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CDA Annual Meeting 2009

Time flies! I can't believe it had been a month since the CDA Annual Meeting in Riverside. The two-and-a-half day meeting at the Riverside Convention Center was wonderful. The exhibits, educational sessions, as well as the student reception filled up my days with lots of fun.

At the New Member/Student reception, we all had the privilege to meet different dietetic internship directors as well as other fellow dietetic students, not to mention the exciting opportunity drawings and giveaways.

If someone asked me to use two words to describe the Annual Meeting, it would be informative and educational. The wide-ranging topics of the educational sessions covered all aspects of the dietetic profession. Students may not be interested in all of them, but we definitely found our own interests.

In my opinion, attending the Annual Meeting is one of the best ways to network. Everyone you meet at the meeting is either an RD, a DTR, or a dietetic student. Talking to different professionals in the field is very crucial and valuable to dietetic students. We can learn more about different fields of dietetics and build up our network as well.

The Annual Meeting is the biggest event of the CDA every year. From my personal experiences at both the Annual Meetings in 2008 and 2009, I highly recommend you all plan attend the Annual Meeting 2010. Money may be an issue for many, so I urge you to take full advantage of the student discount and early-bird price for registration. The next Annual Meeting will be held at Oakland on April 15-17, 2010.

I am looking forward to attending the Annual Meeting again. I hope to see many of you there!
