



Alumni Newsletter

August 2023

Hello Department of Nutrition Alumni! We are excited to share some upcoming events happening this fall semester for our alumni. In the newsletter, you will also find some resources and alumni and faculty spotlights.

Upcoming Events



MSU Denver - POHA

3rd Annual Virtual

Nutrition Diversity Conference

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
8AM-5PM MST



OVER 25 LIVE SESSIONS + RECORDINGS AVAILABLE FOR 1 MONTH
PROFESSIONALS CAN EARN UP TO 25 CEUs (pending CDR)

FEATURING KEYNOTE



DENEE BEX

*Empowering Indigenous
Communities Through Trauma-
Informed Nutrition Education*



PURCHASE TICKETS:

www.accelevents.com/e/ndc2023

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Department of Nutrition

Please join us at our annual Nutrition Diversity Conference on Friday, September 8th from 8am-5pm MST. There will be over 25 live sessions and recordings. Professionals can earn up to 25 CEUs (pending CDR). Scan the QR code or visit <https://www.accelevents.com/e/ndc2023> to purchase your ticket!

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MSU DENVER X DIVERSIFY DIETETICS

MEET UP

At FNCE 2023

10.7.2023

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**MSU Denver
Tivoli Student Union-Turnhalle
900 Auraria Pkwy
Denver, CO 80204**

Free to MSU Denver Alumni

Drinks and Light Bites

Parking Not Included

***Registration is Required**



Please join MSU Denver's Department of Nutrition and Diversify Dietetics for a pre-FNCE alumni meet up on October 7th, 2023 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. This event is free to all MSU Denver alumni. See flyer for more details. Registration is required for all guests and spots are limited! RSVP today:

https://msudenver.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4T6S2Wn9GMCv5s2

Resources

MSND Alumni Professional Development Fund

Alumni of the Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics program (MSND) in the Department of Nutrition at Metropolitan State University of Denver who attend a professional conference to present the research they conducted during their time in the MSND program can apply to receive financial support to cover registration, travel and other related expenses. Given funding limitations, completion of an application does not guarantee support, nor does it guarantee that funds for the entire amount requested will be provided. Alumni are encouraged to seek additional external funding opportunities to cover travel expenses. Examples of possible external funding opportunities include employer sponsored funds, professional organization funds (e.g. Colorado Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics), among others. Funding is typically limited to \$500 per alumni.

Eligibility

- Applicants must have graduated within the last 1-year from the MSND program.
- Students must be presenting (e.g. poster, oral, paper) at the conference for which funds are requested.
- Conference presentation must be work completed during the MSND program.

- Conference must be nutrition or health related.
- Only one award will be considered during the 1-year post-graduation.
- All parts of the application must be completed in order to be considered for funding

More info and the application can be found here: <https://www.msudenver.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/MSND-Alumni-Conference-Funds-Application.pdf>

Alumni Spotlight

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



**KENDALL
DISCENZA**
MSND GRADUATE '23

Kendall Discenza, MS, is a Spring 2023 graduate of the MSND program. Throughout her time at MSU Denver, she was heavily involved in the Auraria Campus Student Dietetic Association and the Eating Disorder Awareness Group. Kendall also worked as a dietary technician throughout the program, where she applied skills learned within the classroom. She successfully matched to a dietetic internship for the 2023-2024 year as a Sodexo Dietetic Intern, Chicago Region.

Department Spotlight



MEET THE NUTRITION DEPARTMENT



Jon Padia, MS, RD
Dietetic Internship Director

Join us in welcoming Jon Padia in his new role as our Dietetic Internship Director!

Jon Padia is a Denver native and has been a Registered Dietitian since 2014. Jon received his Bachelor of Science degree in dietetics from Metropolitan State University of Denver in 2013 and his Master of Science degree in food science and nutrition from Colorado State University in 2018. Jon has a strong background in

community nutrition, working as a dietitian for a local school district, the WIC program, and the Colorado Department of Education, where he served as the lead for menu planning in school nutrition programs. Jon's most recent role was as a Clinical Science Professional for the University of Colorado, Clinical and Translational Research Center, where he integrated nutrition research and diet planning for multiple research studies.

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