



## 2026 Virtual Public Policy Forum Speaker Bios

**Katherine S. O'Neal, PharmD, MBA, BCACP, CDES, BC-ADM**, is the 2026 ADCES President. She is a



Professor in the Department of Pharmacy: Clinical and Administrative Sciences at the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy and Adjunct Professor with the College of Medicine Department of Internal Medicine. Her clinical practice is with Internal Medicine primary care focusing on chronic disease states, especially diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia, and asthma. Dr. O'Neal is also a member of the Harold Hamm Diabetes Center. She received her PharmD from The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy and completed a PGY1 in Community Practice with USA Drug and The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy and a PGY2 in Ambulatory Care with The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy. Dr. O'Neal received her MBA from the University of Tulsa. Her research interests include patient empowerment and health literacy.

**Hannah Martin, MPH, RDN**, is the Director of Advocacy at ADCES. Hannah oversees the development



and implementation of ADCES' public policy program, federal legislative and regulatory initiatives, and state advocacy priorities. She works to cultivate relationships with ADCES members and volunteer leaders, policymakers, allied professional and advocacy organizations, industry partners, and other external stakeholders to advance policy priorities that improve access to care for people with diabetes and those at risk for diabetes. Prior to joining ADCES, Hannah served as the Director of Legislative and Government Affairs responsible for health policy at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. She has served terms as co-chair of the Diabetes Advocacy Alliance and the Obesity Care Advocacy Network, and as President and Public Policy Coordinator for the DC Metro

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Hannah is a registered dietitian with an MPH and BSPH in nutrition, both from UNC-Chapel Hill.

**Tiffani V. Williams, JD, MPH**, is a Principal at DB3 (formerly known as “The Daschle Group”) and Of Counsel at Baker Donelson. She has over 20 years of government affairs



experience representing multinational companies and organizations across the health care, education, energy, technology, and food and agriculture sectors, advancing clients’ business and public policy priorities at the federal and state levels. She provides clients with a full range of services including political and thought leadership strategy, regulatory and policy analysis, and advocacy before Congress and executive branch agencies. She has authored and contributed to a number of publications on topics related to her practice. In 2014, she was recognized as a “Washington D.C. Rising Star” in the *Super*

*Lawyers Magazine*. And, since 2019 she has been recognized by *The Hill*, the National Institute for Lobbying and Ethics, and Lawyers of Color as one of D.C.’s top lobbyists. Tiffani holds a B.S. from American University, a M.P.H. from Yale University, and a J.D. from University of California, Berkeley. She serves as the Vice President of the Washington Government Relations Group (WGRG). She also serves as a member of the 150PAC Advisory Board, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation’s Corporate Advisory Council, and the Women Business Leaders of the U.S. Health Care Industry Foundation (WBL). A native Washingtonian of Jamaican descent, Tiffani enjoys mentoring and traveling to new destinations.

**Jennifer Summa, JD, MPH**, is a Senior Advisor at Baker Donelson. She worked for the Centers for



Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as a senior-level career employee when the Medicare Modernization Act was first signed in 2003. She served as the Special Assistant to the Deputy/Acting Administrator Leslie Norwalk during the implementation of Medicare Part D. Prior to joining CMS, Jennifer worked as an attorney for the HHS Departmental Appeals Board reviewing Medicare appeal cases and drafting judicial opinions. In 2006, she served on Senate Finance Committee’s investigative staff for Senator Charles Grassley, reviewing records of pharmaceutical companies suspected of illegal “off-label” marketing practices, before returning to CMS to serve as a Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of Policy. Jennifer holds a BA from Wellesley College, a JD from Georgia State University, and an MPH from Drexel University.

**Tracy Zvenyach, PhD, MS, RN**, is the Vice President, Advocacy & Research is the Vice President of



Advocacy and Research at the Obesity Action Coalition. She also serves as an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Georgetown University, where she teaches healthcare policy and advocacy to graduate students. In her previous roles, Dr. Zvenyach led obesity public policy and advocacy efforts in industry and worked in the U.S. Senate for years, on topics ranging from healthcare, women’s policy, workforce, disaster response, and judiciary policy. Two of her top legislative accomplishments include work on provisions included in the Affordable Care Act and reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. Dr. Zvenyach’s research and publications focus on health economics and policy research to address barriers to obesity care, as well as diet quality of pregnant women receiving the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

supplemental food program. Dr. Zvenyach received a BS in nursing from the University of Wisconsin and a MS in nursing and PhD in Health Policy from the University of Maryland.

**Kelly D. Horton, MS, RDN**, is the Senior Vice President, Public Policy and Government Relations at the



Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, the world’s largest organization of food and nutrition professionals. Kelly oversees the Academy’s public policy agenda and advocacy efforts that promote health and reduce the burden of chronic disease through evidence-based nutrition services and interventions. Her role supports the pursuit of legislative and regulatory policies that expand access to nutrition care. Her team’s portfolio of programs includes those impacting consumer protection and licensure and healthcare policy and payment. Kelly is a high performing executive level leader and nationally recognized food, nutrition, hunger, food safety, and agriculture policy and program

expert. Her experience includes launching a novel nutrition intervention which grew into the basis of what is now known as the Food as/is Medicine movement, being a founding member of one of the nation’s first regional food policy councils, and creating the Sustainable Food Policy Alliance – a food industry collaboration advocating for policies that improve people’s lives and protect the planet. Kelly has served in leadership roles in private and publicly held for-profit companies and non-profit organizations, as a fellow within the USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service, and as a Senior Nutrition and Agriculture Advisor to Members of Congress. Kelly earned her MS in Food Policy and Applied Nutrition from Tufts University’s Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy and her certification in dietetics from Simmons College. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Management.

**Janet Benefield, MS, RDN, LD, CDCES**, is Chair of the 2026 ADCES Advocacy Committee. Janet is a quality



dietitian for North Alabama Community Care, an ACHN for Alabama Medicaid. Janet has worked with individuals with all types of diabetes as part of her responsibilities working in hospitals, public health and various other outpatient settings. Janet has been active both as an individual and in leadership roles in advocacy at grassroots and state levels with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and grassroots and national levels with ADCES. Janet completed her undergraduate degree in nutrition and dietetics at the University of Alabama and her MS degree with a major in nutrition and minor in public health at the University of Tennessee.

**Linda Gutierrez-Miller, Pharm.D., CDCES, BCPS, BCACP**, is a member of the 2026 Advocacy Committee.



She is a clinical pharmacist at Providence Family Medicine Center in Anchorage, Alaska. Through a collaborative practice agreement, she manages medications for people with chronic diseases. She also assists patients with automated insulin delivery (AID) systems. She has a passion for helping her patients find the most affordable medications. She completed her undergraduate degree in psychology at Williams College and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of New Mexico.

**Ann Marie Barilla, MHSc, RDN, LDN, CDCES, BC-ADM**, is a member of the 2026 ADCES Advocacy



committee. She has been practicing as a Registered Dietitian employed by Sodexo for the past 25 years. She began her career in Women's Health with a focus on pre-existing and gestational diabetes. In 2012, she transitioned to teaching patients with all diabetes diagnoses, including technology education. She was quality coordinator of Lehigh Valley Hospital Network's (LVHN) diabetes education center from 2017 until 2023, at which point she transitioned to her current role as Outpatient Clinical Nutrition Manager at LVHN network. She completed her undergraduate degree in Nutrition and her Master of Health Science degree at Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA. She is currently pursuing her Doctorate in Clinical Nutrition at University of Texas Medical Branch.