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Dr. Mary Story, RD Receives the 2018 SNEB President's Award

The Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior (SNEB) presents the President's Award to a member of the Society in recognition of their outstanding service to both the field of nutrition education and to SNEB. This year, the Society is pleased to award Mary Story, PhD, RD, with the honor at the 2018 Annual Conference in Minn., MN July 21-24 for her outstanding contributions to the field.

Known as the "fairy godmother of healthy eating," Dr. Story is a leading pioneer in building the evidence base for using environmental and policy strategies to improve access to healthy eating, especially among children and adolescents from racial/ethnic minority, low-income, and tribal communities.

Dr. Story has conducted several NIH funded randomized school and community-based obesity prevention trials that included nutrition education components. That is, Dr. Story was the Principal Investigator on the NIH funded, Pathways study, a multi-site school-based obesity intervention for American Indian youth residing on seven Indian reservations. She was also the Principal Investigator on the NIH funded phase I multi-site obesity prevention study for African American preadolescent girls. Known as the Girls Health Enrichment Multi-Site Studies (GEMS), Dr. Story led a multi-site team that developed, implemented and evaluated an after-school obesity prevention program. Dr. Story was also the Principal Investigator on Bright Start, an NIH funded school and family-based obesity prevention trial on the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota with kindergarten and first grade children. She has been involved in several environmental interventions to improve healthy eating, including several pricing interventions. She has also been a co-investigator on Project EAT-I, II and III, which is a longitudinal study with young adolescents through young adulthood that has provided a knowledge base about adolescent weight status, body image, weight control behaviors, eating behaviors, and physical activity.

Throughout Dr. Story's impressive career, she has published more than 430 articles in scientific journals; more than 30 in the Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior. Additionally, Dr. Story has written 40 book chapters on the topic of child/adolescent nutrition or childhood obesity and edited seven books including Bright Futures in Practice: Nutrition, which is currently in the 3rd Edition (2011). She has also been Guest Editor/Co-Editor on seven journal special issues and journal supplements.

Dr. Story is an award-winning teacher and has been the primary advisor to more than 100 MPH students in the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. She has also organized numerous continuing education conferences.

Since 2005, Dr. Story have served on six Institute of Medicine (IOM) committees and five workshop planning committees related to nutrition and diet or obesity prevention. Currently, Dr. Story serves on the IOM Food and Nutrition Board and she is the Vice Co-Chair for the IOM Roundtable on Obesity Solutions. In 2010, Dr. Story was elected to the IOM. Her contributions have been recognized by the 2016 American Public Health Association, Food and Nutrition Section Excellence in Dietary Guidance Award, the 2014 Obesity Society Bar-Or Award for Excellence in Pediatric Obesity Research, a 2009 American Dietetic Association Medallion Award, and the 2003 American Dietetic Association President's Circle Nutrition Education Award.

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