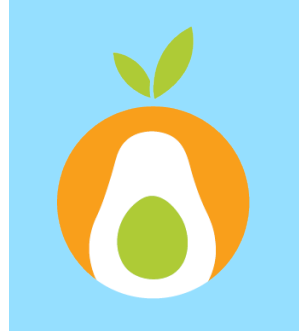


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## The First Graduating Class

The USU MDA class of 2023 marked a significant milestone in the field of dietetics education, with thirty-five dedicated students completing the requirements of supervised practice while graduating with a master's degree, qualifying them to take the RD exam, all in one year.

### Graduation Ceremonies

Students from Utah, California, Georgia, Maryland, Missouri, Wyoming, North Carolina, and Texas comprised the first MDA class. Throughout the program, students demonstrated unwavering commitment and perseverance, culminating in a comprehensive project that showcased their abilities to integrate leadership and management principles into practical applications.



### Paving the Way for Future Students

Twenty-four students attended graduation ceremonies in Logan, Utah. As pioneers of this program, the class of 2023 has set a benchmark for future cohorts, paving the way for others to embark on this transformative educational journey.



Students from the 2023-24 class are currently in the process of taking the RD exam and have been very successful. We are cheering them all on!



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## The 2024–2025 Class



In addition to completing supervised practice in clinical, foodservice and community settings, students take graduate courses in leadership and management, communication, research, and finish with a cumulative master's project. Master's project topics vary, and allow students to apply the principles from their coursework to problem solve in actual workplace environments. Past master's projects topics have addressed nutrition education curriculum development, recipe development in schools, and the utilization of technology in WIC facilities.

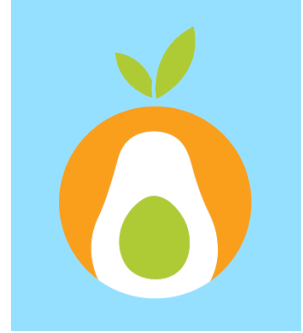


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## AND Foundation Scholarship Award Winners



We are thrilled to celebrate the outstanding achievements of four of our students who were awarded scholarships from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation. Congratulations to Amira, recipient of the 2024 Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation General Scholarship; Alexandria, recipient of the 2024 Bill Barkley Graduate Scholarship; Juan, recipient of the 2024 Colonel Katharine E. Manchester Scholarship; and Aurora, recipient of the 2024 Diabetes Dietetic Practice Group Scholarship.

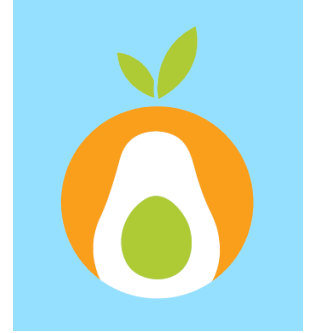
Your hard work and dedication have been rightfully recognized, and we couldn't be prouder!

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation is the largest provider of dietetic scholarships, offering over 250 scholarships each year to deserving students. The Foundation launched its "Make It a Million Scholarship Campaign," aiming to raise \$1 million over the next three years to increase the number of scholarships awarded annually to \$1 million by 2025. Please consider supporting this important initiative! [www.eatrightfoundation.org/get-involved/make-it-a-million](http://www.eatrightfoundation.org/get-involved/make-it-a-million)

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The USU MDA faculty attended FNCE in Minneapolis in October where they reconnected with program alumni, colleagues from across the country, and learned from experts at educational sessions.

### **A few highlights from FNCE:**

Lacie participated in leadership meetings as part of her role as the NDEP West Coast Regional Director. She helped lead a Q&A session for educators with ACEND and CDR representatives.

Maria attended a leadership training for the School Nutrition Services DPG. She is currently serving as the nominating chair.

Nikki moderated an educational session (Finding Balance) with speakers from the Dietitians in Nutrition Support DPG. The session used a case-study approach to review electrolyte and fluid management in adults and pediatric patients.

The program participated in the NDEP Supervised Practice Fair and had a booth in the Center for Career Opportunities where faculty connected with prospective students and professionals.

FNCE is a highlight of the fall and something we look forward to attending each year.

See you next year in Nashville!

