Michigan Dental Association

ALLIED DENTAL PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR AWARD
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Name: The name of this award shall be the Michigan Dental Association Allied Dental Professional Educator Award.

Purpose: The purpose of the award shall be to give public recognition to one allied dental professional educator, employed by a CODA-approved institution, who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the advancement of oral health. This commitment may be shown in various ways, including:

- Volunteer involvement with the American Dental Association, the Michigan Dental Association and/or its component societies (such as serving on CODA, an ADA, MDA, MDAIFG and MDF committee or workgroup, volunteering at the Mission of Mercy or MDA Annual Session);
- Mentoring of dental assistants and/or dental hygiene students;
- Other support of the greater dental community (such as service on the Michigan Board of Dentistry, DANB (Dental Assisting National Board), CDCA (Commission on Dental Competency Assessments), or other organizations;
- Humanitarian efforts that improve the oral health of the underserved populations in the US and abroad;
- Volunteer service with MDAA or MDHA; or other community service organizations

Full-time and part-time faculty for dental hygiene and dental assisting education programs are eligible for nomination. Nominees need not be members of MDHA or MDAA.

Nominations: On September 1, an “open call for nominations” will be promoted via all MDA communication vehicles, both print and e-communications, and a unique email to component officers and executive directors/secretaries, deans of the dental schools, directors of the dental assisting and dental hygiene CODA approved institutions, Michigan Dental Assistants Association and Michigan Dental Hygienists Association.

Nominations must be received by the Michigan Dental Association's Central Office no later than November 1 of each year and must include biographical or other pertinent information and reasons for the nomination. Nominations should be specific about the nominee’s responsibilities at the school and interaction with students, as well as their contributions to organized dentistry. The award shall be limited to one recipient per year, need not be presented annually, and may be presented posthumously.

Approval: The Board of Trustees, by majority vote, shall have the final authority to approve the recipient for this award at its first meeting after November 1 of each year. The review and discussion of all nominations are to be in executive session.

Ceremony: The award recipient shall be recognized at an appropriate function of the Michigan Dental Association. A suitable acknowledgement shall be presented to the recipient by the President of the Michigan Dental Association.
Notification to the Membership and Public: The editor of the MDA Journal shall publish notice of the recipient in the MDA Journal shortly after the Annual Session. The marketing and communications department is to develop and submit a press release(s) to the recipients’ local newspaper and the American Dental Association.

Record: A permanent record of the names and contributions of each recipient shall be maintained at the MDA Central Office.