



Alice Jo Rainville, PhD, RD, CHE, SNS, FAND will be honored by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for Excellence in Practice Award in the area of Research. Dr. Rainville exemplifies a registered dietitian who demonstrates innovation, creativity and leadership in research. She has demonstrated exceptional performance; has contributed to the advancement of school nutrition research; and is an effective and excellent leader. Dr. Rainville is a Fellow of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, a long-time member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics SNS DPG, and served as chair of the SNS DPG in 2014-2015.

### **Exceptional Performance in Practice**

Alice Jo has been teaching in Coordinated Programs for the last 26 years. She is committed to excellence in dietetics education at the undergraduate and graduate level. She is a leader of the foods and foodservice management content team, business entrepreneur content team, and serves on the graduate faculty committee and admissions committee for both undergraduate and graduate programs. From 2007-2011, Alice Jo was the editor of *The Journal of Child Nutrition & Management*, an online journal with peer-reviewed research articles with a focus on child nutrition programs.

Alice Jo's research is focused on school nutrition programs and much of it is applied research. Since 1994, she has secured over \$500,000 in external contracts and grants to fund a variety of research projects. The school nutrition research topics have included nutrients and foods in school lunches compared to lunches from home, effectiveness of classroom breakfast, recess before lunch, nutrition information at the point of selection in high schools, and the afterschool snack program.

Alice Jo's research has led to Institute of Child Nutrition best practices resources including the Best Practice Checklist for School Nutrition Professionals Implementing or Assessing Recess Before Lunch <http://www.theicn.org/documentlibraryfiles/PDF/20090508013951.pdf> and Best Practice Guide

for In-Classroom Breakfast

<http://www.theicn.org/documentlibraryfiles/PDF/20090126031301.pdf>

As 2014-2015 chair of the SNS DPG, Alice Jo was an effective, efficient, and productive leader. During her year as the SNS DPG chair, she led the planning and execution of member networking events, communication updates, and webinars. As Chair of the Foodservice Systems Management Education Council (FSMEC), she implemented organizational goals and delivered quality programs. As FSMEC Chair-Elect, she planned the 2011 Biennial Conference in Oxford, Mississippi in 2011.

### **Contributions to the Achievement of Practice**

Alice Jo's publications have included 11 first-author-peer-reviewed journal articles, two co-authored peer-reviewed journal articles, eight technical reports, three letters to the (journal) editor, six newsletters and newsletter articles, and one invited article for the American School Board Journal. In addition, 29 first-author peer-reviewed posters at national and state conferences have been presented and one first author international poster has been presented. She was co-author on 21 peer-reviewed posters at national and state conferences. She has the ability to successfully manage multiple projects and responsibilities simultaneously with attention to detail. Dr. Rainville has presented 40 oral presentations at national, state, and local meetings, including the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics FNCE®, USDA State Agency Conference, and School Nutrition Association Annual National Conference.

### **Leadership achievements in nutrition-related organizations**

Alice Jo has 29 years of experience in leadership with local, state, and national nutrition and dietetics professional organizations including the American Dietetic Association FNCE® Program Planning Committee, 2007-2010, USDA Professional Standards Task Force, 2012, Michigan Dietetic Association Board of Directors, 1998-2000, and Michigan Dietetic Educators Practice Group Chair-Elect, 1998-1999, Chair, 1999-2000, Nominating Committee, 2000-2001. She was chair of the Tall Pines Dietetic Association in 1996-1997.

The School Nutrition Services DPG, congratulates Dr. Alice Jo Rainville's award from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for Excellence in Practice in the area of Research. Come join the celebration at FNCE 2016!