Public Policy Forum 2023 Speaker Bios

Lucille Hugues, DNP, MSN/Ed, RN, CDCES, BC-ADM, FADCES, is the Assistant Vice President of Diabetes Education and Program Design for Catholic Health located in Melville NY. She has been a Registered Nurse for over 37 years and has more than 35 years’ experience in both inpatient and outpatient program management and as a Diabetes Care and Education Specialist, caring for patients across the age spectrum from pediatrics to adult patients with diabetes. Dr. Hughes is considered an expert in insulin pump therapy and in the use of continuous glucose monitoring. She is board certified in advanced diabetes management and both a Fellow and the 2023 President for the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists. Her professional career contains the right mix of clinical experience, scientific rigor, and leadership skills. Dr. Hughes is passionate about sharing her knowledge and educating the community and healthcare professionals.

Hannah Martin, MPH, RDN, is the new Director of Advocacy at ADCES as of January 2023. Hannah oversees the development and implementation of ADCES’ public policy program, federal legislative and regulatory initiatives, and state advocacy priorities. She works to cultivate relationships with ADCES members and volunteer leaders, policymakers, allied professional and advocacy organizations, industry partners, and other external stakeholders to advance policy priorities that improve access to care for people with diabetes and those at risk for diabetes. Prior to joining ADCES, Hannah served as the Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs responsible for health policy at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. While there, she served as co-chair of the Diabetes Advocacy Alliance and Obesity Care Advocacy Network and worked in close collaboration with ADCES on many joint policy priorities. Hannah is a registered dietitian nutritionist with an MPH and BSPH in nutrition, both from the Gillings Schools of Global Public Health at UNC-Chapel Hill. She is currently a DrPH candidate in health policy at the George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health.
Sheila Burke, MPA, BSN, FAAN, serves as a Senior Public Policy Advisor and Chair of the Government Relations Policy Group at Baker Donelson in Washington D.C. Ms. Burke is also an Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School. She served as Executive Dean of the school from 1996-2000. From 2000-2007 she served as Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer of the Smithsonian Institution. Previously she had been Chief of Staff to former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (1985-1996), a professional staff member of the Senate Committee on Finance (1979-1982), and Deputy Staff Director of that committee (1982 to 1985). She has extensive experience with the legislative process and advises on a host of health care related matters. She is a member of the National Academy of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences, and a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and the American Academy of Nursing. She serves on several boards including the Commonwealth Fund, Abt Associates, Ascension Health and Chubb Limited. She served as a member of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (2000-2007) and on the Kaiser Family Foundation board (1999-2008), where she served as Chair. Ms. Burke is a recipient of the National Academy of Medicine’s David Rall Award, the Smithsonian Institution Secretary’s Gold Medal for Exceptional Service Award, and in 2023, the Daisy Foundation’s HealthImpact DAISY Nurse Leader Award. She was also recognized in 2023 in Washingtonian Magazine as one of “The 500 Most Influential People Shaping Policy.”

Jenn Summa, JD, MPH, is a Senior Advisor at Baker Donelson. She served as a Senior Advisor to the Deputy/Acting Administrator Leslie Norwalk during the implementation of Medicare Part D. In 2006, Ms. Summa served on Senate Finance Committee’s investigative staff for Senator Charles Grassley, before returning to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services as a Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of Policy focusing on the Louisiana Healthcare rebuild and emergency preparedness. Prior to joining CMS, Ms. Summa worked as an attorney for the HHS Departmental Appeals Board (DAB) reviewing Medicare appeal cases and drafting judicial opinions. Ms. Summa is a registered lobbyist and focuses her practice on Medicare regulatory and policy matters.

Tiffani Williams, JD, MPH, is a Senior Vice President and Public Policy Advisor at The Daschle Group and Of Counsel at Baker Donelson. She has over 15 years of government affairs experience representing multinational companies and organizations across the health care, energy, food and agriculture, and education sectors, advancing clients’ business and public policy priorities at the federal and state levels. She provides clients with a full range of services including political and thought leadership strategy, regulatory and policy analysis, and advocacy before Congress and executive branch agencies. Tiffani has authored and contributed to a number of publications on topics related to her practice. In 2022 and 2021, The Hill named her a Top Lobbyist and, in 2021, she was recognized by the National Institute for Lobbying and Ethics. In 2022, 2020, and 2019, Lawyers of Color recognized her as one of the Top Lobbyists and Influencers. And, in 2014, she was recognized as a Washington DC Rising
Star in the Super Lawyers Magazine. She serves on the Board of the Washington Government Relations Group and is a member of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation’s Corporate Advisory Council and the Women Business Leaders of the U.S. Health Care Industry Foundation (WBL).

**Lala Jackson** has been in the diabetes nonprofit space for the past seven years after working in communications, brand, and content strategy across for- and non-profit companies. After being diagnosed with type 1 diabetes in 1997, she quickly became an advocate, regularly volunteering with the ADA and JDRF to address legislative actions. At Beyond Type 1, she works on marketing, branding, and storytelling with the aim of reducing diabetes stigmas and increasing access to vital management education and community. She often speaks on the topic of diabetes care, technology and medication affordability, most recently appearing on FOX affiliate networks around the country discussing the recent insulin price cuts from pharmaceutical companies. A bit of a nomad, she grew up primarily bouncing between Hawaii and Washington state and graduated from the University of Miami in Florida with a communications degree focused in advertising. She is currently based out of Jersey City, New Jersey. You can usually find her reading, preferably on a beach.

**Caree Jackson Cotwright, PhD, RDN**, serves as the Director of Nutrition Security and Health Equity for the Food and Nutrition Service at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). In this role, Dr. Cotwright leads a whole-of-Department approach to advancing food and nutrition security. She also serves as one of two Departmental representatives on accelerating action on the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health goals to end hunger, improve nutrition and physical activity, and reduce diet-related diseases and disparities and implementing the corresponding National Strategy. Her work includes building public awareness of USDA’s actions to advance food and nutrition security, as well as collaborating and building partnerships with key stakeholders to maximize our reach and impact. Dr. Cotwright is on leave as an Associate Professor of Nutritional Sciences in the University of Georgia’s College of Family and Consumer Sciences’ Department of Nutritional Sciences. From 2010-2013, she worked as an ORISE Research Fellow at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity, where she was highly engaged in the early care education elements of the First Lady Michelle Obama’s Let’s Move! Initiative. Dr. Cotwright holds a PhD in Foods and Nutrition and Community Nutrition and MS in Foods and Nutrition both from the University of Georgia and a bachelor’s degree in biology from Howard University and is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist. She lives in Athens, GA with her loving husband and adorable three daughters.