

## **IAND Diversity Award**

This award honors a nutrition professional, or student demonstrating exceptional commitment to promoting diversity, fostering equitable access to nutrition services, and creating inclusive environments in the profession and the communities we serve.

### **2. Eligibility**

- **Who can be nominated:**
  - Students or interns studying dietetics or nutrition
  - Educators or preceptors
  - Organizations or community partners
  - Nutrition professionals

### **3. Core Areas:**

#### **A. Advocacy & Representation**

- Advocates for underrepresented groups within the dietetics profession.
- Promotes recruitment and retention of diverse students and professionals.
- Serves as a mentor or role model for individuals from marginalized backgrounds.

#### **B. Inclusive Practice**

- Designs culturally responsive nutrition education or counseling.
- Integrates food sovereignty, traditional foodways, and cultural awareness into practice.
- Develops accessible resources for individuals with language, literacy, or socioeconomic barriers.

#### **C. Leadership & Collaboration**

- Leads DEI-focused initiatives at the organizational, community, or policy level.
- Collaborates across sectors to improve equitable access to nutrition services.
- Creates safe, inclusive spaces for dialogue around equity in dietetics.

#### **D. Measurable Impact**

- Demonstrates tangible outcomes, such as:
  - Improved access to care
  - Expanded representation in leadership roles
  - Policy or curriculum changes
  - Innovative programs supporting historically excluded groups
- \*Note: the “award” is acknowledgement of the recipients’ achievements from IAND. A plaque & certificate are to be provided