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A banner for the 'ADVOACACY UPDATE' section. It features the ADHA logo on the left, the text 'ADVOACACY UPDATE' in a large, bold, blue serif font in the center, and a photograph of the Arizona State Capitol building on the right. The photo shows the ornate facade and a statue on top of a dome against a clear blue sky.

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ADVOACACY UPDATE

Advocacy Update
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Deb Kappes, RDH,

Oral Health Day at the Capitol 2023

For the second year in a row, the Arizona Dental Hygienists' Association (AzDHA) teamed up with the Children's Action Alliance (CAA) and the [Arizona Oral Health Coalition](#) (AZOHC) to host Oral Health Day at the Capitol 2023 on Wednesday, March 8th. Dental hygiene was well represented comprising most of the attendees. It was a real treat to have Mohave Community College dental hygiene students, accompanied by their faculty, Dani Walker and Tracy Gift, in attendance! In total, there were 49 attendees participating in 37 meetings with legislators or staff. We focused on garnering support for the preventive dental care for adult members of AHCCCS bill (HB2338) and of course, the AzDHA-backed scope of practice bill (HB2473). And it was a good day for both bills!!

AzDHA Legislative Priorities

It's been a good news/bad news month for us. Fortunately, more good news than bad. Here's where we currently stand on our priority bills:

[HB 2338](#) AHCCCS; preventive dental care (Rep. Amish Shah - D) - We had a big win last week with the bill that establishes a preventative dental benefit for adult members of AHCCCS. On our Oral Health Day at the Capitol, March 8th, this bill was third read and successfully passed out of the House and transmitted to the Senate. We eagerly await action in the Senate!

[HB 2473](#) dental hygienists; scope of practice (Rep. Steve Montenegro - R) - Our dental hygiene scope of practice bill (expanding our scope to include dental hygiene assessment and dental hygiene treatment planning) is moving along nicely. Having no real problems in the House, it has already passed through both the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. We now wait for floor action. If it passes (and we expect it will), it will go to the governor for signature.

[SB 1248](#) and [HB 2529](#) scope of practice; process; repeal (Sen. T.J. Shope - R & Rep. Steve Montenegro - R, respectively) - These mirror bills repeal the requirement that state-regulated health professions, like dental hygiene, go through the statutory sunrise review process for proposed scope of practice expansions. The Senate version (1248) was successfully swapped for the house version, was third read and transmitted to the governor for signature. Unfortunately, we experienced a major disappointment as Governor Hobbs elected to **veto** the bill. Her letter explaining her veto can be found [HERE](#). This is a prime example of the perils we face during the legislative process!

[HB 2036](#) dental board; rules; assistance; repeal (Rep. Selina Bliss - R) - This bill repeals statute that requires the Arizona

State Board of Dental Examiners (Board) to adopt rules that provide a method for them to receive assistance and advice on matters relating to the regulation of dental hygienists, denturists and business entities providing dental services. We opposed this bill and have successfully halted its progress. It was never heard in House Health & Human Services Committee by the deadline and because of that, it is effectively dead. In light of this, we look forward to working with the Board of Dental Examiners to find a useful and streamlined way for dental hygienists to participate in the regulation of their profession.

[Click HERE to see the Complete Advocacy Update](#)



Thanks to ALL who came our for Capital Day. Senator Teran with members (left) and Representative Pawlik with AzDHA members (below)



ADHA Annual Session and 100 years Celebration

Friday, July 7 – Sunday, July 9
Chicago, IL

The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) 2023 Annual Conference invites you to celebrate 100 years of driving excellence in dental hygiene.

Registration is now open for ADHA23.

We are celebrating 100 years of ADHA with the premier dental hygiene education event of the year. This is our moment to come together as one incredible community to showcase our passion for oral health and earn 22+ CE in a single weekend.

Join us for three+ days of industry-leading keynotes, passionate speakers, insightful education sessions, product demos and friendships with fellow hygienists who keep us motivated and inspired to never stop learning and laughing!

[Link to ADHA23 Annual Conference Registration](#)

**Congratulations Jadeyn St. Peter, Student Delegate for
AZ**



Hi, my name is Jadeyn St Peter! I am a first year Dental Hygiene student at Pima Community College. I am 22 years old and have loved learning all I can about oral health and education. I am so grateful for the opportunity to be a Student Delegate and represent Arizona.”

[She also has a cute YouTube channel about attending school.](#)



SADHA CE News

Topic:

The Battle to Breathe: Myofunctional Therapy, Sleep Disordered Breathing, and the Role of Dentistry

Course description:

OMD (orofacial myofunctional disorders) affect roughly 38% of the general population. Without intervention, OMD can lead to abnormal facial growth, speech problems, orthodontic concerns, and sleep-disordered breathing. Untreated obstructive sleep apnea puts a patient at risk for a multitude of health problems including heart disease, stroke, diabetes, digestive problems, mental health concerns, cancer, and Alzheimer's. As dental professionals, we play an essential role in the identification of OMD, breathing, and sleep disorders for our patients.

Objectives:

Learn the signs and symptoms of OMD through the lifespan. Identify patients who are at risk for sleep-disordered breathing using the Fairst 6 screening tool. Develop an action plan to implement an airway and sleep screening program into your practice.

Speakers: Jackilyn Lopez DA, RDH, MAS™, Myofunctional Therapist and Cara Cooper RDH, Myofunctional Therapist

Registration: 5:45 p.m.

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$30 ADHA members, \$60 non-members

CEUs: 3 hours, Category 2

Location: Pima Community College, Downtown Campus, RV 170 (see directions)
Pasta Bar dinner will be included.

[Click Here to View Flyer, Registration and Food](#)

[Click Here for Directions](#)

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JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa

A collage of images showing the JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa, including a large cactus, a swimming pool with lounge chairs, and a view of the resort buildings.



Welcome to our New and Returning members

Tenille Denkers
Shannon Dietz
Christine Ehrlich

Nicole Fisher
Roxanne Flores
Danielle Hagarty

Kathleen Kohlman
Marcia Stewart
Dominique Szach



Happy Birthday to All our Members who have birthdays in March

[\(Click here if your birthday should have been listed\)](#)

Deann Adamietz
Christina Alvarez
Natisha Andrews
Laura Atkinson
Pamela Bravo
Eileen Bushway
Becky Cain
Sandy Carroll
Karen Christen

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