



# News Briefs

*This monthly news bulletin is designed to keep Maine Dietetic Association members informed about issues affecting our profession. We hope you find this resource helpful in staying up-to-date and in touch. Please send comments to [MDA Communications Coordinator](#).*

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## **Save the Date -- MDA Spring Conference**

April 29, 2011, at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland, ME.

Details will be posted in upcoming issues of News Briefs and on our web site [www.eatrightmaine.org](http://www.eatrightmaine.org) as they develop

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## **Katherine Musgrave on Public Policy**

Have you heard Dr. Katherine Musgrave's outstanding audio presentation on why dietetics professionals must get involved in public policy? If not, read this thoughtful response by one of Katherine's students at UMaine, Deniele Lemire.

Then click this link -- <http://www.eatrightmaine.org/id90.html> -- to listen for yourself:

*As a dietetic intern and graduate student at the University of Maine, I feel privileged to have Dr. Katherine Musgrave as a resource in the area of public policy. Though many new interns, like me, may feel the area of public policy is intimidating and too great a force to have much of an impact in this early in our careers, Dr. Musgrave's lecture on public policy applies to all levels of experience. She encourages us, as students, to educate ourselves on current issues, participate at the grassroots level in our communities, advocate on behalf of ourselves as well as dietetics as a profession, motivate others, encourage thoughtful discussion, and most important, vote! She also provides practical advice regarding successful and strategic networking, a practice which is especially important for students entering the field in learning how to establish rapport with political players, build relationships with our coworkers, and collaborate with our peers.*

Deniele Lemire

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## **Future Connections: Summit on Dietetics Practice, Credentialing, and Education**

March 24-26, 2011

Where would you like dietetics practice, credentialing and education to be in the year 2021? What are future practice roles for dietetics practitioners? These are questions that members will answer during 2011 Future Connections-Summit on Dietetics Practice, Credentialing and Education scheduled for **March 24-26, 2011**. The Summit intends to create a shared vision and recommendations about a future direction for dietetics practice, credentialing and education. During the Summit, participants will have an opportunity for dialogue, consideration of expert opinions, and critical assessment of our past, present and future. To learn more about the Summit, check out the following link: <http://www.eatright.org/futurepractice>

In order to maximize participation, the Summit will be conducted using seven regional sites. A limited number of participants will be selected for each regional site. The Summit registration fee is \$300 which includes meal functions and participant materials. All members are invited to submit an application for the 2011 Summit by clicking on the following link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SummitApplication>

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## **Fun at FNCE**

This year's Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo in Boston was a great opportunity for many MDA members to get together at the Maine Dietetic Association's Meet and Greet to congratulate Pat Watson, MDA's Public Policy Coordinator, on her Outstanding Dietitian of the Year Award.

Other events at FNCE that highlighted MDA members:

Marcia Kyle, RD, LD, CDE, MDA's State Policy Representative and ADA's Legislative Public Policy Committee co-presented a session titled "What's Next in Health Care Reform – Challenges and Opportunities."

Kate Hawley, RD, LD, Maine Medical Center, presented an educational session titled "Registered Nurses Recognize Registered Dietitians as an Essential Component to the Successful Implementation of an Insulin Protocol."

Lori Kaley, MS, MSB, RD, LD, representing the Muskie School of Public Service, University of Southern Maine, Augusta, ME offered a poster presentation titled "Impact of a Nutrient Density Rating System on Cafeteria Food Choices among High School Students." Author(s): L.A. Kaley, M.A. Kantor, S.M. Joyce; Muskie School of Public Service, University of Southern Maine, Augusta, ME. Department of Nutrition and Food Science, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, Windham Raymond Schools, Windham, ME.

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## Thanking Our First Lady

On Nov. 18, 39 MDA members and students gathered at the Blaine House to pay tribute to Maine's First Lady, Karen Baldacci, for all her outstanding contributions to children's issues and health during the administration of her husband, Gov. John Baldacci. As an RD and ADA/MDA member, Karen has been instrumental in making good nutrition an essential part of the public policy debate on health care.

Moderator Dona Forke introduced speakers Patsy Catsos, Marcy Kyle, Dorothy Klimis-Zacas, Lori Kaley and Katherine Musgrave.

And, once again, thanks, Karen!



Kitty Broihier, Karen Baldacci and Patsy Catsos



Katherine Musgrave



UMaine Dietetics Interns with Karen