

Area Nutritionist Wins 10th Annual *Laura K. Savage* Award

Oklahoma's Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program recently hosted the 10th Anniversary of the Annual Nutrition/WIC Conference -- *Celebrating a Dazzling Decade!* A highlight of this conference 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 Shannon Kennedy is this year's award winner.

Kennedy is the nutritionist for Garfield, Grant and Woods county health departments and has been with the Oklahoma State Department of Health WIC program for almost two years. Assisting her with the poster was Joy Richert, a registered nurse, who has been with the Garfield County Health Department WIC program for 11 years.

Kennedy will take her award-winning poster, *Arrrrr You Gonna Feed Me*, with her when she attends the National WIC Association's 29th Annual Conference in Denver, CO, where she will compete with nutritionists from across the nation.

The nutrition education award is named in memory of Laura K. Savage, who lost her life in a car crash in June 2001. Savage was the WIC Nutrition Education Coordinator and was dedicated to developing creative ways of teaching nutrition education.

Winning this award was a goal that Kennedy set for herself when she started working for WIC. "This award means so much to me, personally, because it is in honor of Laura Savage, and we were formerly friends and attended some of the same classes together at OSU," she said.

Sixty-four students from the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, and the University of Central Oklahoma, and 14 WIC staff submitted poster entries for consideration for this year's award.



(Shannon Kennedy, left, & Joy Richert, right)