



It has been BUSY since the TDHA Annual Conference! From TSBDE meetings to Dental Hygiene Graduations and Student Nights to in-person Board of Directors meeting, ADHA Delegate duties, ADHA Annual Conference, and many zoom calls.

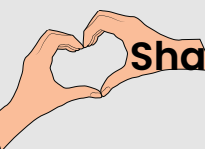
At the board meeting we have discussed the Strategic Plan which helps us when planning our budget for the next year. We have also started to make plans for the legislative year that will start in 2025.

The local anesthesia bill has passed, with classes starting and certifications happening soon! Now we look forward to what is next for the hygienists of Texas.

Thank you to all of the volunteers that dedicate their time and passion to this association. With you NONE of this would be possible.

If you are not a member, please consider the quarterly membership option. Membership numbers is what allows TDHA to evolve and grow our profession. From scholarship opportunities to increase in scope of practice. We are the only entity fighting and protecting YOU!

The next in-person board meeting will be held in Houston 10/19-20. Stay tuned for information about attending the Texas Renaissance Festival social that will happen on Saturday. Reach out to your trustee or me for more information.



Shawna Greer, RDH, BSDH, MAADH, FADHA
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TDHA 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Plans are being made for a spectacular 2025 annual conference. We are lucky enough to have Dr. Uche as our keynote and CE speaker. His topics: Transform your body-Transform your life, Secret lives of your patients: Lifestyle Habits that influence healing. AND.... a bonus exercise session!! For the educators, a fun and exciting methodology class. We have something for everyone, and it is an event not to be missed!

Do not be the only one not attending, grab your friends and head to the Embassy Suites in San Marcos on February 27th to March 2nd, 2025.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

Early Bird Pricing prior to December 31st!

Members: \$375

Not a Member? \$425

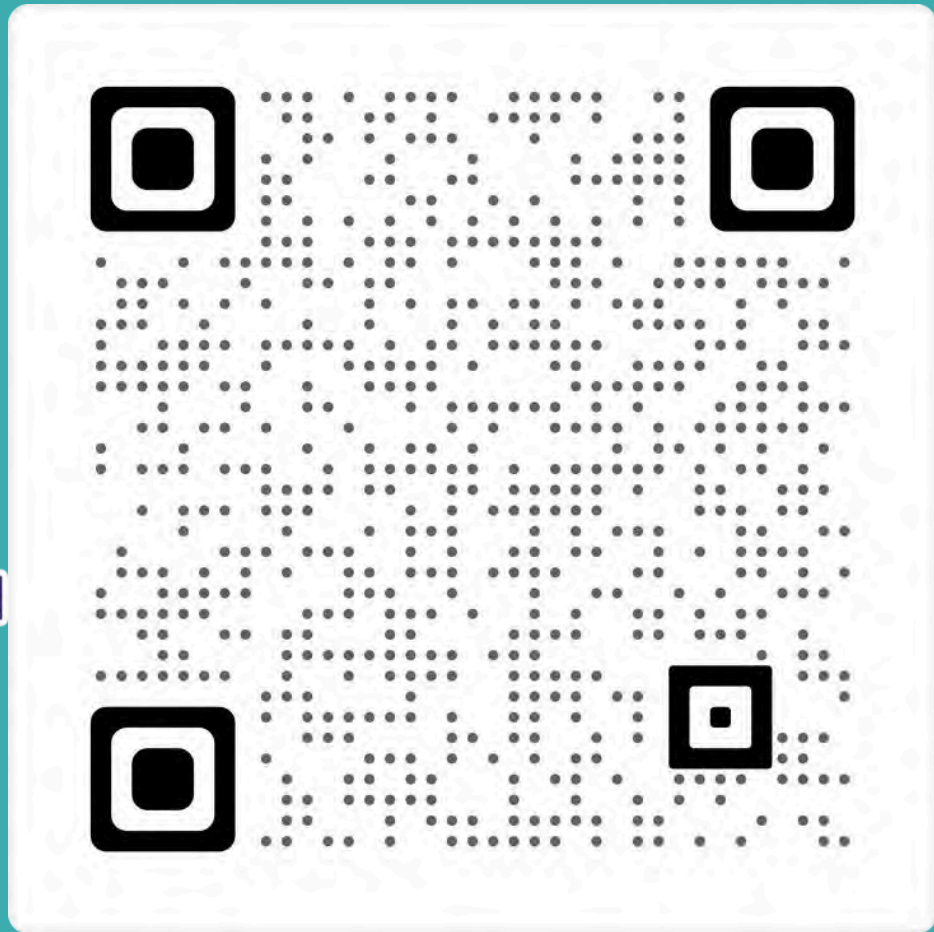
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Then scan the QR code and download your video to the folder.

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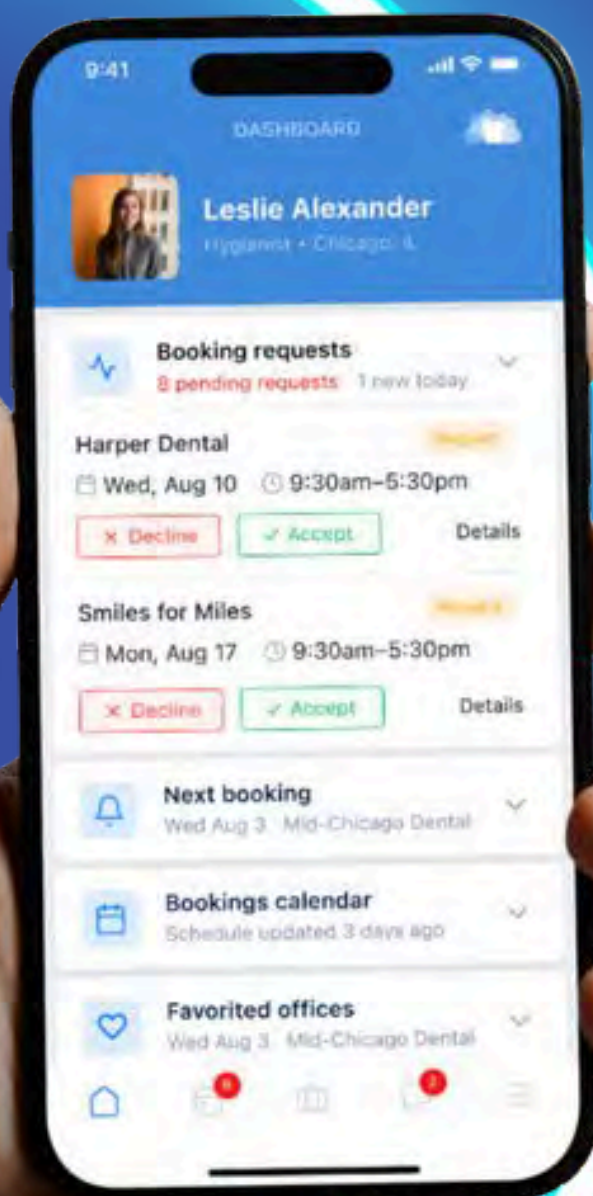
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Local Anesthesia Rules were adopted by TSBDE!

Legislative news
you need to
know.

Frequently
asked
questions

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

LOCAL INFILTRATION FAQs

Q: What is Rule 115.10?

A: Rule 115.10 pertains to the administration of local infiltration anesthesia by registered dental hygienists (RDHs) in Texas. The new law was passed in May 2024 and allows dental hygienists by delegation and under direct supervision of a dentist to administer infiltration anesthetic (LA) to patients 18 years or older that are not sedated except by nitrous oxide inhalation.

Q: What are the specific educational and certification requirements for Texas RDHs?

A: An applicant must be a dental hygienist with an active Texas license and/or a dental hygiene student enrolled in a Texas Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) dental hygiene course of study; have successfully completed 32-hours of TSBDE-approved didactic and clinical education through a CODA-accredited educational institution; have passed a Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE) approved certification examination relating to the administration of local infiltration anesthesia; and hold a current course completion card from the American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers.

Q: When can dental hygienists apply for certification to administer local infiltration anesthesia?

A: They can apply for certification starting after September 1, 2024, due to licensure third-party company restrictions.

Q: What are the requirements for RDHs who hold a LA certificate from another state and seeking certification in Texas?

A: They must meet substantially equivalent educational requirements, have three of the past five years of employment as an RDH, have completed a CODA-accredited program, and provide written documentation of their education and training.

Q: What if you are currently authorized to administer local anesthesia by the military?

A: A hygienist who is authorized to administer local anesthesia by a branch of the United States armed forces during the preceding year of initial application is eligible for certification. Applicant will need to show TSBDE written documentation of education and training.

Q: What does the didactic portion of the LA course include?

A: The didactic portion of the LA course must be no less than 20 hours and can be completed online through self-study modules from a CODA-accredited educational institution.

Q: What does the clinical portion of the LA course include?

A: It includes 12 hours of instruction on local infiltration techniques, patient evaluation, and administration practices, with competency demonstrated on live patients and simulations.

Q: What are the requirements for dental hygiene students?

A: They must be enrolled in a TX CODA-accredited program and complete 32 hours of formal education taught by faculty members who hold a current Texas license and a Texas local anesthetic certificate.

Q: Once a hygienist is certified to administer local infiltration anesthesia, what must he/she do to maintain their certification?

A: Informed consent must be obtained prior to anesthesia from all patients, you must have no less than two (2) extra hours of continuing education every two years in the administration of or medical emergencies associated with local anesthesia. These hours are in addition to the 24-biannual hours required. You must report any hospitalizations or deaths related to the administration of local infiltration anesthesia to TSBDE.

Rule Reference: 22 Texas Admin Code §115.10, Administration of Local Infiltration Anesthesia (Adopted-May 3, 2024).

INTERSTATE LICENSURE COMPACT FAQs

Q: What is an Interstate Compact?

A: Interstate Compacts are legislatively authorized agreements among states. Like a contract, a compact establishes a formal, legal relationship among multiple states to address common problems within these states, without the involvement of the federal government.

Q: How many interstate compacts does Texas participate in?

A: Texas is currently a member of 38 interstate compacts, 5 which are related to professional licensing.

Q: What is an Interstate Licensure Compact?

A: Interstate Licensure Compacts seek to provide licensees with opportunities for multi-state practice and increase mobility for individuals who are relocating to another state while maintaining high standards of care and simultaneously reducing administrative burdens to licensure. They are an ideal solution for addressing state workforce needs.

Q: What are the benefits for licensees (dentists and dental hygienists)?

A: Benefits of a dental compact for dentists and dental hygienists include: facilitates mobility for licensees, increases access to care and continuity of services for patients and families, eases the administrative and economic burden of applying for and maintaining multiple licenses, expedites licensing process to serve Texans sooner, and leverages advances in technology such as teledentistry.

Q: How does a Dental Licensure compact benefit Texas?

A: Benefits for Texas include: allows state flexibility and autonomy in comparison to a “one-size-fits-all” federal policy solution, preserves state sovereignty (allows a state to control and enforce its own scope of practice), promotes workforce development, enhances public safety through a shared data system of licensure and disciplinary information, and expands consumer access to highly-qualified dental practitioners.

Q: How does a licensure compact benefit military- trained professionals?

A: Military families are highly mobile and reassigned to a new duty station every 2-3 years. Compacts reduce barriers to employment and career development for military spouses in licensed professions.

Q: What other professions are considering NEW Interstate Compacts in Texas?

A: Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact, Audiology and Speech-Language Compact, Cosmetology Compact, Counseling Compact, Dietician Compact, Occupational Therapy Compact, Physician Assistant Compact, and Social Work Licensure Compact.

Q: What is the next step for obtaining an Interstate Dental Compact in Texas?

A: A legislative bill will be filed during the 2025 legislative session. TDHA will be reaching out to all hygienists for help in educating our legislators about the benefits a dental compact will bring to Texans.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

For additional information on Interstate Licensure Compacts, please email TDHA's Legislative Director or go to [Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact \(ddhcompact.org\)](http://Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact (ddhcompact.org)).

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CONGRATULATIONS TEXAS for reaching our ADHA Institute for Oral Health Foundation Goal for 2023-2024! **YOU** raised over **\$15,000 Statewide!** I am blown away! Thank you! Our 2024-2025 Mighty Cause page has been created. If you were a regular monthly donor, you will need to sign up again since it is a new year. If you would like to sign up for automatic monthly donations, you may click on Fearless Innovation below! I have some fun raffle prizes in the works for our TDHA Annual Conference in February.
See you in San Marcos!.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRAZOS VALLEY, CONCHO & RIO GRANDE
for already meeting their component goals for 2024!!

Thank you for all of your support,
Kayla Golden, Texas IOH Liaison

Fundraising Recap from ADHA Annual Conference

The IOH Foundation is thrilled to announce that we surpassed our on-site goal for donations at this year's conference and we raised over \$10,000! Crest + Oral-B will donate another \$4,500 for Friday's "Match Day". Saturday's special IOH Foundation Donation Raffle was won by Courtney Rudick of Nebraska, who chose to spend her winnings of \$50 at the Merchandise Boutique. A huge THANK YOU goes out to all of those who volunteered at this year's booth and to all of our contributors who helped to ensure the continued work of the IOH Foundation and its mission.



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THE ISSUES

- HOD, BOD, Constituents, Components or voting member of the ADHA may propose amendments
- New Professional Members category
- For professional autonomy and full authority for its own professional standards
- Supports the elimination of the clinical licensure examination
- Daily intake of free sugars be limited, Defines “Free Sugars”
- Advocates for loan forgiveness and/or repayment programs for dental hygienists
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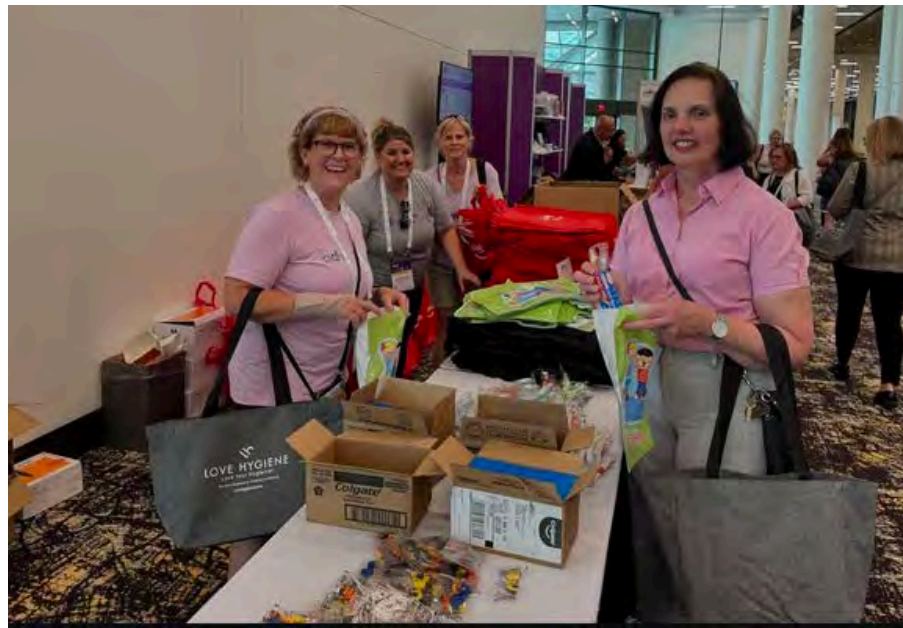
Peak into
the conference



TDHA Leadership met face to
face with ADHA in New
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Community Service Project at ADHA Annual Conference

Never underestimate the power of hygienists on a mission! That's what we learned when our 4-day

Community Service Project ended up only taking a few hours. Our charity partners at Clover New Orleans were given over 400 oral health kits, filled with items that were donated by our partners at Guru Nanda, Elevate, Colgate, Quip, Smile Makers, and Henry Schein.

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Congratulations to the Class of 2024 ADHA Professional Fellows Program



FADHA: A mark of distinction in dental hygiene By: Harold Henson, PhD, RDH, FADHA



IOH Liaison Luncheon Recap

On Friday, July 26, members of the community gathered at the Annual IOH Foundation Liaison Luncheon where the IOH Foundation honored several key supporters of this year's fundraising efforts. Congratulations to the following State Liaisons for their tireless efforts in bringing awareness to the mission:

Innovation Award: Kayla Golden (Texas)

Rising Star Award: Hali Householder (Indiana)

Fundraiser Achiever Award: Hali Householder (Indiana)

Liz Chaney

Liaison of the Year Award: Ashlee Brooke Sowards (West Virginia)



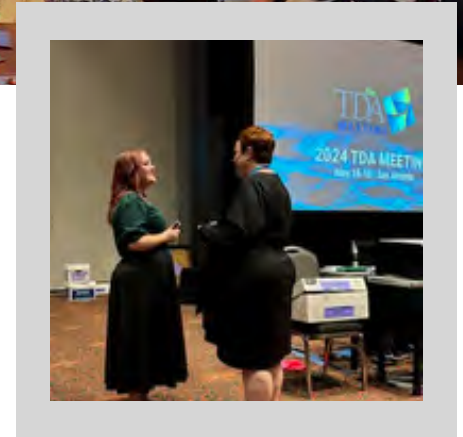
LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Nominations Committee

Would you like to know what TDHA does to protect your license (among a ton of other things)? Now you have the opportunity to learn the how and what TDHA BOD does for HYGIENISTS!!

If you would like to see if you qualify for an officer or director position, see the information below. If you are interested in joining the TDHA BOD, please email Cathy Nobles, Immediate Past President, Nominations Committee Chair, csquared705@mac.com.



TDHA Officers Qualifications

Any voting member in good standing shall be eligible for election if the following qualifications have been met at time of installation:

- *Candidates for Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer shall have served as component trustee, TDHA Council member, or two (2) terms as a delegate to TDHA House of Delegates.
- *Candidates for President-Elect shall have served two terms on the TDHA Board of Directors.

Officer Positions: President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer (every even year)

TDHA Directors Qualifications

- *Directors shall have served as a component Trustee and/or a TDHA delegate for a minimum of one (1) term.
- *Additionally, a director shall have served on the Council they are representing.

Director positions: Membership, Legislative (each even year), Professional Development, Communications and Student Affairs



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



ADHA Delegates

- *ADHA delegates and alternates shall be voting members in good standing.
- *The President and President Elect shall automatically serve as delegates to ADHA.
- *Candidates for delegates and alternates shall have a minimum of two years TDHA experience serving as a TDHA Delegates or TDHA Council member prior to nomination.
- *Candidates for delegates and alternates shall acknowledge the duties and financial responsibilities of ADHA delegates and alternates prior to nomination and election.

ADHA will advise TDHA how many delegates are allowed.



Councils and Committees

If you are interested in becoming a Council/Committee Chair or member please notify Pamela Randolph our President-elect.

Standing Councils: Governmental Affairs Council, Member Services Council, Professional Education Council and Communications Council.

Standing Committees: ADHA Delegation, Administrative Manual, Annual Conferences, Budget and Finance, Bylaws, Community Outreach, Corporate Relations, Nominating, Past Presidents, Permanent Files, Publications, Resolutions, Social Media, Student Affairs, Ways and Means, and Website Maintenance.





Blinn Class of 2024 - Isabel Aguilar, Jessenia Benavides, Anna Benitez, Maisie Bobkovas, Lauren Bowers, Alyssa Burns, Megan Krause, Libby Gerik, Kara Gordon, Madalene Lowe, Hailey Neckar, Maricela Rodriguez, Lauren Stafford, Martha Wilkins

BRAZOS VALLEY DHA NEW OFFICERS

President - Martha Wilkins
Vice President - Maisie Bobkovas
Treasurer - Marque' Mathis
Trustee - Layla Christensen

Immediate Past President - Tricia Maginn
Secretary - Lauren Stafford
Membership Chair - Lauren Stafford

SAVE the DATES:

8/16/24 Blinn College Student Orientation
9/13/24 Omega Seminars CE @ Blinn College District
TBD - general meeting for elections in October
10/25/24 CSISD Fluoride Varnish Day -VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
11/8/24 Blinn College CE

Summer
2024



MEGA CE 2024

Our 4th Annual MEGA CE was a phenomenal success! We were thrilled to have expert Lisa Mayo delve into the latest advancements in dental care. Our seminar was a treasure trove of knowledge and networking opportunities.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

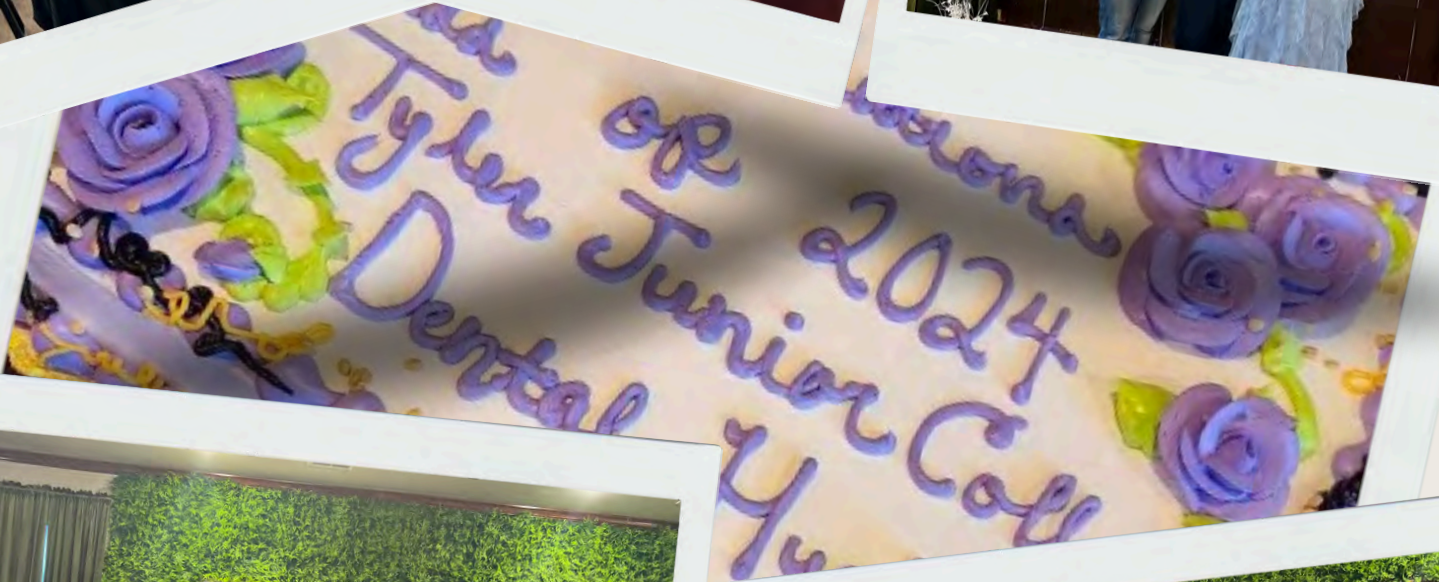
We're thrilled to announce the recipients of the Evelyn Darilek Scholarship! This is a scholarship program established to provide financial assistance to a graduating dental hygiene student from Del Mar College and Coastal Bend College. The recipient of this grant received \$450.00 to use for educational expenses.



SMILES & CONNECTIONS SOCIAL

Officer installation was a fun-filled evening of networking and great conversations. This was wonderful opportunity to connect and unwind.





EAST TEXAS

TDHA East Texas Component hosted a graduation dinner for Tyler Junior College 2024 Graduates. Our component was so excited to have TDHA President, Shawna Greer, in attendance at our celebratory dinner and at Tyler Junior College Dental Hygiene Pinning Ceremony the following day. This was the first TJC Pinning where a TDHA President was in attendance. President Greer brought her hand-crafted Taylor Swift inspired friendship bracelets to each of the graduates. Fun was had by all. We were so thankful to have a few East Texas Component members in attendance at the dinner! Thank you to everyone who took time out to celebrate our new graduates.

East Texas would like to give a shout out to Julie Mettlen. Mrs. Mettlen was honored for her 45 years of service at Tyler Junior College. She's been a lifelong TDHA member & will continue to teach a few classes for TJC BSDH program.

~Kayla Golden, East Texas Trustee

GREATER HOUSTON

GHDHA had a CE, hands on scanning event Sponsored by Dentsply Sirona on April 30, 2024. It was a fun event to meet new people and have our try at scanning a typodont.

Speakers were Lyle Ennis, Chris Brandt, Kelly Mitchell with Sure Smiles.
Stephanie Bass, Victoria Whitman, and Tanya Dental with Patterson Dental



GHDHA 2024-2025 Officers

Back Row: Treasurer- Suzy Stevens,
1st Vice President -TeriLynn Rao,
GHDHA Trustee- Karen Gaspard, 2nd
Vice President- Theresa Dufrene,
TDHA Trustee- Catherine Berger,
Secretary- Josette Chen, GHDHA
Trustee- Andrea Scott,
Front Row: Immediate Past
President- Leslie Ball, President Raha
Naderi, President Elect: Esther
Garcia.



Members Pictured: Tulsi Patel, Theresa Dufrene, Courtney Routh, Andrea Scott,
Karen Gaspard, Amber Blase, Hannah Medrano, Suzy Stevens, Catherine Berger, Josette
Chen, Stephanie Bass, Leslie Ball, TeriLynn Rao, Raha Naderi

On May 6, 2024, GHDHA had there
last monthly meeting for the year
with the officer installation and a CE
with Dr. Rossi.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

MEMBER &
GRADUATE DINNER
MARCH 2024



WATERFORD
GARDENS-SENIOR
LIVING
COMMUNITIES-
JUNE 2024

RDHs : Helene, Illiana, Arianna
provided OHI, Tooth Brushing,
Fluoride Varnish, IO /EO exams.



RETIREMENT TIPS
FOR RDHS- JUNE 6
CEA GREAT
TURNOUT : 16
RDHS & \$100
RAISED FOR HYPAC!



OUR AMAZING
PRESIDENT-SHAWNA
GREER AT THE TSTC
PINNING CEREMONY-
APRIL 2024



CLASS OF 2025
RECEIVED A \$1350
SCHOLARSHIP CHECK
FROM RGVOHA.



RIO GRANDE VALLEY CONT.

APRIL 13 CE
TSTC ALUMNI



TOTALLY KIDS
LEARNING CENTER-
MAY 2024

ILLIANA, ROH READ
SMILES POR VIDA,
DEMO ACTIVITY ON
HOW TO BRUSH TEETH,
& PROVIDED THE
LITTLES ORAL HYGIENE
GOODIES BAGS.



RGVOHA KENDRA SCOTT
FUNDRAISER-MAY 2024
RGVOHA MEMBERS
L TO R,
KRYSTAL, HELENE,
ILLIANA, CHRISTINE



RGVOHA SUMMER
FUNDRAISER-JULY 2024
RGVOHA MEMBERS
L TO R
HELENE, KRYSTAL,
ILLIANA, ARIANNA,
ASHLY, EMMA



RIO GRANDE VALLEY CONT.



adha Texas
DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION
RIO GRANDE VALLEY

Texas #RGVDHA Mighty Cause Fundraiser

Illiana Farias	565
Arianna Cazares	385
Krystal Fonseca	290
Veronica Meza	250

\$1,490 total

THANK YOU!

IOH TEXAS
#RGVDHA
FUNDRAISERS
MEMBERS: ILLIANA,
ARIANNA & KRYSTAL
SCADHA MEMBER:
VERONICA

IOH DONATIONS
FROM RGVDHA
MEMBERS



Thank You!

Osylna Gonzalez
Helene Picard-Sanchez
Jessie Guadarrama
Laura Garza
Christine Mejia
Illiana Farias
Arianna Cazares
Krystal Fonseca
Albert Trevino
Ashleigh Popek
Vickie Martin
Andrea Vidales

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DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION
RIO GRANDE VALLEY

2024 - 2025 EVENT SCHEDULE

*Saturday September 9:
OSHA/HIPAA/ Human Trafficking*

WINE TOUR CE- TBD

*November 2024
Financial Literacy/ Insurance Payout/ W2/1099 - Online*

*February 15, 2025
Virtual HOD: Time TBD*

*February 28- March 3, 2025
TDHA Annual Conference- San Marcos, TX*

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