



The 92nd Florida Dental Hygiene Symposium was held September 20-23, 2018 in Orlando. The Florida Dental Hygiene Symposium is the annual meeting of the Florida Dental Hygienists' Association (FDHA). ALL licensed dental hygienists, dental hygiene educators and dental hygiene students in the state of Florida are invited to attend this event. The FDHA House of Delegates, Florida Student Dental Hygienists' Association and the Dental Hygiene Section of the Florida Allied Dental Educators all meet in conjunction with the symposium.

There were 17 unique continuing education courses offered over the four days starting on Thursday with "Dental Therapy Update and Advocate Training". The CEs continued Friday with such topics as Caring for Special Needs Patients, a lunch and learn with an outreach and planning specialist from the US Dept. of Labor, Wage and Hour Division. Other CEs included an Update on Oral Health Products, Sleep Disorders, Oral Pathology, and Instrumentation.

The students had their day too. A full day of interaction, fun, and educational conversations with their fellow students from around the state. Featured speakers included this year's keynote speaker, Dr. Steven Perlman, founder of Special Olympics Special Smiles, Sue Correia, FDHA 2017-18 President, and Lenny Barnett, P&G. Elections and installations took place for the 2018-19 Florida Student American Dental Hygienist's Association (FSADHA) officers and the winners of the informative poster competition were also announced.

Included in the activities during the weekend were the annual hearing screenings conducted by University of Central Florida audiology students. Attendees visited vendor exhibits and learned about new products and filled bags with samples. The Mister RDH Networking Forum drew a record number of attendees. This is an opportunity for male RDHs to discuss and share the challenges they face as men in a female-dominated profession. Opening Ceremonies hosted by President Sue Correia was followed by an evening of fun, dining, dancing, and socializing with friends and colleagues at the President's Glitz and Glam Presidential Dinner.

The Florida Dental Hygienists' Association House of Delegates met and adopted proposed bylaws (PBYs) and resolutions (PRs). The House elected and installed new officers. FDHA is proud to install Florida's first male president, Dr. Alywn Leiba. His emotional acceptance speech closed the event with all in attendance ready to work with him and "Plant the seeds for change."

Mark your calendar for next year for **September 26-29, 2019** and don't miss this great meeting!