



New York
DENTAL HYGIENISTS'
ASSOCIATION

Outstanding Contributions in the Community

To identify and recognize a **dental hygienist or component** for advancing the profession of dental hygiene through **exceptional** community service or outreach programs that focus on preventive oral health care.

Criteria:

- Project of the nominee served to advance the profession and improve oral health preventive care; involve creativity in strategies, collaborate with non-dental and/or dental partners; and of a nature desirable for replication in other communities and could be done so with ease.
- Contributions to the dental hygiene community go above and beyond what the nominee is compensated for at a paid position
- Contributions to the oral health community not solely based on working in a community health or public health setting
- If dental hygienist nominee: In addition to the above, active member of NYDHA in good standing for minimum 5 years.

Honors: Award certificate and public acknowledgment

Selection: Majority vote of NYDHA's Board of Directors.

To submit a nomination: Please complete nomination form below by **September 21, 2026**. Send to NYDHA Awards Committee by email to exdir@nydha.org or US mail to NYDHA, PO Box 16041, Albany NY 12212

Recent honorees:

2025	Daniel Lopez	2010	Michael Valla
2024	Laura Fassacesia	2009	7 th District Dental Hygienists' Association
2024	Anaika Forbes Grant		
2023	Marlyce James	2007	Vermell Ford
2021	Ivanie Exinor	2006	Denice Brown
2019	Meg Atwood	2005	Mid-Hudson Dental Hygienists' Association
2019	Millie Thaw		
2018	Kasey Penoyer	2004	Upper Hudson Dental Hygienists' Association
2016	Tiffany Kerns		
2015	Lorraine Carhart	2004	Buffalo Dental Hygienists' Association
2015	Wendy Nupp		
2015	Carla Rumble	2004	Mohawk Valley Dental Hygienists' Association
2014	Johanna Root		
2010	Julie Ruggiero	2004	Janet Wachowiak

Member of component	Date
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