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## **Christopher Taylor, PhD, RD, LD, FAND to Receive 2022 SNEB Mid-Career Achievement Award**

INDIANAPOLIS, IN (July 1, 2022) The Society of Nutrition Education and Behavior (SNEB) will honor Christopher Taylor PhD, RD, LD, FAND with the Mid-Career Achievement Award at the 2022 SNEB Annual Conference. The Mid-Career Achievement Award recognizes a SNEB member who has made notable contributions in the field of nutrition education and behavior during the middle stages of their career. The award will be presented at the 2022 SNEB Annual Conference during the opening session on July 29, 2022 in Atlanta, GA.

Dr. Taylor serves as the Director of the Coordinated Program in Dietetics and Medical Dietetics at The Ohio State University and the Co-Director of the Master of Dietetics and Nutrition, a ACEND Future Education Model Demonstration Program.

Dr. Taylor’s work and career in education stand on the three pillars of a land grant university’s mission: knowledge generation, knowledge sharing, and outreach and engagement. Critical to his research and practice in nutrition education is distilling these pillars into teaching, research, and service.

Throughout his career trajectory, there have been mentors and collaborators that have fostered his growth and perspective. This has shaped his philosophy of mentorship that is anchored in growing the next generation of apt nutrition education professionals. “The most rewarding career accomplishments are when we see our mentees succeed. The impact each one of us can have directly is limited, but it grows exponentially with the influences of all of those that we prepare as committed citizens and stewards of the profession” says Taylor.

Speaking from personal experience Spees adds, “Chris sacrificed his time to sit with me (and countless other students) to help develop solid nutrition education research questions, consult on data collection, assist with data analyses, and edit drafts of abstracts, posters, and manuscripts to support my professional growth and development. These are tasks that my formal mentorship team would never find the time to do.”

“Dr. Taylor is an accomplished and thoughtful mentor to undergraduates and graduate students as well as colleagues. He has touched the lives of hundreds and gently guided them to become insightful critical thinkers and empathetic professionals,” said Karen Chapman-Novakofski, PhD, RDN.

As an educator, he has received a national teaching award from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. In addition, he has been nominated twice for the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee and worked to shape the Academy's response to guideline development through his appointment as Chair of the AND Dietary Guidelines Collaborative.

He has developed an international reputation as an expert in dietary patterns assessment that supports a food-based approach to evaluating the link between diet and health. One of his novel approaches within his research includes developing a pathway to allow patients within Primary Care to gain access to nutrition counseling. This happened when his research informed increasing the number of full-time employees within the Family Medicine clinic, creating an environment where nutrition counseling can be a viable business model rather than an underappreciated need. Dr. Taylor has built partnerships with the Department of Family Medicine to make nutrition a priority and fostered collaborations that can link these patients to resources for nutrition counseling to address their specific needs.

Also, during his time at The Ohio State University, Dr. Taylor has led the faculty in developing the curriculum map to meet the new competency-based education structure for a newly formulated educational pedagogy.

As a SNEB member, Dr. Taylor has a history as a servant leader to the profession by supporting the Society's mission. Dating to his doctoral program, he has been an author and a reviewer for the flagship journal, the Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior.

In 2017, he began serving as an associate editor for the Journal and currently serves as the Chair of the Research Division, where his primary focus is to develop recognition for member accomplishments through awards.

The SNEB President invited him to serve as a member of the Strategic Planning Task Force addressing promoting research within the Society. He has also joined other SNEB members in providing capacity-building workshops in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Vietnam to foster scholarly efforts, shaping international dietetics education, and community health forums that create a path to support disparate communities in developing their own solutions from within.

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