

North Carolina Dental Hygienists' Association Spring Newsletter

Spring is finally here and in full swing! We want to give a special thank you to Forsyth Technical Community College for hosting our spring, Board of Trustees Meeting on April 23, 2016. Check out what is happening with **YOUR** association and see how together, we can take **OUR** profession **#Upward!**



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2016



The 2016 Graduation season is here and we want to congratulate all the dental hygiene graduates throughout NC on all your hard work and accomplishments! We are very happy for you and wish you a very successful and rewarding career! We look forward to working with you in taking our profession **#Upward!** Check out our Facebook page to see pictures of several graduations and pinning ceremonies.



THERE'S STILL TIME! Click the link below to register for the first annual In Motion 5K Run, Walk, Fun event, a fundraising event for the Institute of Oral Health at ADHA's annual session
<https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/adha16?funrun/>

Help us reach our goal! Go to

<https://www.crowdwise.com/ADHARunWalk2016> to make a donation to our 5K team, the Tarheel Pickers! Prizes will be awarded to the state and district that raises the most for IOH!



NC Oral Health Collaborative

Ms. Zulayka Santiago, Director of the NC Oral Health Collaborative, brought greetings at our April Board of Trustees meeting. The purpose of the NC Oral Health Collaborative is working together with diverse stakeholders to identify and resolve consumer level and systemic barriers to good oral health and to accelerate implementation of policies and practices that reduce oral health disparities and promote improved oral health for all North Carolinians. The three focus areas are:

1. Health promotion and community engagement
2. Access in health equity
3. Prevention and early diagnosis

Your Board of Trustees voted unanimously to fully support the NC Oral Health Collaborative! We encourage you to contact your trustee or any executive board member to learn how you can support this collaborative!



You can see pictures from the NC Oral Health Collaborative meeting in Kernersville, NC in May. NCDHA was well represented! Thank you to all who participated.



STRATEGIC PLAN

We are diligently working on developing our long-term goals for our association and we **need your help!** Please contact Cheryl Hayes (President-Elect) (coachcherylhayes@gmail.com) to volunteer and serve on this committee.

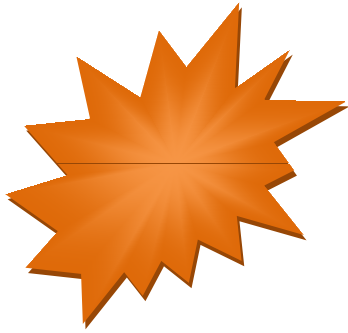
Our current objectives are to:

1. **Implement Charter Agreement**
2. **Increase membership**
3. **Expand the future of dental hygiene in North Carolina to strengthen collaborative partnerships.**

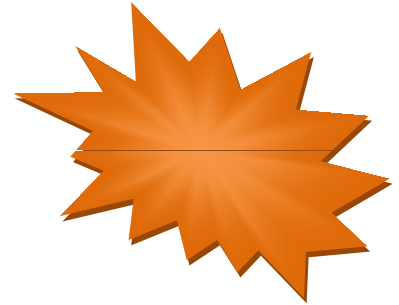


We want to give a very special THANK YOU to Ms. Debra Grant and her team, for a fun filled day of learning at our recent Spring Symposium! Thanks to all the vendors who participated and supported NCDHA! We also thank our Ways and Means Committee and the Forsyth Dental Hygiene Association for the AWESOME prizes that were donated for our raffle!





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ADHA's nationwide constituent and component restructuring plan is in motion! This plan is necessary to ensure that all constituents and components are in compliance with the bylaws of ADHA. The first major step was the signing of our Charter Agreement with ADHA on February 1, 2016. The goal of the Charter Agreements is to ensure that ADHA and its constituents and components work together to meet the needs of current and future members in transforming the profession of dental hygiene. These agreements further ensure that all entities of ADHA are legally compliant, create continuity and quality of member experience and unify the collective brand of ADHA across the country. Together, we are leading the transformation of the dental hygiene profession to improve the public's oral and overall health! **#Upward!**

As part of our alliance with ADHA, we now have a new name and logo! Our name now represents who we are, an association that represents dental hygienists who practice dental hygiene in North Carolina. We are now the **North Carolina Dental Hygienists' Association**. We are currently in the process of updating everything associated with our association to reflect the name change as well as our new logo. This change also applies to all the components. All components must also use the new name and logo and add their name to it. Check out our new logo!



Component
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ADHA President, Jill Rethman, recently submitted written testimony to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Educated and Related Agencies for the FY 2017 Appropriations for the Department of Health and Human Services Impacting Oral Health. ADHA requested that the block on funding for oral health workforce demonstrations grants be lifted, that \$2 million be appropriated and that the following report language be included in the FY 2017 HHS funding bill:

"The nation continues to confront an oral health access crisis, which will not be ameliorated without better utilization of existing dental providers. The Committee urges a stakeholder meeting be convened in order to determine how best to create new entry points into the oral health care delivery system for rural and other underserved populations, better utilization of existing dental personnel and exploration of new types of dental providers."



Oral Health America

The Oral Health America's mission is to change lives by connecting communities with resources to drive access to care, increase health literacy and advocate for policies that improve overall health through better oral health for all Americans, especially those most vulnerable. The OHA recently released, *A State of Decay Vol. III*, which is a **state-by-state report of the oral health of the country's 65+ population** and the success or failure of states to address those needs. North Carolina received a composite score of "Good". Follow the link below to request a copy of the report

<http://www.toothwisdom.org/pages/a-state-of-decay>. We also encourage you to visit


<https://oralhealthamerica.org> to learn more about OHA and their efforts.




HYPAC Challenge



The annual HYPAC challenge is underway! You can help advance your profession by donating to ADHA's HYPAC through ADHA's annual session in Pittsburgh. The Hygiene's Political Action Committee (HYPAC) is a group of dental hygienists and citizens that participate in the political process for federal elected officials who support oral health care of the people that dental hygienists serve. HYPAC is the **ONLY** federal bipartisan political action committee that represents the dental hygiene community by helping elect pro-hygiene candidates for congressional office. Visit <http://hypac.adha.org> to make a donation and learn more about the HYPAC.



Commission on Dental Accreditation



The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) directed that the proposed Standard 3-6 of the *Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs* be distributed to the communities of interest for review and comment for consideration at the summer 2016 commissions meeting. Comments will also be accepted at a Hearing on Standards at ADHA's annual session. ADHA supports and agrees with the Dental Hygiene Review Committee's recommendation for this revision to the standard. It is critical to dental hygiene education that faculty to student ratios are sufficient to ensure the development of clinical competence. ADHA further supports the proposed revision of faculty to student ratios for preclinical, clinical and radiographic clinical and laboratory sessions from 1:6,; to not be less than one faculty for every five students.

Upcoming

EVENTS



Visit www.adha.org/annual-session for complete event details and registration!



JULY 28 - 30, 2016

Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, National Harbor, Maryland

Visit www.rdhunderoneroof.com for complete details and registration!



Join us for the 2016 Fall Scientific Meeting, Student Session and 41st Annual House of Delegates meeting. Register by September 16, 2016 to receive the Early Bird special! You can register by visiting www.ncdha.org and clicking on the "Meetings and Events" tab. Call (919) 677-1840 to make your hotel reservations.

Name of delegates and alternate delegates are due by August 12, 2016 and they must be ADHA members.

NCDHA Executive Board Elections

WE NEED YOU! We will have our annual elections for executive board members during the House of Delegates meeting, September 30, 2016 - October 1, 2016. Officer positions vacant are: **President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer-Elect and ADHA Delegate.** Contact your trustee, component officers or any current NCDHA executive board members to learn more about these positions and place your name on the ballot. Visit www.ncdha.org for all contact information.

NC Dental Hygiene Academy of Advanced Studies

NCDHAAS will have their Fall meeting on October 28, 2016 in Hickory, NC. Visit our website, www.ncdha.org and www.ncdhacademy.org for more details as they become available.

North Carolina Missions of Mercy



An affiliated program of the North Carolina Dental Society

2016 NCMOM Clinics

July 29-30: Fuquay Varina
 October 28-29: Fayetteville
 December 2-3: Charlotte

Share Your Accomplishments

Tell us what you, your component or place of employment is doing! NCDHA would like to hear about your community service and volunteer events. Contact Brigette Easter at brigann12@gmail.com to share your stories.



Membership!



You are the voice of dental hygiene! **ADHA now has a quarterly payment plan for membership dues!** JOIN TODAY! Visit www.adha.org to become a member of ADHA/NCDHA and click on the "Membership" tab. Recent graduates, visit www.adha.org/students-type to transition your student membership to professional membership!



WORKING FOR YOU



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 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.

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Next Board of Trustees Meeting

Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be on Saturday, August 20, 2016 in Raleigh, NC at the Henry Schein Building. Everyone is welcome to attend! Please contact Melanie Owens (melanie.owens80@gmail.com) or Brigette Easter (brigann12@gmail.com) if you want to join us! We encourage you to also communicate with your component trustee with any questions or concerns regarding NCDHA as well as any member of the executive board.

As always, THANK YOU for your commitment to NCDHA!

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