



North Carolina  
Dental Hygienists' Association

NCDHA is committed to keeping our members informed about what is happening in our association and in dental communities throughout North Carolina.

We had another successful Fall Scientific Meeting, Student Meeting and 41<sup>st</sup> Annual House of Delegates meeting on September 30 - October 1, 2016 at the Embassy Suites in Cary, NC. Our 2016-2017 Executive Board Members were elected during the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual House of Delegates meeting.



(L-R): Eileen Clark (ADHA Delegate), Laura Cuthberston (Immediate Past President), Whitney Simonian (Treasurer), Beth Kornegay (Treasurer-Elect), Lattice Sams (Secretary), Sommer Wisher (Vice President), Crystal Adams (President-Elect), Jennifer Harmon (President) and Nancy St.Onge (Speaker of the House). Not pictured: ADHA Delegate Brittany Minichbauer and Lisa Godfrey.

Jennifer Harmon: UNC-CH, Clinical Assistant Professor (Durham-Orange Component)

Crystal Adams: Catawba Valley Community College (Foothills Component)

Sommer Wisher: Durham-Orange Component

Laura Cuthbertson: NCMOM, Agape Dentistry (Metrolina Component)

Whitney Simonian: Durham-Orange Component

Beth Kornegay: UNC-CH, Adjunct Asst Professor (Greater Fayetteville Component)

Lattice Sams: UNC-CH (Durham-Orange Component)

Nancy St.Onge: UNC-CH, Adjunct Asst Professor (Greater Raleigh Component)

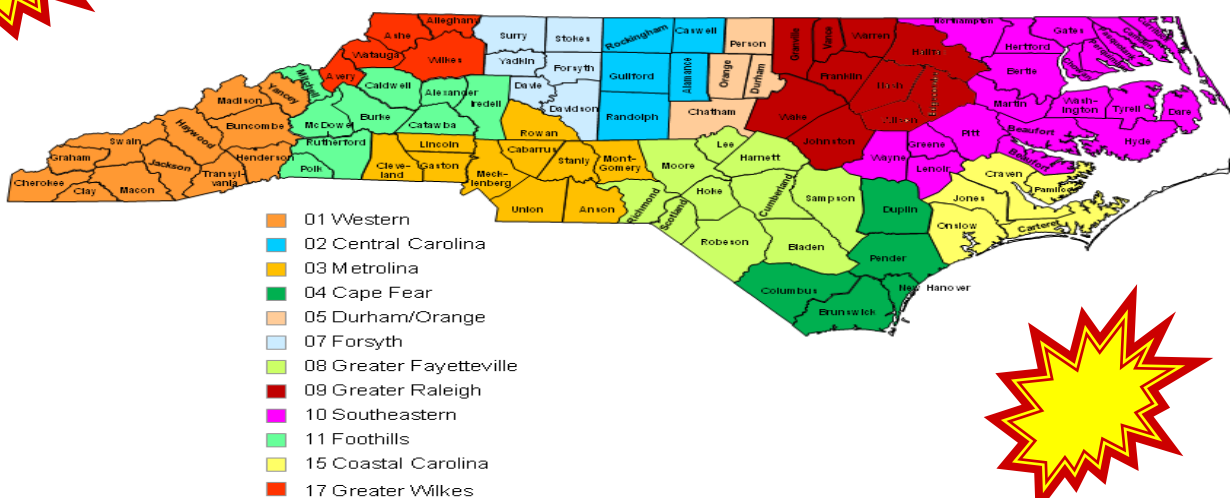
Eileen Clark: Central Piedmont Community College (Metrolina Component)

Lisa Godfrey: Central Carolina Community College, Dean of Health Sciences (Durham-Orange Comp)

Brittany Minichbauer: UNC-CH, Clinical Assistant Professor (Durham-Orange Component)

# Find Your Component

## NC Dental Hygiene Association Components



We encourage you to get involved in your local component! Attend great continuing education courses, participate in community service projects and be a part of a great professional network. The 2016-2017 trustees were installed at the 41<sup>st</sup> House of Delegates Meeting. Contact your component trustee to learn about your component's activities. Visit our website, click meetings and component meetings for all contact information and further details.

## 2016-2017 Component Trustees

Cape Fear (04): Tiffany Gowin

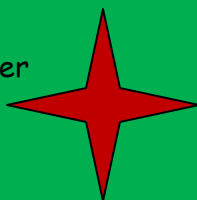
Central Carolina (02): Kimberly Chandler

Coastal Carolina (15): Rachel Stewart

Durham-Orange (05): Danielle Bruner

Foothills (11): Heather Edly

Forsyth (07): Lynn Kelly



Greater Fayetteville (08): Michelle Ping

Greater Raleigh (09): Stephanie Tharrington

Greater Wilkes (17): Martha Townes

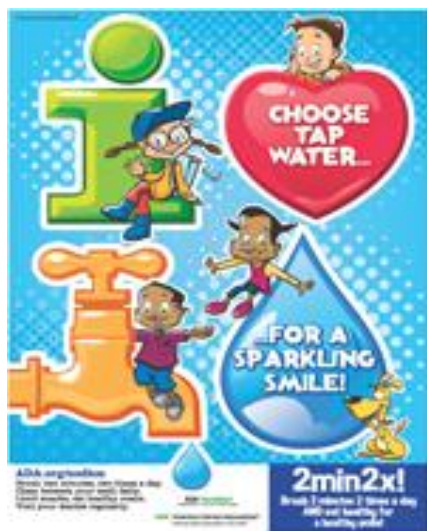
Metrolina (03): Eileen Clark

Southeastern (10): Bethany Reim

Western (01): Janna Conner



Are you participating in a children's dental health clinic this month? If so, we want to hear about it! There are many clinics and programs occurring locally, statewide and nationally to ensure all children receive necessary dental and dental hygiene care all year long, especially during February! Thank you to ALL dental hygienists for their service and dedication to the children of NC! Check out the following resources for more information.



[www.healthysmileshealthchildren.org](http://www.healthysmileshealthchildren.org)

# Oral Cancer Screening

April is Oral Cancer Awareness Month! Sadly, most oral cancers are detected in late stages. An estimated 132 people will be diagnosed with oral cancer EVERY DAY and one person every hour of every day will unfortunately die from it. We are "part of the change" to improve early discovery of suspicious lesions to help end oral cancer. On Saturday, April 22, 2017, we are teaming up with The Oral Cancer Foundation to have a statewide oral cancer screening day. We are currently in the planning phase and will provide further details as they become available. In the meantime, we encourage you to reach out to your component trustee for more information as well as our website and Facebook page.



**NC ORAL HEALTH**  
COLLABORATIVE

**SAVE**

**THE**

**DATE**

North Carolina's First Oral Health Day at the Legislature

**Wednesday, April 5, 2017**

9:00am - 3:00pm

Coming together to highlight the importance of oral health for ALL North Carolinians!

Join NCDHA and the North Carolina Oral Health Collaborative at the NC Legislature for a day filled with discussion with legislators about the oral health needs of **ALL** North Carolinians! Come, mingle and work with **YOUR** legislators and help develop solutions to solve the oral health crisis in North Carolina. Reach out to your component trustee or NCDHA Executive Board Member for further details!

# UPDATE



American  
Dental  
Hygienists'  
Association

## Strategic Plan and Goals

The ADHA, Board of Trustees adopted a new strategic plan designed to unite, empower and support the dental hygiene profession. This new plan places the focus on **YOU** as an individual and dental hygienist in all practice settings and career paths. We encourage you to read all about it in the November edition of *Access Magazine* or by visiting <http://pubs.royle.com/publication/?i=347107>

### 1. Support dental hygiene professionals throughout their careers

- Develop resources that support dental hygienists to explore current and future career pathways
- Provide access to professional resources

### 2. Strengthen ADHA's infrastructure

- Ensure ADHA has the financial, operational and human resources to support our strategic plan
- Ensure unity among ADHA's tri-partite governance structure
- Develop and foster a robust leadership pipeline

### 3. Advocate for the profession

- Support state and federal advocacy efforts that advance direct access and the role of hygienists
- Advance dental hygiene education programs to best prepare professionals for their evolving scope of practice
- Foster constituent and member usage of ADHA's advocacy information

# MEMBERSHIP

ADHA connects you to the collective power of dental hygienists across the country. ADHA is working to build new career paths, expand opportunities for care and give you the latest training and information so you can do your best. **YOU** are the voice of dental hygiene! **JOIN TODAY!** ADHA has a wide variety of options to pay membership dues, including quarterly payment plan! Visit [www.adha.org](http://www.adha.org).

★ Volunteer and Award Opportunities ★



**Award Applications Available**

Apply for an ADHA award for the 2017 Center for Lifelong Learning (CLL) at the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Session. Applications and criteria are now available. The awards are great opportunities to recognize outstanding ADHA members and many include financial assistance to attend #CLL2017 in Jacksonville. Visit

<http://www.adha.org/awards-program>



Dental  
Hygiene  
Diagnosis

**An ADAHA White Paper**



This last year, a task force was appointed to draft a white paper based on the ADHA dental hygiene diagnosis policies and positions statement. The white paper will assist dental hygiene educators with teaching dental hygiene diagnosis. It will also provide assistance to clinicians with the correct application of dental hygiene diagnosis to support best practices, provide clarity and guidance to policymakers deliberating on the issue of diagnosis and scope of practice. The ADHA Board of Trustees adopted the white paper at the fall trustees meeting. To download this white paper visit, [www.adha.org](http://www.adha.org) (top news).



# Upcoming

## EVENTS

### 2017 NCDHA Spring Symposium

Join us for the 2017 Spring Symposium, March 10, 2017 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Charlotte, NC! Register by February 24, 2017 to receive the Early Bird Special! Register online at [www.ncdha.org](http://www.ncdha.org), click on the "Meetings and Events" tab. Call (866) 925-9653 for lodging arrangements.



## Cruise and Learn

Join the North Carolina Dental Hygiene Academy of Advanced Studies for their final Cruise and Learn, May 4-8, 2017! Bring your friends and family and receive 6 hours of cutting edge continuing education! The dynamic speaker, Stacy McCauley. Visit [www.ncdhacademy.org](http://www.ncdhacademy.org) for more details!



105th Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting  
 March 23-25, 2017  
 Georgia World Congress Center  
 & Omni Hotel at CNN Center

*Hinman*  
 The Changing Face of Dentistry

Visit <https://hinman.org> for registration, hotel accommodations and complete event details.

**NORTH CAROLINA**  
DENTAL SOCIETY

161<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL SESSION

Shaping the Future Together

May 18-21, 2017



Visit <http://ncdsannualsession.com> for registration.



Visit <http://www.adha.org/annual-conference> for registration and complete event details.



**UNC**

**THE WILLIAM AND IDA FRIDAY  
CENTER FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION**

The 21<sup>ST</sup> Annual Dental Hygiene Lecture, April 21, 2017.  
Featuring Lisa F. Harper Mallonee, BSDH, MPH, RD, LD

Visit the link for event details  
and registration.

[https://www.dentistry.unc.edu/e  
vents/](https://www.dentistry.unc.edu/events/)





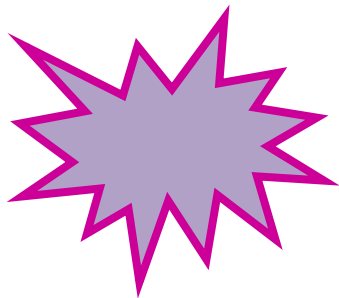
Fall in LOVE with your career again, Chicago Style, at the 2017 RDH Under One Roof, August 10-12. Visit [www.rdhunderoneroof.com](http://www.rdhunderoneroof.com) for registration and complete event details.

NCDHA is committed to connecting, informing and educating all dental hygienists in North Carolina about things that effect our profession, as well as events throughout our state that promote our profession. We encourage you to visit our website at [www.ncdha.org](http://www.ncdha.org) and our Facebook page for the latest



information. We encourage you to share upcoming events, such as meetings and community service projects happening within your component! Please send all correspondence including events, questions or suggestions to [brigann12@gmail.com](mailto:brigann12@gmail.com).

**Search North Carolina  
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**Next Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be on Saturday April 29, 2017 at Central Carolina Community College. We encourage you to communicate with your component trustee with any questions or concerns regarding NCDHA as well as any member of the executive board! Also, we welcome you to join us at any BOT meeting!