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Martine I. Scannavino, DHSC, RDN, LDN, FAND serves as Allen Chair in department of Nutrition, she oversees the accredited undergraduate didactic program in dietetics and post baccalaureate dietetic internship as well as the nutrition minor, and the Allen Center for Nutrition’s Health Starts in the Kitchen community outreach program. Scannavino also serves as Director of the Master of Health Science. Scannavino teaches graduate courses in Culture & Ethics, Health Policy and Advocacy and the capstone practicum. Undergraduate courses have included Experimental Foods, Nutrition Education in the Community, Food & Culture, and Food Systems Operations.

Scanavino has presented her research at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics’ National Conference, the Experimental Biology Conference and Pennsylvania State conference.

Scannavino was a contributing author on Food Cuisine and Cultural Competency: for Culinary, Hospitality and Nutrition Professionals. She has served as an item writer for the national Registered Dietitian credentialing exam as well as contributing writer and editor for the Hess and Hunt Dietetics Review Manual.

Scanavino’s commitment to educating the next generation of dietetic professionals and leaders earned her the distinguished Fellow of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. In 2015 she was awarded Outstanding Dietetic Educator by the Pennsylvania Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (PAND) and the Outstanding Dietetic Educator for the Area 6 Nutrition and Dietetic Educator and Preceptor Practice Group (NDEP). In March 2018 she was recognized for excellence and contributions to the profession of dietetics by PAND with the Keystone Award.

Scannavino has served on the Lehigh Valley Dietetic Association’s (LVDA) board as representative to the Pennsylvania Dietetics Associations (PAND) Nominating committee. She currently serves as LVDAs Public Policy Chair and represents the district on the PAND Political Action Committee.

What led you to contribute your time and expertise to writing *Communicating Nutrition*?

I believe that in order to make the most effective and positive impact on the health of communities, dietitians must communicate the most pertinent evidence based information in the most effective way possible. Contributing to a work such as this, which will provide resources for educators, students, and seasoned professionals, was an opportunity for me to play a role supporting this vital skill in the important work we all do.

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