



Linda Godfrey Receives the
ADA School Nutrition Services DPG Award

Linda B. Godfrey, MS, RD, LD, former chair and active member of the ADA School Nutrition Services DPG received the ADA Medallion Award at the annual Food and Nutrition Conference and Exhibition in Boston. The award recognizes members of the American Dietetic Association for their leadership, ability and service to the association. She was nominated by the SNS DPG because of her passion for child nutrition programs, mentoring registered dietitians, and outstanding leadership to the profession of dietetics.

Mrs. Godfrey currently serves as a consultant with state and local child nutrition programs. She provides training for employees, managers, and directors. Believing that students hold the future of our profession in their hands, she is currently serving as an adjunct faculty member at Samford University teaching food management classes to dietetic students.

As a member of the ADA since 1969, Mrs. Godfrey has provided steadfast service and visionary leadership to the Association and its affiliates for 40 years. She has served as the Professional Issues Delegate in the House of Delegates and as a member of the ADA Association Position Committee. Her interest in school nutrition from a legislative standpoint is evidenced by her continued attendance and participation in ADA's Public Policy Workshops in Washington. On the state and district level, Mrs. Godfrey has served as president as well as other elected offices and appointed committees. Her leadership skills have extended to other allied organizations having served in key positions for both the State and National School Nutrition Association.

Mrs. Godfrey has shared her passion for school nutrition and the desire to ensure children receive healthy meals as evidenced by the many years she has worked

in the child nutrition arena. Having served as the first registered dietitian to work as a Child Nutrition Director in Alabama, she has mentored and provided countless hours developing others to excel in the field. She has shared her expertise on child nutrition through speaking engagements, conducting workshop, and publications.

Other groups have honored Mrs. Godfrey for her work in child nutrition programs. She has received the Jack Davis Professional Achievement Alumni Award from the University of Alabama; the School Nutrition Services DPG Award of Excellence, and ADA Award for Excellence in Management Practice. The Alabama Dietetic Association has honored her with the Outstanding Dietitian of the Year and USDA has acknowledged her with a Best Practices Award in recognition of her accommodating students with special needs.

During all of this time, Mrs. Godfrey was serving as a member of the United States Army Reserves until her retirement in 2005.. For thirty years, she served as a dietitian in hospital reserve units and was deployed during Desert Storm. At retirement, she had earned the rank of Colonel.

Throughout her career it is evident Mrs. Godfrey demonstrated outstanding professional leadership and promoted the profession of dietetics at the local, state and national levels. She provided exceptional service to ADA, its affiliates, and related professional organizations. Mrs. Godfrey served as an outstanding role model for future leaders and a tireless advocate for the field of dietetics. SNS is proud to have nominated and honored her for the ADA Medallion Award, an award she truly deserves.