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## Area Nurse Wins Annual *Laura K. Savage* Award

Oklahoma's Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program recently hosted its annual statewide nutrition education and breastfeeding conference in Norman. A highlight of the conference each year is the announcement of the winner of the annual *Laura K. Savage Creativity in Nutrition Education Award*. This award allows students and nutrition educators to showcase their talent and creativity by participating in a poster contest. The WIC Service is pleased to announce that Glenda Calverley, RN, of the Beckham County Health Department, is this year's award winner. Calverley provides nutrition education to WIC participants in Beckham County and has been in public health since 2007.

Assisting Calverley in the creation and delivery of the winning poster was Samantha Fannin, administrative technician with the Beckham County Health Department. The Calverley/Fannin submission, "Healthy Food 4 a Healthy Body," was a joint effort of both ladies' creative ideas and goals. When searching for poster ideas, the ladies said they wanted their poster to have lots of bright colors and be something that would grab attention. Their goal was for every person who viewed the poster to learn a fun fact about nutrition.

The *Laura K. Savage Creativity in Nutrition Education Award* is named in memory of Laura K. Savage, former WIC Nutrition Education Coordinator. Laura lost her life in 2001 in a car accident. Nutrition education was Laura's passion. She was dedicated to developing new ways to educate participants about WIC.

Sixty-six students from the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, University of Central Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City participated in the contest. Thirteen WIC nutrition educators from across the state also submitted poster entries. By winning this competition, Calverley will have the opportunity to showcase her entry at the National WIC Association's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference in Pittsburg, PA, later this year.

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Glenda Calverley & Samantha Fannin



Winning Poster – Healthy Food 4 a Healthy Body