

## Food & Nutrition Policy Advocate Award

The purpose of the Food and Nutrition Policy Advocate Award is to recognize a member of the Indiana General Assembly or other state elected official that has helped promote or advance nutrition policy. The award will be given at the annual Day at the Statehouse event that takes place in March. Criteria for the award include:

- Nominee must be a member of the Indiana General Assembly or other elected office of the state.
- Must have exhibited support at the state level for efforts to change, improve, and strengthen public policy particularly in, but not limited to the areas of nutrition, food, healthcare, and public health or be in a position to impact policy issues important to the Indiana Academy.
  - Example issues include – certification/licensure efforts, older American nutrition, child nutrition, school lunch programs, food and food safety, Medical Nutrition Therapy, nutrition research, health literacy, diabetes, weight management.
- The member of the Indiana General Assembly or other elected official must be available to Indiana Academy members and receptive to requests made on the behalf of the organization.
- Previous or current IAND PAC support for the official.

2016	Ron Bacon, Indiana State Representative
2017	Cindy Kirchhofer, Indiana State Representative
2018	Robin Shackelford, Indiana State Representative
2019	Jennifer Wathall MD MPH, Family and Social Services Administration