

# GREATER DETROIT DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION



## President's Address

Sandy Sutton, RDH, BSDH

Welcome Greater Detroit Dental Hygienist's to the 2020-2021 season!

As the incoming president, I would like to extend my thanks to you for joining us, for being here, and for participating in what I hope is going to be a great year. With the change around us, there's one thing that is certain- it's going to continue. For many of us, getting used to change can be difficult. We've been accustomed to doing things in a certain way for years, but with the upheaval of our lives and economy, we know our profession will not be going back to what it was. These changes are flowing over into the way we will be holding our meetings and CEs, as well.

We are currently researching online meeting platforms that would fill our membership needs and for our CEs, would accommodate over 100 participants at a time. With the shift to online, we are anticipating more participation at our meetings and even more for our CEs. There have been inquiries in the past about attending our CEs long distance, now we have the ability. Also, in the past we have talked about meeting for fun - cocktails, snacks, and maybe some dancing. We have found that some of the meeting platforms support these kinds of social functions!

We have some wonderful support in our new vice-president, Stephanie DeMoss, and our former president, Dawn Baker, as our new trustee. All three of us are delegates/alternate delegates for ADHA's virtual Conference. We have a fantastic structure in our senior members helping to guide us and keeping key positions. We also have a robust connection with our educators working on the two dental hygiene schools that we work with: Oakland Community College and Wayne County Community College District. Our Education council is putting together a great lineup of speakers to help add to our CE requirements and enjoyment.



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This year GDDHA and fellow East Shore Components are the hosts of our House of Delegates (HOD). It is scheduled to be at the Somerset Inn in Troy, however, it will in all probably be moved to a virtual format. This type of format gives many others the opportunity to observe exactly what goes on during our HOD. This experience may encourage others to become more involved in the structure to be part of the next year’s delegate pool. We have had local Representative Padma Kuppa let us know she is interested in speaking in our opening ceremonies and have a Girl Scout Troup lined up to conduct the flag ceremony. Whatever decision is made for live or virtual, I’m sure that it will be a memorable time for our component and those throughout the state.

With all the change happening, we do know one thing stays consistent, our mouths are still attached to our bodies and patients will still need our help and expertise to help take care of them. As Dr. Seuss said, “teeth are always in style”. I could not agree more- Here’s to keeping in step with the change of our environment and our culture as today’s Registered Dental Hygienists!

Thank you,

Sandy



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# SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to GDDHA. We are so excited to have you!

List represents members as of 01/01/2020

- \* Kristin Becker
- \* Nancy Booms
- \* Shannon Carter—Baker College Port Huron, MI Class of 2001
- \* Shannon Cavanaugh
- \* Taylor Cezon
- \* Ashley Francis
- \* Cori Henderson
- \* Karen Hozeski
- \* Dawn Lucarelli
- \* Amber McCarty—Kellogg Community College, MI Class of 1999, B.S from Spring Arbor University Class of 2018
- \* Jennifer McClendon
- \* Nicole McKenzie
- \* Taylor McNeill—University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry Class of 2015
- \* Joy Morgan—University of Michigan Class of 2019
- \* Sarah Niazi
- \* Airdalery Ortiz-Alers
- \* Mary Penberthy—University of Michigan Class of 1984
- \* Suzanne Raccosta
- \* Jennifer Safron
- \* Jamie Snyder—Kellogg Community College, MI Class of 2000, B.S.D.H from University of Michigan Class of 2002
- \* Danielle Waller
- \* Bridget Beattie-Smith—University of Michigan Class of 2010, M.S.D.H from University of Michigan Class of 2013
- \* Elizabeth Johnson—University of Cincinnati, OH Class of 2000
- \* Nicole Byrnes
- \* Jenny Huffman
- \* Connie Pajak
- \* Claudia Roberts
- \* Christine Blevins
- \* Lindsay Block
- \* Julia Johnson
- \* Kristy Piecuch



# WILL YOUR CE'S COUNT?

## How to make sure your CE credits are accepted

With many of us at home, we have been taking a lot of the free CE's that have been offered through many different sources. The problem is, how do you know what ones are accepted here in Michigan? Don't wait until you're audited to make sure that the load of CE's you took are accepted.

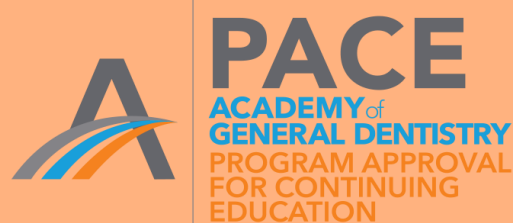
Here's how to check- does it say Michigan Board of Dentistry, AGD/PACE or ADA CERP approval? Then it's accepted! If not, the Michigan Board of Dentistry (BOD) has 4 separate approvals (attached) for you to look at. Each year they compile a list of the programs they have granted CE approvals to. These generally last for 3-4 years. Do yourself a favor and make sure your CE's are approved- In all things, be safe!

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Dentistry\\_2017\\_Master\\_List\\_552628\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Dentistry_2017_Master_List_552628_7.pdf)

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The Oakland County Dental Society and Detroit District Dental Society are looking to place dental hygienists in offices that need help. If you or someone you know is looking for a job, or maybe just want to pick up some more hours; please contact either society for information and to start working.

Oakland: 248-540-9333

Detroit: 313-337-4900

# Returning to Work; The New Normal

Helpful links for information/guidance for returning to work

- [Licensing and Regulatory Affair](#)
- [ADHA Interim Guidance for Returning to Work](#)
- [Center for Disease Control](#)
- [The Organization for Safety Asepsis and Prevention](#)
- [Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#)
- [Use of Silver Diamine Fluoride](#)
  - [Sample Consent form](#)



## **Outstanding Dental Hygienist of the Year Award**

Do you know a dental hygienist that goes above and beyond for their profession and local component? Nominate them for recognition!

Click on the link for more information: <https://www.mdhatoday.org/awards/>

[Nomination form](#)

## **MDHA House of Delegates**

This year's House of Delegates is set to take place in our own backyard at the Somerset Inn in Troy, MI! As we begin to plan for this event and anticipate it's change to a virtual format, our component will be looking for qualified members to participate as delegates and alternate delegates. If you or anyone you know are interested in this honor, be on the lookout for information regarding how to run for delegate/alternation. An election process will take place during the summer.

A list of qualifications/duties is included below.

### Qualifications

- GDDHA Member
- Serve on Board for minimum of one year OR held an office or leadership position in a dental hygiene program
- Familiarity of the business aspect of GDDHA, including protocol, ethics, responsibilities, and importance of HOD
- Taken an active role by attending meetings, participating in projects/community work, assistance with planned events

### Duties and Responsibilities

- Read all documents provided in HOD manual (emailing handled by Trustee) and come to pre-HOD meeting prepared to discuss and provide input
- Attend Pre-HOD meeting scheduled by Trustee to discuss PRs/PBYs, review HOD weekend schedule and any last minute details; if unable to attend, delegate is required to follow-up with Trustee to review the material prior to HOD and may be bumped to alternate delegate
- Delegates are required to have previously attended HOD as an alternate delegate or student delegate
- Willing and able to commit time necessary to perform duties and responsibilities
- Dress code is business attire (no jeans of any color or sweats)



## **Taking Action—Together!**

### **What is the Michigan Dental Hygienists' Political Action Committee (MDH-PAC)?**

The Michigan Dental Hygienists' Political Action Committee (MDH-PAC) is the only state PAC representing the interests of Michigan Registered Dental Hygienists. MDH-PAC amplifies YOUR voice and enables registered dental hygienists to collectively support representatives who collaborate with us to protect our scope of practice and assist us as we advance our profession.

One way a dental hygienist can “make a difference” is to contribute to the Michigan Dental Hygienists' Political Action Committee, the MDH-PAC. Our PAC has a sound reputation, attends functions where we have access to legislative leadership and where we are recognized for those good legislative deeds we have accomplished. Money is contributed to the campaigns of select Michigan Senators and Representatives, both Republicans and Democrats. Giving money opens doors for us. It will allow us to educate legislators about dental hygienists. Legislation has been passed authorizing us to administer local anesthetic and nitrous oxide analgesia, PA161, and our education into law not rule. Please donate to the PAC so we can continue protecting and moving our profession forward.

**For more information and to donate to the PAC please visit their website: <https://www.mdhatoday.org/resources/mdh-pac/>**



# Congrats Class of 2020



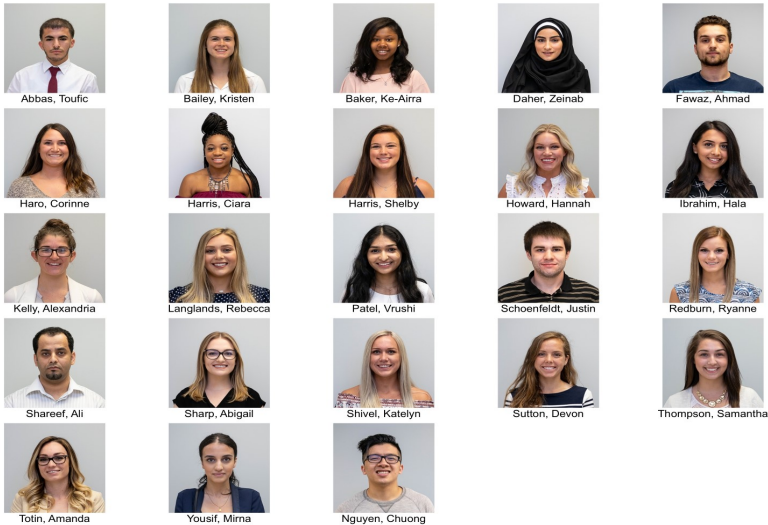
Oakland Community College



Wayne County Community College

University of Detroit Mercy

## Dental Hygiene 2020







Lansing Community College



Kellogg Community College



Kalamazoo Valley Community College



University of Michigan



Jackson College



Delta College



Grand Rapids Community College



Ferris State University



Mott Community College

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**Congratulations to the newly elected business board for the 2020-2021 season!**

- ◇ President- Sandy Sutton
- ◇ Vice-President- Stephanie DeMoss
- ◇ Treasurer- Deb Hurst
- ◇ Trustee- Dawn Baker
- ◇ Communications Chair- Bridget Beattie-Smith
- ◇ Membership Chair- Autum Drew
- ◇ Fundraising Chair- Barbara Thompson

We do still have an open position that needs to be filled: **Secretary**

**GDDHA would like to thank the volunteer members of our board for their hard work and dedication to the component and profession!**

- ◇ Editor– Autum Drew
- ◇ Webmaster– Andrea Stoltenberg
- ◇ Education/Speaker Chair– Karen Lawson
- ◇ Children’s Dental Health Month–Carolynn Zeitz

**A full list of members at large can be found on our website; [GDDHA.com](http://GDDHA.com)**

**If you are interested in volunteering for a position, please contact Sandy, Stephanie or Dawn**

