



**Dr. Charlotte Oakley Recipient of the ADA
School Nutrition Services DPG Award of Excellence**

Dr. Charlotte Oakley received the American Dietetic Association School Nutrition Services Dietetic Practice Group 2010 Award of Excellence. Dr. Oakley was recognized at the recent Food and Nutrition Conference held in Boston. She was presented an engraved tray at the annual awards reception honoring members of the DPG for outstanding work and leadership in the field of child and school nutrition. Recipients of the award exemplify excellence in leadership, management, and innovation.

A graduate of Mississippi State University, Dr. Oakley has a doctorate degree in Nutrition and Food Science. Her career spans close to thirty years of service as a professor, author, presenter, and mentor.

As executive director of the National Food Service Management Institute, Dr. Oakley is known for advancing the practice of management in child nutrition programs, providing leadership to the profession, and serving as a role model and mentor for many members of the dietetics profession. Among the most notable accomplishments by Dr. Oakley in the child nutrition arena are:

- Published *Managing Child Nutrition Programs: Leadership for Excellence*, second edition, the go-to resource for child nutrition professionals
- Assisted in developing an online training program for the School Food and Nutrition Service Practice Group
- Presented to a number of organizations on various child nutrition topics
- Participated in the development of the award-winning *Cooks for Kids* video-training series

In pursuit of developing the training programs related to child nutrition, Dr. Oakley has focused delivery through teleconferencing, satellite, webinars, and online training. Dr. Oakley has been active in all levels of association leadership. She has served as president of the Mississippi Dietetic Association. On the national level, she serves in the House of Delegates, chairs the Food Service Management Work group, and is a

member of the Quality Management Committee. Additionally, she is the past chair of the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education and the Dietetics Education Taskforce for the Accreditation for Didactic Programs in Dietetics.

In addition to the SNS DPG Excellence in Practice Award, Dr. Oakley has received the Outstanding Dietetic Educator for Area III of the ADA and the Mississippi Dietetic Association.