Nancy Rice Awarded School Nutrition Services DPG Award of Excellence

Philadelphia, PA

The School Nutrition Services DPG of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics 2019 Award of Excellence in practice has been announced. Nancy Rice, MEd, RD, LD, SNS, is the immediate past State Director of the School Nutrition Division of the Georgia Department of Education. She was in this position for nearly 11 years prior to retiring in May 2019.

Nancy has two degrees from the University of Georgia: a Bachelor’s in Dietetics and Institution Management and a Master’s in Education.

Nancy was a local School Nutrition Services Director for 15 years in three different sized systems in Georgia: Pike, Spalding and Clayton Counties. Prior to that, she was a Grants Program Area Specialist for nine years with the Department of Education.

Prior to that, Nancy served as the Assistant Director of Dietetics for three years at Southern Regional Hospital in Riverdale, and as a Clinical Dietitian at Crawford W. Long Hospital in Atlanta for four years.
Nancy was also a part-time adjunct professor of sub-systems management in the Nutrition Department at Georgia State University for six years.

Nancy had the honor of being the national School Nutrition Association President in 2010-2011 and has held numerous other national and state association elected and appointed positions during her career, including President of the Georgia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (formerly the Georgia Dietetic Association). Among her other awards, Nancy is most proud of receiving the coveted Dr. Josephine Martin Award of Excellence.

Nancy has two wonderful grown children and one perfect grandchild. She also has a kind, loving husband of 42 years. Her work reflects a long standing commitment to the school nutrition profession, and leadership in advancing the quality and integrity of school nutrition programs.