



16TH ANNUAL NDCW FAIR

The 16th Annual **Nutrition Dietetic Career Workshop and Fair (NDCW)**, previously known as the Dietetic Internship Preparation Workshop (DIPW) and Fair, was held October 19, 2024. This student-led event is the only one of its kind in Texas that provides dietetic students resources, professional guidance, an academic fair, and opportunity to hear presentations and network with keynote registered dietitian (RD) speakers. The fair portion provided over 100 nutrition student attendees with the opportunity to meet with 25 dietetic internship (DI) and graduate program directors and learn about post-graduate education opportunities. This also provided the opportunity to showcase the Texas A&M University Department of Nutrition Graduate and Masters of Clinical Nutrition programs. While most attendees were Texas A&M University students (69), a total of 10 Texas universities were represented including Prairie View A&M, Sam Houston State University, Tarleton, Texas A&M Kingsville, Texas State University, Texas Tech, Texas Woman's University, University of Houston, University of North Texas, University of Incarnate Word.

Annually, this event is organized by a committee of Texas A&M DPD students supervised by the Department of Nutrition DPD Director, Karen Beathard PhD, RDN, LD, FAND and Pro-

gram Director, Tyler Fadal. Early spring, Rebekah Gary, Undergraduate Program Director and Tara Mahmood, Graduate Program Director gathered their planning team consisting of thirteen undergraduate DPD students. Gabriela Rivera-Vega chaired the Correspondence Committee while Lindsey Teague, Haley Osborn, and Lauryn Roehnelt co-chaired and led the Hospitality and Registration Committee. Committee members included Paitlyn Bevers, Elisabeth White, Sophia Turner, Nell Yonge, Holly Alexander, Paige Saavedra, Haana Gibbs, and Missy Turetgen.

The NDCW and Fair student planning committee would like to thank the Department of Nutrition and Dr. David Threadgill, Head, and the following sponsors for their gracious contribution and support in making this event possible: The National Pork Board, Dairy MAX, H-E-B, Sodexo, Aggieland Credit Union, and the National Watermelon Promotion Board. In addition to providing knowledge and resources for many future nutrition graduates and RDs, this event enabled the committee leaders to develop leadership, professionalism, time management, communication, budgeting, and collaboration skills, which will benefit them in their professional career development.