

FSADHA

Florida Student American Dental Hygienists' Association

Welcome 2019-2020 Student Representatives

OPEN UP Newsletter Fall 2019

The Florida American Dental Hygienists Association along with the FSADHA Committee would like to welcome the new 2019-2020 Student Officers. These amazing individuals were selected amongst their peers to represent Florida's dental hygiene students.

President

Stacie Lenear-Carver, St. Petersburg College

My name is Staci Lenear-Carver and I hail from Houston, Texas and currently reside in St Petersburg, Florida and attend St. Petersburg College at the Caruth Campus. I have a wonderful supportive husband and three rambunctious kids. I have been in the United States Air Force for 10 years as a dental technician and have had the amazing opportunity to move around and meet amazing people from all over. Before beginning the dental hygiene program, I received an associate degree through the community college of the Air Force as well as my bachelor's degree at Wayland Baptist University. Upon completion of this program, I plan to pursue a master's in public health.



Vice President

Ashley Dussault, Palm Beach State College

My name is Ashley Dussault and I am thrilled to be elected the FSADHA Vice President for the 2019-2020 term! I am a first-year dental hygiene student at Palm Beach State College. I recently moved to the Treasure Coast from Long Island, New York; where I was a pediatric dental assistant for almost four years. I always loved the field of dentistry and have decided to finally take the next step in my career and become an RDH. I am honored to have the opportunity to represent my peers and look forward to educating others of all the things I've learned along the way!



Secretary

Selina Seidel, Eastern Florida State College

My name is Selina Seidel and I am honored to be elected as the FSADHA Secretary for 2019-2020 term. I am currently a first-year dental hygiene student at Eastern Florida State College. Although I was not born in Florida, having lived here for 30+ years I consider myself a Floridian. Practicing as an EFDA since 2015 I knew that I wanted to further my education into Dental Hygiene. I truly enjoy using my skills to provide well-rounded care to my patients and strive to continue that into my career as a dental hygienist. I am truly blessed to have this opportunity to learn from my mentors and those that surround the Student American Dental Hygienist Association. I look forward to everything this year has to offer.

Treasurer

Kaela Hereford, Eastern Florida State College

My name is Kaela Hereford. I'm a Florida native and will be thirty this year. I have two wonderful children and enjoy the outdoors. I'm proud to be a part of the Eastern Florida State College Dental Hygiene Program. I have previously worked in the blood banking industry and the dental field is completely new to me. My passion for dental hygiene started due to my lack of dental care growing up. As a young adult I was introduced to hygiene and proper oral care. Going from there I was always excited to visit the dentist and dental team because I knew they were there to help me. My hygienist was so thoughtful and caring and I hope to continue that as I go forward into the dental field. It is my intention to help and educate others in proper oral care. I am so thrilled to learn and educate others on this journey and look forward to working with all of you this coming year!



2019 Florida Dental Hygiene Symposium



“Be the change, you are the future” -Robin Poole

Summary of the FDHA 2019 Symposium

By: Kaela Hereford

The 2019 Florida Dental Hygiene Symposium at the Hilton in Orlando, FL was a huge success. This meeting is the largest gathering of dental hygiene professionals in Florida. All licensed dental hygienists, dental hygiene educators and dental hygiene students in the state of Florida were invited to participate in this three-day event. The Symposium kicked off Friday, September 27th for student delegates with the delegate luncheon and orientation, followed by the 1st House of Delegates Meeting. Speaker of the House, Pamela Ridilla, called this meeting to order. She reviewed reports, announced the slate of officers, and held a panel discussion. Friday concluded with the Opening Ceremony where guest speaker Mr. Hardge educated and entertained the audience with his positive energy and inspirational message. Dr. Alwyn Leiba (2018-2019 FDHA president) also inspired others with his powerful message and #plantingseeds4change campaign.

Saturday, September 28th was all about the students! Student day included ALL DAY activities for current first- and second-year students. The day began with a motivational message from Mr. Hardge, followed by entertainment and announcements from the 2018-2019 FSADHA Officers Deidra Russell (Vice President; MDC) and Addie Casto (Secretary; EFSC). It was a wonderful day that included lunch, many raffle prizes, education on implant care and a board review game hosted by Lenny Barnette (sponsored by P&G) and ended with an Appreciation Reception sponsored by Philips. Our Student Day would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors; many thanks go to these wonderful sponsors. Saturday also featured the student informational poster competition. First Place was awarded to Maggie Aouby, Marla Kolter, and Amber Peyton from State College of Florida for their poster on "The Missing Link to Alzheimer's". Wrapping up on Sunday September 29th, the Symposium concluded with District Caucuses and the 2nd House of Delegates Meeting and installation of FDHA officers. Friends, family, colleagues, students, delegates, and fellow RDH's gathered to celebrate the installation of the 2019-2020 FDHA President, Robin Poole and her wishes to #Mentor4TheFuture. Overall, the ADHA 2019 Florida Dental Hygiene Symposium was a huge success. It was a wonderful, fun, and educational weekend for hygienists, students, colleagues, and family! Thank you to all who made this event possible!



Student Day, Florida Dental Hygiene Symposium



FSADHA Student Committee Members shown: Jennifer Sheffield McCann, Jessica Worth Albury, Toni McLeroy, and Chante Miller. Not shown: Judy McCauley and Kim Bastin.