

# Diane Duncan Goldsmith Receives the Dairy Council Service Award for Her Long-Standing Contributions to Dairy Nutrition Education in Iowa

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Midwest Dairy Council is pleased to honor Diane Duncan-Goldsmith as the recipient of the 2011 Dairy Council Service Award in Iowa. The Dairy Council annually presents this award to someone who is committed to dairy nutrition education throughout the state.

Duncan-Goldsmith is a registered dietitian and has been director of food service for the Iowa City Community School District since 1987. Prior to this, she was an administrative dietitian at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, a consulting dietitian for Washington County Hospital, and a dietitian at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids. She obtained her master's degree in Food and Nutrition from the University of Iowa and her bachelor's degree from Augustana College. She has been active at the state and local levels with School Nutrition Association Iowa (SNAI) serving

as state president 2002-2003 and as past legislative chair. Additionally she has served as the SNAI liaison on Iowans Fit for Life and Iowa Action for Healthy Kids. She is active in the Iowa Dietetic Association, serving on its executive board for two years. She is presently chair-elect of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics School Nutrition Services practice group. After several years, she is finishing serving on Midwest Dairy Council's Iowa Dairy Nutrition Advisory Committee. Her family includes her husband and three daughters, all of whom have graduated from or are attending Iowa State University. Duncan-Goldsmith has been a long-time advocate for the dairy industry. She has worked with Midwest Dairy Council staff and Dr. Leo Timms of Iowa State to help educate school officials and parents about the science and nutrition of milk.