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Dr. Seung Eun Jung Receives SNEB Korean Society of Community Nutrition Professional Achievement Award

INDIANAPOLIS, IN (August 30, 2023) The Society of Nutrition Education and Behavior (SNEB) honored Seung Eun Jung, PhD, RD, with the Korean Society of Community Nutrition (KSCN) 2023 SNEB Professional Achievement Award. This award is presented to SNEB members who made a significant contribution to the field of community nutrition, especially for Korean Americans and/or minority populations in the U.S. A joint award program is part of a memorandum of understanding between the two societies. The award was presented at the 2023 SNEB International Conference during the award ceremony on July 21, 2023, in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Jung is associate professor for the Department of Human Nutrition & Hospitality Management at The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL. As a community nutritionist and RD, her primary research is centered around investigating strategies to decrease health disparities and improve nutritional status while ensuring the long-term health of the food system by promoting both healthy and environmentally sustainable food choices. She was nominated for the award by SNEB member Heejung Song, PhD.

“Early in her career, [Jung] discovered a passion for research and education for those with health disparities and minority populations,” said Song. “This passion only continued after beginning work at the University of Alabama and leading her own research team, her focus mainly on decreasing health disparities in the low-income older adult population by promoting healthy food choices, including fruits, vegetables (F&V) and whole grains.”

Jung is also very involved in the college student community. Through the USDA funded research project, she and her research team conducted a needs assessment to identify college students’ perceived barriers and facilitators of locally grown F&V consumption to improve dietary quality. Recently, she and her research team were able to secure another USDA funds to develop a theory-based nutrition education program utilizing social media as a platform to promote locally grown F&V consumption among college students. Results indicated that college students’ knowledge and intention were significantly increased after attending the social media intervention.

“Dr. Jung also teaches community nutrition and nutrition education classes for students attending the University of Alabama,” Song explained, “pouring her knowledge into the future generations of dietitians to come and fostering a love for community nutrition among up-and-coming dietitians.”

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