

1 Michigan Dental Association

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3 **ALLIED DENTAL PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR AWARD**

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6 *Name:* The name of this award shall be the Michigan Dental Association Allied Dental Professional
7 Educator Award.

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

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

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

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

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33 Nominations must be received by the Michigan Dental Association’s Central Office no later than
34 November 1 of each year and must include biographical or other pertinent information and reasons for
35 the nomination. Nominations should be specific about the nominee’s responsibilities at the school and
36 interaction with students, as well as their contributions to organized dentistry.

37 The award shall be limited to one recipient per year, need not be presented annually, and may be
38 presented posthumously.

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

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44 *Ceremony:* The award recipient shall be recognized at an appropriate function of the Michigan Dental
45 Association. A suitable acknowledgement shall be presented to the recipient by the President of the
46 Michigan Dental Association.

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48 *Notification to the Membership and Public:* The editor of the *MDA Journal* shall publish notice of the
49 recipient in the *MDA Journal* shortly after the Annual Session. The marketing and communications
50 department is to develop and submit a press release(s) to the recipients' local newspaper and the
51 American Dental Association.

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

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