Congratulations to the 2013 Food & Nutrition Conference and Expo Student Stipend Recipients!

RPG is happy to announce sponsoring $100 stipends to the following students to attend FNCE:

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With our busy on-the-go lives, time is everything. Making time for meal planning and grocery shopping can be a challenge. Being that we rely on portable devices these days to rescue us in so many everyday tasks, techie food lovers out there created an app to help us solve the never-ending “what’s for dinner?” saga with pizazz. The Foodie Recipes app is here, created by Glam Media, Inc., presenting monthly themed editions of recipe collections right at your fingertips. Not only is it practical... it's also gratifying for your inner foodie. If perusing recipes makes you drool—then the new Foodie Recipes app is meant for you.

With a magazine-style format, visually inspiring photos and step-by-step recipes, each monthly edition is a compilation of the best and most seasonally significant recipes from food bloggers, chefs and other culinary talent in the food community. For example, the August issue was Back to School: 40 Ideas for School Lunches, featuring recipes meant to inspire busy lunch makers to nourish their kids or themselves with fun new lunch ideas; October featured Halloween Treats, showcasing 40 recipes highlighting fall flavors and Halloween goodies.

Launch the app and land on the front page of the latest issue, similar to the cover of a magazine. One swipe on the screen leads to a witty editorial introduction unique to each edition by Ben Rhau, the Foodie editor. At the top of each screen is an orange ribbon which allows access to both past Editions, and also reveals the issue's Contents identifying the major recipe categories. When the user taps on any of the categories listed, the next screen lists all the actual recipes. From there, the user can select a recipe.

All of the recipes have a bright magazine style photo, and feature the name, website and photo of the blogger who submitted the recipe. At a glance, the user will learn the most pertinent information—prep time, cook time and yield for each recipe. Following that is a list of ingredients and instructions, all standardized. Recipes are designed to be creative and simple, with mostly quick prep and cook times, utilizing techniques that anyone could execute. Because each issue includes a collection of various food bloggers submissions from around the world, the recipes collections tend to be quite diverse. Each recipe can be printed, emailed, or shared on social network sites.

What this app lacks are a couple of extra features that would further simplify the cooking process such as an interactive shopping list that would allow the user to follow and check off items at the grocery store and a glossary users could access for quick information on cookware required and techniques used. Finally, a brief summary on either the blogger or the recipe would provide more context and significance. But even without these extra features, the app delivers in style and substance.

With exquisite pictures and clear directions, the Foodie Recipes app is a visual stunner. The pictures and text look great on a small smartphone screen. The recipes are clear and relevant to the present, bringing in seasonal products and concepts. The app is easy to use with minimal features. You don’t need to be a Top Chef to master this app and create top notch, last minute meals even when time is not on your side. A bonus: this app is free.

Link: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/foodie-recipes/id575737456mt=8/