

Congratulations to the Research DPG 2018 Award Winners

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On behalf of the Research DPG, the awards sponsors, and the awards committee, we would like to thank everyone who submitted an award application this year. We received an outstanding pool of applications, and the reviewers were impressed by the overall quality of the work submitted. We are pleased to announce the following award winners:

THE SUGAR ASSOCIATION/RESEARCH DPG PILOT GRANT AWARD

The awardee of this \$10,000 pilot grant is Meera Penumetcha, University of Central Missouri, for the project titled *Development and validation of a lipid oxidation index (LOI) for commonly consumed foods*.

THE MEAD JOHNSON NUTRITION/RESEARCH DPG STUDENT PILOT GRANT AWARD

The following are the two awardees of this \$1,200 student pilot grant:

- Lisa M. Lanza, Drexel University, for the project titled *Regional prefrontal cortex activation to potentially rewarding activities in postpartum women with and without depression compared to nulligravida women*.
- Megan Elaine Larson, Bowling Green State University, for the project titled *Comparison of body composition assessment techniques in collegiate and masters level swimmers*.

THE MEAD JOHNSON NUTRITION/RDPG STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

The following are the three awardees of this \$300 award:

- Matthew Landry, The University of Texas at Austin, for the abstract titled *National School Lunch Program associated with higher dietary quality*.
- Laura Niederer, Marywood University, for the abstract titled *Identifying primary care providers to increase dietitian referrals*.
- Prabhdeep Sandha, University of Mississippi, for the abstract titled *Impact of a produce intervention on parental produce intake and behaviors*.

THE RESEARCH DPG FIRST AUTHOR AWARD

Susan E. Steck, University of South Carolina, for the paper *“Calcium, magnesium, and whole-milk intakes and high-aggressive prostate cancer in the North Carolina-Louisiana Prostate Cancer Project (PCaP).”* Co-authors include Omonefe O. Omofuma, L. Joseph Su, Amanda A. Maise, Anna Woloszynska-Read, Candace S. Johnson, Hongmei Zhang, Jeannette T. Bensen, Elizabeth T.H. Fonham, James L. Mohler, and Lenore Arab.

THE RESEARCH DPG EMERGING RESEARCHER AUTHOR AWARD

Kate Gardner Burt, Lehman College, for the paper *“Development of the GREEN (Garden Resources, Education, and Environment Nexus) Tool: An evidence-based model for school garden integration.”* Co-authors include Pamela Koch and Isobel Contento.

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