



2015-16 Membership Directory

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Coalition Committee Interest: Data & Resources, Special Events & Community Outreach, Education and Scholarship

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Coalition Committee Interest: Outreach and Special Events, Education and Scholarship

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Coalition Committee Interest: Data & Resources, Policy & Advocacy, Outreach and Special Events

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Coalition Committee Interest: Outreach & Special Events, Education and Scholarship

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Coalition Committee Interest: Outreach and Special Events

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Coalition Committee Interest: Data & Resources

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Coalition Committee Interest: Special Events & Community Outreach

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Committee Participation Preference: Policy and Advocacy, Special Events

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Committee Participation Preference: Policy and Advocacy, Education and Scholarship

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Coalition Committee Interest: Education and Scholarship

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Coalition Committee Interest: Outreach & Special Events

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Coalition Committee Interest: Education and Scholarship

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Committee Participation Preference: Data and Resources, Policy and Advocacy, Special Events and Community Outreach

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Committee Participation Preference:
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Coalition Committee Interest: Outreach and Special Events, Education and Scholarship, Volunteer Recruitment & Management

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Coalition Committee Interest: Outreach and Special Events

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Areas of Expertise: Community Education, Physical Activity

Committee Participation Preference: Education & Scholarship

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Coalition Committee Interest: Special Events & Community Outreach

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Coalition Committee Interest: Policy and Advocacy

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Coalition Committee Interest: Special Events & Community Outreach

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Coalition Committee Interest: Outreach and Special Events

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Coalition committees: Education and Scholarship

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Coalition Committee Interest: Data & Resources, Policy and Advocacy

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Coalition Committee Interest: Outreach and Special Events

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Coalition committees: Education and Scholarship

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Coalition Committee Interest: Outreach and Special Events

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Coalition Committee Interest: Outreach & Special Events

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Coalition Committee Interest: Outreach & Special Events

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Coalition Committee Interest: Special Events & Community Outreach

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Coalition Committee Interest: Education & Scholarship

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Coalition commitees: Data & Resources

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Areas of Expertise: Community Education, Nutrition/Diet, Patient Education, Physical Activity

Coalition Committee Interest: Policy & Advocacy, Education & Scholarship 34

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Coalition Committee Interest: Policy and Advocacy

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Coalition Committee Interest: Education and Scholarship

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Coalition Committee Interest: Outreach and Special
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Coalition Committee Interest: Fund Development

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Outreach & Special Events

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Coalition Committee Interest: Outreach & Special Events

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Coalition Committee Interest: Fund Development, Governance and Nominating, Outreach and Special Events

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Coalition Committee Interest: Outreach & Special Events, Education & Scholarship

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Coalition committee Interest: Outreach and Special Events

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Coalition Committee Interest: Outreach and Special Events, Education and Scholarship, Volunteer Recruitment and Management

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Coalition committee Interest: Outreach and Special Events

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Coalition Committee Interest: Special Events & Community Outreach

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Coalition committees: Special Events & Community Outreach

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