

American Dietetic Association Board of Directors 2005-06



Thank you for the privilege of serving as President of the American Dietetic Association for 2005-06. Under the direction of the highly qualified, dedicated professionals who will join me on ADA's Board of Directors, our Association will continue to expand our leadership role in improving and safeguarding the nutritional health of all people. We will help consumers translate the science-based recommendations of the 2005 *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* into practical advice for eating healthfully while enjoying their favorite foods. We will work closely with state and federal legislators and policy makers to enable even more people to benefit from potentially lifesaving medical nutrition therapy. ADA and all dietetics professionals accept the challenge of addressing the causes and effects of the obesity epidemic among adults and children. On behalf of the entire Board, we can't wait to get to work! Please welcome the men and women who will serve as ADA's Board of Directors for 2005-06:

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Brandt is president of Barbara K. Brandt Inc, which provides philanthropic consulting services for corporations, foundations, and nonprofit organizations. Previously she was executive director of development for the Ohio State University College of Humanities, executive director of the university's Campaign for Central Ohio, vice president of the Riverside/Ohio Health Foundation, and vice president of development for the Columbus Foundation. Brandt serves on the board of trustees and chairs the development committee of the Columbus Association of the Performing Arts and on the advisory board of Ohio State University's School of Public Health. She was elected to the US Committee for the United Nations' Women's Foundation and served

on its committee on global violence against women. Brandt is a member of the International Women's Fund and past chair of its development committee and a recipient of the YWCA Women of Achievement award. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and The Ohio State University.



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Connor is research associate professor in the department of medicine at Oregon Health & Science University and director of the university's nutrition elective for medical students and the nutrition course for physician assistant students. Previously, she was a research dietitian at the University of Iowa Clinical Research Center. Connor has served as a member of the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association* editorial board and is a reviewer for the *Journal*, the *New England Journal of Medicine*, and the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*. Connor has served on ADA's Strategic Planning Initiative Task Force, the House of Delegates as Professional Issues Delegate for Research, the House of Delegates Leadership Task Force, and the Council on Practice Division of Education and Research. A past president of the Oregon Dietetic Association, Connor chaired its licensure committee and is a member of the Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians in Oregon. She also served on ADA's Board of Directors in 2003-04. Connor received ADA's 1996 Excellence in Research Award. She is a graduate of Kansas State University and received a master's degree in human nutrition from the University of Iowa.



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Diekman is director of university nutrition at Washington University in St Louis. Previously she was in private practice and an instructor at Fontbonne University (formally Fontbonne College). Diekman has held many ADA leadership roles, including House Professional Issues Delegate for Community, ADA Spokesper-

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son, and Missouri delegate to the House of Delegates. Her professional honors include the Outstanding Dietitian of the Year Award and Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year from the Missouri Dietetic Association and the Dr Arthur Strauss Award from the American Heart Association. Each weekday, Diekman presents ADA's popular "Eating Right Minute" on WBBM-AM in Chicago and has given food and nutrition advice to viewers of the *Oprah Winfrey Show*, *Good Morning America*, and the *Today* show, among many other media outlets. Diekman is a graduate of Fontbonne College and received the college's Alumni Distinguished Service Award in 1990. She earned a master's degree in education and counseling from the University of Missouri-St Louis.



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ontology and community-based settings, clinical nutrition management, problem-based learning, and dietetics education and genetics education for nutrition and health professionals. Previously, Gilbride was a research dietitian at Mount Sinai Medical Center and an administrative dietitian at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. The recipient of a 1997 ADA Medallion Award for service to the dietetics profession, Gilbride has served in many ADA leadership roles, including Speaker of the House of Delegates, Past-Chair of the Legislative and Public Policy Committee, and Board Member of the ADA Foundation. In addition to editorial duties with several medical science publications, Gilbride has served as reviewer for the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association* since 1993. The New York State Dietetic Association named her Distinguished Dietitian in 1992. Gilbride graduated from Framingham State University and earned a master's degree and doctorate in nutrition from New York University.



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