

# The Purdue Institute of Inflammation, Immunology and Infectious Disease Presents:



## THE PURDUE LECTURE HALL SERIES

Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 7pm

Purdue University, MRGN 121

(1201 W. State St, West Lafayette, IN 47906)

Guest Speaker: **Andrea Lobene, MS, RD, Graduate Student**



Chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, and heart disease affect millions of people in the U.S. and around the world. When it comes to treating and preventing disease, people often turn to doctors. However, nutrition is one of the most important underlying factors in preventing and alleviating chronic disease risk, demonstrating the need for more dietitians and nutrition researchers working to improve the health of our population. I'm going to talk about my path to becoming a dietitian and a nutrition researcher, some of the research projects I'm currently working on, the role that nutrition plays in our health, and hopefully convince some of our attendees to pursue a career in nutrition. Together, we can change the health of the world.

**Background:** Andrea is a PhD candidate at Purdue University where she conducts her research in Dr. Connie Weaver's lab. Their group studies the relationship between dietary mineral intake and chronic disease risk. Before coming to Purdue, Andrea earned her B.S. in dietetics and M.S. in foods and nutrition from the University of Georgia and is a registered dietitian.