



EVENTS

WVAND 2021-2022 Webinar Series

We heard you! WVAND is offering our first ever Webinar Series. Four webinars will be offered this year covering a variety of topics. Webinars will be approved by the Commission on Dietetic Registration for 1.0 CPE to those who participate live. Registration is required for each webinar but is free to WVAND members. [Learn More](#)

- Wednesday, October 27, 2021 @ 12 noon ET
[The Future of RDN Education in West Virginia: It Takes a Village](#)
- Tuesday, November 2, 2021 @ 1 pm ET
[Towards Sustainable Diets in the United States](#)
- Wednesday, March 9, 2022 @ 12 noon ET
[Tackling Food Access through Policy, Systems and Environmental Change Strategies](#)
- Wednesday, May 4, 2022 @ 12 noon ET
[That Ethics CPEU](#)

WVAND Virtual Social | Wednesday, November 10 @ 7 pm ET

Register now for our first ever virtual social event scheduled for Wednesday, November 10 at 7. Participate in this interactive virtual social to connect and engage with WVAND members by sharing holiday stories and recipes. Your WVAND President will give an informal cooking demonstration on how to prepare a roast turkey. [Learn More](#)

Mark Your Calendars

- EatRight WV Day | Monday, January 17, 2022, in Charleston, WV | [Learn More](#)
- WVAND Board of Directors Meetings | Virtual | [Learn More](#)
 - Friday, December 10, 2021 @ 1 pm ET
 - Friday, February 11, 2022 @ TBD
- WVAND Annual Conference and Expo | Charleston, WV | [Learn More](#)
 - Thursday, April 21, 2022, 1-5 pm Preconference: Communicating Nutrition Messages Through Tours, Demos, and Photography
 - Friday, April 22, 2022, 8-4 pm Conference



NEWS

WVAND Member/Non-Member Survey

Thank you to everyone who responded to the WVAND Member/Non-Member Survey. Lots of great information and feedback for your WVAND BOD to sort through as we develop our strategic plan. The winners of the random drawing for the gift certificates were Lindsay O'Brien and Kelsey Rudinski.

WVAND Mentor Program Pilot

The WVAND Mentor Program will be piloting its first cohort with mentor/mentee pairings to occur in October. Thank you to all who agreed to be mentors and help shape the future of the profession in WV! [Learn More](#)

Licensure of Dietitians in West Virginia

The WVAND Public Policy Committee has been working hard to keep hard won licensure from being removed. WVBOLD and WVAND partnered to meet with a joint interim session of the WV HOD and Senate Government Organization Committee on September 13. Efforts focused on ensuring that the PERD assessment does not result in

removal of licensure. The Public Policy Committee hosted a Virtual Townhall Meeting on the topic of licensure on September 20. Eighteen (18) WVAND members on and ten (10) non-members participated in the webinar. Registered dietitian nutritionists practicing in West Virginia are “health care practitioners” under West Virginia law and by virtue of being included in that term, RDNs are immediately integrated into the West Virginia health care regulatory and payment structure in hundreds of ways. Licensure is a prerequisite to being included in the definition of “health care practitioner” in West Virginia, so without the ability to get licensed, West Virginia RDNs would no longer be considered a “health care practitioner” for purposes of providing telehealth or obtaining health insurance reimbursement.

WVAND Virtual Townhall and Fall HOD Meeting

Cathy Shaw, WVAND Delegate to the Academy, led a Virtual Townhall on September 7 to discuss proposed bylaws changes. Participants had a robust conversation about the future of the Academy and the importance of our delegate. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics House of Delegates (HOD) Meeting occurred September 17-18. As a result of voting, the HOD retains the authority to vote on future bylaws amendments.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Kelli George, PhD, RD, LD
Morgantown, WV


Employer West Virginia University
Position Teaching Assistant Professor & DPD Director
Hometown Richmond, VA
College BS at Virginia Tech
PhD at Florida State University
Basket List Item to visit Greece
Why did you become an RD?
To make a difference in the lives of future nutrition professionals
Favorite Book or TV Show
Schitt's Creek




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[Learn More](#) about Kelli

Eden Zachariah



Program Marshall University Onsite Internship Program
Hometown Bunker Hill, WV
College Marshall University
Basket List Item
Riding the sleeper train through the Swiss Alps
Why did you choose dietetics?
I have seen more myself the powerful effect that nutrition can have on health and I wanted to help others see that benefit in their lives.
Favorite Book or TV Show
The Silver Chair by C.S. Lewis



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DIETETIC INTERN SPOTLIGHT

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ACADEMY RESOURCES

FNCE® 2021

FNCE will take place virtually October 16-19. eatrightfnce.org

[Learn More](#)

Telehealth Quick Guide for RDNs

The Academy's *Telehealth Quick Guide for RDNs* includes clarification of coverage for phone and online assessment and management services; expanded workflow tips; sample telehealth coverage policies for major commercial payers; and information on cyber/data breach liability coverage.

[Learn More](#)

New Resources: Baby-Friendly USA

BFUSA's recently updated [Guidelines and Evaluation Criteria](#) (6th ed.) includes guidelines for facilities to follow and evaluation criteria that cover the minimum standards to be followed for a facility to become designated Baby-Friendly. Also available is the organization's [NICU toolkit](#), designed to help NICUs incorporate evidence-based policies and practices.

USDA Webinar Series

The [Institute of Child Nutrition](#) (ICN) is offer a 2-part webinar series focused on the challenges of supply chain changes for the upcoming school year. The ICN, in collaboration with the USDA, invites all Academy members to access these [resources online](#) to support current and future needs.

MNT Provider Newsletter – September Issue

Find out how the identification of malnutrition impacts payment in the inpatient and outpatient setting, how you can take action to stop cuts to RDN payment and for information about changes to the ABN annual renewal requirement, read the latest issue of the [MNT Provider](#).