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OU to present award to Atkins diet founder's widow

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The award is being given in recognition of Atkins' work on weight reduction by generating national awareness of the effects of high carbohydrates on weight gain and obesity. Atkins' pioneering work on this subject has impacted all segments of the general population and has launched a greater understanding of the elements in weight control.

The award presentation is part of the "Protect Your Health" lecture series, which includes keynote speakers Dr. Arthur Agatston, author of "The South Beach Diet" and Dr. H. Robert Superko, author of "Before the Heart Attacks" and head of the Berkeley HeartLab in California. The Saturday lectures are part of the **First National Congress on Pre-Symptom Medicine** being held at OU June 4-6.

U.S. Congressman Joe Knollenberg will provide welcoming remarks with his perspectives on congressional initiatives for the prevention of disease. Metro Detroit radio personality and health enthusiast Dick Purtan, host of "Dick Purtan and Purtan's People" mornings on Oldies 104.3 WOMC, will be the master of ceremonies for the event.

For more information or to obtain tickets for the Saturday lecture series or to register for the Congress, visit the **First National Congress on Pre-Symptom Medicine** Web site or call (248) 370-3500.

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