

2009 Center for Lifelong Learning at the 86th Annual Session

House of Delegates Actions

The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) House of Delegates convened during the Center for Lifelong Learning (CLL) at the 86th Annual Session June 21-23, 2009, in Washington, D.C. Among the actions taken was adoption of revised association bylaws. The complete revised bylaws document is available as a .pdf download at <http://www.adha.org/downloads/ADHA-Bylaws-Code-of-Ethics.pdf>.

Other actions taken included adoption of these definitions:

- **White paper:** An authoritative report or guide that provides information about emerging knowledge and issues on a specific topic.
- **Fact Sheet:** A document that summarizes key points of information for distribution.
- **Dental Home:** A relationship between a person and a specific team of health professionals, led by a licensed dental provider. The dental home is an ongoing partnership that coordinates comprehensive, accessible and culturally sensitive care through delivery of oral health services as part of integrated health care.

Also, policy was adopted stating that

- ADHA advocates that the dental hygiene diagnosis is a necessary and intrinsic element of dental hygiene education and scope of practice.

- ADHA affirms its support for optimal oral health for all people and is committed to collaborative partnerships and coalitions that improve access to oral health services.
- ADHA supports comprehensive oral health programs and services that reach at-risk populations.
- ADHA advocates that any health insurance program include benefits for preventive, restorative and therapeutic oral health care.
- ADHA supports expanding access to preventive, restorative and therapeutic care within the dental hygiene scope of practice.
- ADHA advocates that state dental hygiene and/or dental practice acts be amended so that the services of dental hygienists who are graduates from an accredited dental hygiene program can be fully utilized in all public and private settings.
- ADHA supports the following:
 1. Interdisciplinary care that focuses on prevention for those who are developmentally, physically, mentally and/or medically compromised.
 2. Promotion of public and professional awareness of the need for care.
 3. The encouragement of public funding, where appropriate, and third party payment for such services.
- ADHA supports Dental Hygienists as advocates for the profession of dental hygiene and related issues.

Connie Croffoot, RDH, Presented with the 2009 ADHA/Sigma Alpha Journalism Award

Connie Croffoot, RDH, is a graduate of Parkland Community College, Pennsylvania College of Technology and recently completed her master's degree at the University of Missouri, Kansas City. She has practiced for over 35 years in a general practice setting. She also has a dental consulting company, CCRDH Consulting, which works extensively with RK Associates, an advertising firm for dental products.

This journalism award program, sponsored by Johnson & Johnson, is intended to honor a student who has written a review or original research paper that contributes to the dental hygiene body of knowledge and is of the quality to be published in the *Journal of Dental Hygiene*, the scientific, peer-reviewed journal of ADHA. Students enrolled or within six months post-graduation from a baccalaureate, degree completion bachelor's, master's, or doctoral-level program were eligible to apply. Candidates submitted their manuscripts for the competition and the papers were sent out for peer review and ranking by a selection committee.

Croffoot's winning manuscript, "Evaluating the Effects of Teaching Brief Motivational Interviewing to Dental Hygiene Students," will be published in the *Journal of Dental Hygiene*. In addition, she will receive a plaque along with a \$1,000 cash award provided through the generosity of Johnson & Johnson. Croffoot currently serves as an adjunct clinical/nutrition instructor at Rock Valley College in Rockford, Ill.



Pictured left to right: Ellen Guritzky, RDH, BS, representing award sponsor Johnson & Johnson; award winner Connie Croffoot, RDH; and 2008-2009 ADHA President Diann Bomkamp, RDH, BSDH.

Honorable mention was extended to Joyce Zimmerman-Downs, BSDH, MS, for her article "Bisphenol A Blood and Saliva Levels prior to and after Dental Sealant Placement in Adults," and Pam Wells, RDH, MS, for her article "An Oral Health Survey of the Lumbee tribe in Southeastern North Carolina." Zimmerman-Downs is a junior PhD student in Health Service Research, College of Health Sciences, Old Dominion University. Wells is the second-year clinical instructor at Central Carolina Community College in Sanford, North Carolina.

■ 2009 Student Member Community Service Award



Natalie Talbot accepted the Student Member Community Service award for the Idaho State University Student Chapter.

The Student Member Community Service Award, sponsored by Tom's of Maine, recognizes outstanding student chapters of ADHA that have made a significant contribution to the community. At least 90% of an institution's dental hygiene class must be student members of ADHA for the chapter to be eligible for consideration. This year's winners are

- Idaho State University Student Chapter**
- Montana State University, Great Falls – COT,**
- Dental Hygiene Student Chapter**
- State University of New York, Canton AAS**
- Dental Hygiene Program Student Chapter**

On the left in each photograph is Susanne Kuehl, RDH, BS, representing sponsor Tom's of Maine, and on the right is President Bomkamp.



Lisa Howell accepted the Student Member Community Service award for the Montana State University, Great Falls – COT Dental Hygiene Student Chapter.



Katrina Weber accepted the Student Member Community Service award for the State University of New York, Canton AAS Dental Hygiene Program Student Chapter.



2009 ADHA/Procter & Gamble Dental Hygiene Educator of the Year Harold A. Henson, RDH, MEd, PhD(c), of the University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston (center) with Pat Walters of Procter & Gamble Oral Health (left) and President Bomkamp (right).

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■ 2009 ADHA/DENTSPLY Graduate Student Research Award Program

The purpose of this inaugural program, sponsored by DENTSPLY International and DENTSPLY Professional, was to promote dental hygiene research by supporting one graduate dental hygiene student from each accredited graduate dental hygiene program offering a Master of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene and related disciplines (as identified by the ADHA) to present original research at the ADHA CLL at Annual Session, June 17-23, 2009 in Washington, D.C.

This program allows the student clinician an opportunity to compete for awards and recognition by presenting research or clinical findings in a poster presentation format that includes a hypothesis, methods and materials, results, discussion and conclusion.

This year's participants are pictured on this and the following page, second from the left in each photograph. On the left in each photograph is Leonard J. Litkowski, DDS, MS, director, Clinical Research & Education, DENTSPLY Professional. Second from right is MaryAnn Cugini, RDH, MHP, chair, ADHA Council on Research. On the right is Linda C. Niessen, DMD, MPH, vice president and chief clinical officer, DENTSPLY International. Participant Jean M. Honny, RDH, BS, of the University of Missouri, Kansas City, who wrote "Academic Integrity: A National Study," is not pictured. Congratulations to all the participants!



Jane C. Cotter, RDH, BS, of Baylor College of Dentistry, wrote "Factors Affecting the Performance of Oral Cancer Screenings by Texas Dental Hygienists," the winning selection.



Amy E. Coplen, BSDH, of the University of Michigan, wrote "Current Status of Dental Hygiene Faculty and Perceptions of Important Qualifications in Future Faculty," one of two runner-up selections.



Katherine E. Berry, RDH, MS, of the University of New Mexico, wrote "Historical Review of the Commissioning of Selected Healthcare Disciplines in the United States Public Health Service."



Cherri L. Kading, RDH, BS, of the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, wrote "Factors Affecting North Carolina Dental Hygienists' Confidence in Providing Obesity Education and Counseling," one of two runner-up selections.



Diane M. Daubert, RDH, BS, of the University of Washington, wrote "Adaptive Evolution in Enamelin and Human Tooth Enamel Thickness."



Sarah Marie Clark, RDH, BSDH, MDH, of the University of Tennessee, wrote "Improving Access to Care for the Adult Homeless Population in Lebanon, Tennessee."



Lidia Brión Silva, RDH, MS, of Idaho State University, wrote "A Comparison of Dental Ultrasonic Technologies on Subgingival Calculus Removal and Patient Preference: A Pilot Study."



Margaret Lemaster, BSDH, MS(c), of Old Dominion University, wrote "Effects of Low Atmospheric Pressure Plasma on Streptococcus Mutans."



Barbara D. Strecker, RDH, MS, of the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio, wrote "Implementation of a Tobacco Use Intervention (TUI) Program."



Camille C. Shoffner, RDH, BS, of East Tennessee State, wrote "A Formalized Remineralization Protocol: Taking It to the Professional Level."



Karen Townsend, RDH, MS, of the University of Maryland, wrote "The Implications of Adult Learning Theory in Dental Hygiene Education."



2009 student poster session presentation first-place winners are (left to right) Evelyn Ehrhardt, Sara Zahedi and Shu-Yu Chu from Cypress College for "Flower Power, the Effects of Echinacea on Gingivitis." On the right is ADHA District VIII Trustee Carole F. Danielson, RDH, MPH.



2009 student poster session presentation second-place winners are (left to right) Lindsay Brown, Brittany Pierce and Gabriella Stanton from Cypress College for "Edge-Wise." Ms. Danielson is on the right.



2009 student poster session presentation third-place winners are (left to right) Melissa Beesley, Tracy Robertson and Olga Shakalova from Loma Linda University for "Needle Deflection." Ms. Danielson is on the right.



2009 student poster session presentation honorable mention recipients are (left to right) Blair Giddens, Mayra Flores, Durga Buchupally and John Nguyen from Texas Womans University for "In the Loupe." Ms. Danielson is on the right.

■ 2009 ADHA Faculty Recognition Award Recipients

Dental hygiene faculty are instructors, advisors, mentors and role models for the future of dental hygiene. Educators' dedication to their professional association is one of the many ways students discover professionalism. ADHA recognizes and commends faculty members' commitment to our future. Please join us in celebrating the following dental hygiene programs with 100% ADHA membership for full-time and part-time dental hygienist faculty as of April 10, 2009:

District I

Cape Cod Community College, Massachusetts
 Mount Ida College, Massachusetts
 Mount Wachusett Community College, Massachusetts
 NHTI, Concord's Community College, New Hampshire
 Community College of Rhode Island, Rhode Island
 Vermont Technical College, Vermont

District II

Tunxis Community College, Connecticut
 University of Bridgeport, Connecticut
 Farmingdale State College of New York, New York
 Orange County Community College, New York
 Montgomery County Community College, Pennsylvania

District III

Delaware Technical & Community College, Delaware
 The Community College of Baltimore County, Maryland
 University of Maryland Dental School, Maryland
 West Liberty State University, West Virginia
 West Virginia University, West Virginia

District IV

Daytona State College, Florida
 Pasco-Hernando Community College, Florida
 Athens Technical College, Georgia
 Clayton State University, Georgia
 West Central Technical College, Georgia
 Florence Darlington Technical College, South Carolina
 Horry Georgetown Technical College, South Carolina

District V

University of Southern Indiana, Indiana
 Western Kentucky University, Kentucky
 Delta College, Michigan
 Ferris State University, Michigan
 University of Detroit Mercy, Michigan
 University of Michigan, Michigan
 Cuyahoga Community College, Ohio
 James A. Rhodes State College, Ohio
 Lakeland Community College, Ohio



2009 student table clinic presentation first-place winner is (on the right) Jonathan Holland of Lone Star College - Kingwood for "Could You Have Periodontal Disease in Your Arteries?" Ms. Danielson is on the left.



2009 student table clinic presentation second-place winners are (from second from the left to right) Sarah Makowski, Natalie Popplewell and Rene Bentsen from the University of Louisville for "Beating Breast Cancer with a Smile: Oral Health Education for the Breast Cancer Survivor." Ms. Danielson is on the left.



2009 student table clinic presentation third-place winner is (on the left) Katrina Weber from SUNY Canton Dental Hygiene Program for "Drug Use and Periodontal Disease." Ms. Danielson is on the right.



2009 student table clinic presentation honorable mention recipients are (second from left) Rachel Gordon and (right) Amanda Perodeau from West Virginia University for "Disease Detection through Saliva Biomarkers." Ms. Danielson is on the left.

District VI

University of Arkansas - Fort Smith, Arkansas
 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Arkansas
 Northeast Mississippi Community College, Mississippi

District VII

St. Cloud Technical College, Minnesota
 University of Minnesota, Minnesota
 North Dakota State College of Sciences, North Dakota
 Chippewa Valley Technical College, Wisconsin

District VIII

Kirkwood Community College, Iowa
 College of DuPage, Illinois
 Southern Illinois University, Illinois
 Missouri Southern State University, Missouri
 Central Community College, Nebraska
 University of Nebraska Medical Center, Nebraska

District IX

University of New Mexico, New Mexico
 Rose State College, Oklahoma
 Collin County Community College, Texas
 Del Mar College, Texas
 Temple College, Texas
 University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Texas
 University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Texas

District X

Dixie State College, Utah
 Sheridan College, Wyoming

District XI

Cerritos College, California
 Foothill College, California
 Loma Linda University, California
 Sacramento City College, California
 San Joaquin Valley College, California
 Taft College, California
 University of Southern California, California
 Western Career College at San Jose, California

District XII

Oregon Institute of Technology, Oregon
 Pacific University, Oregon
 Columbia Basin College, Washington

Congratulations!