

Utah Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
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Left picture: RDNs Cathie Bristow, Nikki Kendrick, and Wendy Phillips; Univ of Utah MS/DI Coordinated Program students. Right picture: RDNs Laura Bain, Robin Aufdenkampe, Jessie Hatch, Martha Archuleta

Summary from House of Representatives

We were very positively received by the Representatives. Most of them mentioned Lieutenant Governor Cox's letter and had already printed out the Healthy Tips for the Legislative Session calendar. Some took another copy of the calendar, and most of them took the flyer that tells who RDNs and UAND are. They asked a lot of questions about certification vs licensure, where RDNs work, and some of them provide their thoughts on whether we should seek licensure.

Picture below: Wendy Phillips and Rep Jon Stanard (St. George)





Chrissy Andrus,
Representative Perry,
Wendy Phillips,
Representative
Roberts



Rep Duckworth and Wendy Phillips.

Story: She is known for having cinnamon bears and nuts on her desk, and the other Representatives stop by her desk for snacks throughout session. When LG Cox announced the Fitness Challenge during the 2016 session, the Representatives stopped taking cinnamon bears from her. She wrote LG Cox a hand-written letter stating that by the end of the session she'd have the Reps eating cinnamon bears again. She then snapped photos whenever any of them did eat the bears and sent them to LG Cox. So she had them again this year and is curious if anyone will eat them after the letter LG Cox sent out on our behalf. I mentioned my sons love cinnamon bears so she brought me some to bring home. My boys were very happy!

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Summary from Senate Side

We greeted and spoke briefly with almost all of the senators. They were in committee meetings until right before 11am. Several came by before 10:45, but the majority came by between then and 11am when the session began. Although our time talking with them was brief, we were very positively received by the senators, a few spouses that were there and the legislative staff that supports the Senate. We were not able to have in-depth conversations, but believe this positive exposure and awareness of what dietitians do will be of tremendous benefit as we continue to work more closely with our Utah legislators.



Senator Buxton



Senator Stephenson