



**Announcing the winner of the
2016 Loretta P. Lacey Academic Leadership Award...**

Krista Casazza, PhD, RD, LD

Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics,
Division of General Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine,
The University of Alabama at Birmingham



Dr. Casazza's nomination letters highlighted her "excellent leadership and continuous efforts in addressing and raising awareness about issues, trends, research, and policies surrounding the MCH population". Krista's contagious passion, enthusiasm, and drive make her an excellent mentor. She loves teaching and watching students "fall in love" with MCH. She challenges students to "think and question accepted knowledge, always directing them to seek the evidence based answers". Krista focuses on "working through collaboration, programs, policy, and environmental changes to support and promote healthy lifestyles for a healthier future generation." She is recognized as the "whole package of superb teaching, research, service, and leadership".

Please join ATMCH in congratulating Dr. Casazza!