

Dr. Josephine Martin, PhD, RD, LD wins Copher Award



Our own, Dr. Josephine Martin, won the American Dietetic Association's highest honor: the Marjorie Hulsizer Copher Award at FNCE 2010. Her 60 years of work in the dietetic profession span everything from foodservice to academia to executive management to public policy. Our SNS DPG, along with the Georgia Dietetic Association, honored Dr. Martin and our other DPG award winners at a gala reception after the Copher award was conferred at the Opening General Session.



Josephine's life's mission – to help children have nutritious meals at school and develop lifetime healthy food habits – continues to impact children throughout the country. She has been a school nutrition leader since 1950, just four years after the historic passage of the National School Lunch Act of 1946. Her dedication to the dietetics profession and child nutrition are the distinguished hallmarks of her long career. She worked for USDA in the Southeast Region, for the Georgia Department of Education where she rose to Assistant Superintendent, and as Executive Director of the National Food Service Management Institute, to name some of the highlights of her career.

Josephine is an active, long-standing member of three Dietetic Practice Groups and was a charter/founding member of both the Food & Culinary Professionals DPG and the School

Nutrition Services DPG. She has served in numerous leadership roles within the DPGs including Secretary, Vice-Chair, and Chair of the School Nutrition Services Practice Group.

Dr. Martin's leadership has been felt beyond ADA with several allied groups. She has been an active member of School Nutrition Association (SNA), again having held national leadership positions for over 50 years. She began as Director of the Southeast Region in 1956 and continued her volunteer leadership through 2008; including serving as President in 1976. She served as Executive Advisor for the Georgia School Nutrition Association for nearly 30 years. Other leadership positions include serving as President of the Georgia Nutrition Council, Chair of the Georgia Committee on Children and Youth, and Chair of the Food Service Division of the Association of School Business Officials.

In 2006, the Child Nutrition Foundation awarded Dr. Martin the third Gene White Lifetime Achievement Award for Child Nutrition, following Senators Robert Dole and George McGovern as a recipient.

We are so proud to count her as one of our valued members!