



NEWSLETTER

Manitoba Dental Assistants Association

A MESSAGE FROM MDAA PRESIDENT

HEATHER BROWNLEE

I cannot believe summer is upon us already. I hope you are all having a chance to enjoy it as we all know what is going to be coming. MDAA has been very busy the past few months.

In April, we participated in the Annual MDA Convention, which I felt was very well attended. Having everything in one space seemed to work well, though a few tweaks may be needed for next year. Most attendees felt it was a great concept. During the convention, MDAA had the pleasure of presenting Michaela Kissova-Bouska with the 2024-25 Dental Assistant of the Year Award at the Saturday night Gala. She received a certificate and a gift card to a local spa.



On May 22, 2024, Tess Peter and I had the pleasure of attending the MDA Graduation Lunch for the 2024 Dental Assisting Graduating Class at RRC Polytech, where we presented the Annual MDAA Awards for Outstanding Professionalism to Juélmarié Reyes and Carl Latiza. It was very rewarding to meet the graduating class, and I wish each of them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

The rollout of the CDCP on May 1, 2024, has created significant disruption in the dental world. My hope is that over the next few months, we can resolve these issues and start treating patients who truly need the plan to improve their overall health.

The MDAA Board of Directors has been actively identifying issues based on feedback we have been receiving from RDAs in Manitoba. We are currently working with the MDA Executive to develop a formal action plan and move forward. Our goal is to strengthen our relationship with the MDA and enhance workplace environments. We will keep you updated on our website and in our newsletter as we make progress.

MDAA is also working on updating our website, so please visit it often to stay informed about what MDAA and CDAA are doing for RDAs in Manitoba.

In closing, I want to wish you all a wonderful summer and let you know that MDAA is always here advocating for RDAs in Manitoba!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the start of the summer season. It has been just over four months since I stepped into the role of Executive Director at the Manitoba Dental Assistants Association (MDAA), and I am thrilled to share some of the highlights from this exciting period.



In April, I had the privilege of attending my first MDA convention. It was a wonderful experience to meet so many RDAs and hear your valuable feedback on what you want to see from our association.

A highlight of the event was the gala dinner, where we proudly presented the RDA of the Year Award to Michaela Kissova-Bouska. Congratulations, Michaela, on this well-deserved recognition!

May brought another special occasion as I attended the Red River College dental assisting graduation. I was honored to present an award, along with President Heather Brownlee to two exceptionally deserving students Juelmarie Reyes and Carl Latiza, who were awarded for their outstanding professional conduct and qualities that characterize a true professional. It was an inspiring moment to welcome these new graduates and their entire class into the Dental Assisting profession.

As I continue to develop in my role, I am excited about the opportunities ahead. Your feedback and engagement are vital to our growth and success as an association. I look forward to what we can achieve together in the coming months.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to the MDAA. Enjoy your summer, and I hope to connect with many of you soon.

CANADIAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Hello Everyone! My name is Tabatha Blais and I am the Manitoba Director for the Canadian Dental Assistants Association.

In February CDAA partnered with NDAEB (National Dental Assisting Examination Board) to help promote the value of the dental assisting profession for both National Oral Health Awareness month and Dental Assisting Recognition Week.



We have been working on our new branding and website which should be live in the next couple of months. We are excited for a new website that will be easy to manoeuvre and have a member's only login for important information pertaining to all RDA's. Keep an eye out for an email release from CDAA to let you know when it will be live.

CDAA board members have just returned from Halifax where we were able to attend the Oral Health Summit. It was a great opportunity to meet Dr. James Taylor (Chief Dental Officer of Canada) who graciously attended our Annual General Meeting. Mark Holland (Minister of Health of Canada) was also a speaker at the OHS and spoke about the Canadian Dental Care Plan. We are attending these events to make notice of the importance the Dental Assistant's role is within the dental team. As mentioned, we had our AGM and we have voted Saskatchewan to join the CDAA after a short absence.

Our next meeting will be in Toronto mid September for our strategic and future planning. Next year we are celebrating our 80th anniversary and hope to have celebrations in every province.



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CDAA Gala

Back Row: Tabatha (MDAA), Alicia (ODAA), Crystal (AADA), Jenine (NLDA)

Front Row: Robyn (NLDA-Vice President), Nicole (NSDA), Susie (RCDC), Leslie (Executive Director), Kelly (President), Heather (MDA-Past President), Chelsea (NBDA), Heather (NBDA)

FALL CE EVENT

MDAA's is thrilled to announce a joint CE event in conjunction with the Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association (MDHA) this fall.

We encourage you to join us for two dynamic speakers, Alex Zlatin and Cindy Isaak-Ploegman who will be speaking on some very exciting topics.

At this event you will have the opportunity to earn up to 2.5 CE credits based on your participation.

Stay tuned for more details!

[Register Here](#)



RRC RDA CLASS OF 2024

A huge congratulations to the Dental Assistant Graduating Class of 2024 from Red River College Polytech! Your journey has been inspiring, and we're thrilled to celebrate this milestone with you.

Special recognition goes to Juellmarie Reyes and Carl Latiza, who were awarded for their outstanding professional conduct and qualities that characterize a true professional. Your dedication and exemplary behavior set a high standard for all.

This year is extra special as we celebrate the 50th graduating class!



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RRC POLYTECH'S DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM IS CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

The Red River College Polytech Dental Assisting Program is celebrating 50 years this year! To celebrate, RRC will be hosting an event for alumni. The upcoming proposed date for the event is November 14, 2024. To stay up to date on developments, sign up for the [Alumni Newsletter](#).



AGM SURVEY

The MDAA has begun planning for our 2025 AGM and we want to hear from you! We are asking all members to please fill out a short survey with your preferences.

You can find the survey [here](#).



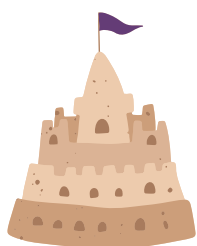
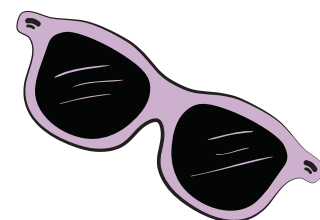
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From all of us at the Manitoba Dental Assistants Association



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