**Preceptor Award**

Rationale: Preceptors are invaluable in the preparation of dietetic students.

Purpose: This award recognizes Idaho Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics members or businesses/organizations who serve programs as preceptors.

Goal: To encourage the perpetuation of this long-standing practice.

Process: Any Idaho school, college, or university that has a program accredited through the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, currently Idaho State University (ISU) and University of Idaho (UI) will be encouraged to nominate at least one preceptor (either member or business/organization) that provides supervised practice experiences to students/interns in Idaho based programs.

Nominations of preceptors can also come from other Idaho Academy members including students. Nominations will be sent to the program directors of currently (or future) accredited programs for review. Each school, college, or university (currently ISU and UI) will facilitate their selection process for recipients of this award to forward to the Idaho Academy Awards Chair/Past-President board for recognition by March 1st of each year.

The award description is posted on the Idaho Academy website (eatrightidaho.org).

Award(s) and certificates will be presented at the Annual Business Meeting each year.

Names of awardees will be posted on eatrightidaho.org.

Criteria: (based upon the Nutrition and Dietetics Educators and Practitioners Guidelines):

Preceptors for this award are defined as members or businesses/organizations that provide experiential learning to dietetic students/interns in their career setting without financial remuneration, or other compensation on the part of the student/intern nor the sponsoring educational program.

Nominations for members or businesses/organizations should exemplify the following attributes:

* **Teaching**.
* **Mentoring**,
* **Excellence in Professional Practice**