic of significant importance to the safe and ethical practice of Dietitians in Alberta. The *Professional Practice Handbook for Dietitians in Alberta* (available for reviewing or download on the College website under [Resources](#)) was developed to support Dietitians in practice and to enhance the understanding of dietetic interns entering the profession.

Following the practice of other regulatory colleges in the province, the College is in the process of developing a mandatory e-learning module for Dietitians, as a way of ensuring understanding of this relevant material. Each Dietitian will be required to complete the module during the 2013-14 year.

To provide background for members, the College will present a brief webinar on jurisprudence and professionalism in the workplace early in 2013. The webinar will also touch on how members will be able to use the jurisprudence e-learning module towards their CCP for next year. Watch for the date of the webinar in early 2013.

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## Renewal and CCP

Online Registration Renewal for the upcoming year will begin on March 1, 2013 and close on March 31, 2013. Additional information will be emailed to members prior to renewal. To assist you in preparing for renewal, please refer to the FAQ page in the Members section of the College website under Registration.

If you have any questions regarding registration renewal or the Continuing Competence Program, please [contact the College office](#).

## Holiday Hours



The Council and staff of the College of Dietitians of Alberta wishes all members and their families a safe and happy holiday season.

The College office will be closed from December 24, 2012 to January 1, 2013. The office will reopen on January 2, 2013.

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