



2025
Allene Van Son
Distinguished
Service Award
Melinda Maryniuk
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ADCES is proud to award **Melinda Maryniuk** with the **2025 Allene Van Son Distinguished Service Award**. This prestigious honor recognizes her exceptional, decades-long dedication to advancing diabetes care and education, as well as her enduring impact on both patients and professionals.

With more than 45 years of experience, Melinda's career reflects unparalleled breadth and depth in our field. She spent the majority of her career at the Joslin Diabetes Center in Boston, where she delivered direct patient care, directing the network of Affiliated centers around the country and around the world, and leading clinical innovation projects. But her influence doesn't stop there—she's also held teaching and leadership positions at institutions like the University of Florida, Cal State Long Beach, Duke, and St. Barnabas Medical Center in New Jersey.

Today, Melinda continues to shape the field through her consulting work, writing, and by mentoring

the next generation of diabetes professionals. And if you've read an ADCES publication, served on a committee, or participated in our community in any way—chances are you've been touched by Melinda's wisdom and commitment. She's contributed extensively to our publications and reports, served on our Board of Directors, and been a cornerstone of numerous ADCES committees.

This award is a testament to the impact Melinda has made—not just over years, but over decades—in advancing our specialty and strengthening our professional community.

The Allene Van Son Distinguished Service Award is one of ADCES' highest honors, reserved for individuals whose sustained contributions have transformed the specialty. Melinda's career is a testament to innovation, leadership, and service, and her influence will be felt for generations to come.