KENTUCKY ACADEMY

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Happy Spring, Kentucky,

April showers bring May flowers…right?!? As my last month in the role of President of the Kentucky Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics comes to a close, I want to reflect on all that we've accomplished this year. On the public policy front, our panel made a valiant effort to pass the Dietitian Licensure Compact for the second year in a row. While we were not successful (only because this was a short session), we learned a great deal about how to navigate this space and guarantee the legislation gets passed in 2026. As far as our annual conference is concerned, we had a record number of attendees in the post-COVID (yuck!) environment. Students, practicing, and retired dietitians, alike showed up to learn more about nutritional management of patients with eating disorders, athletes, and technological innovations in the food service space, among others. Lastly, our membership committee attempted to demonstrate the value of membership to non-members across the state.

In light of this reflection, I want to acknowledge each and every individual that served on the KAND board of directors for 2024-2025, either in appointed or elected positions. Your dedication, enthusiasm for nutrition, and advocacy for advancing our field are an inspiration. Your contributions made my job as President so easy! I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to each of you!

Cheers to next year's board - with Dr. Abby Pace at the helm, you are poised for success!

You owe it to yourselves to rest, recharge, and play as hard as you work this summer!

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