



Arizona
DENTAL HYGIENISTS'
ASSOCIATION



Get ready to rewind to the raddest decade!

Registration for the **Arizona Dental Hygiene Association's annual conference** is now open! This year, we're turning back the clock and bringing the **ultimate 80s experience** to the **Omni Resort in sunny Scottsdale!** 😊

We've lined up **gnarly expert speakers**, epic fundraising activities, and totally tubular networking opportunities. Plus, we're cranking up the fun with **80s-themed after-hours events**; think neon, leg warmers, and big hair!

Don't miss out! Score our **early bird pricing** by heading to <https://azdha.org/impact-conference/>.

Stay in the loop by following us on social media for rad updates and event details. We can't wait to **rock out with our fellow dental pros** and make this year's conference **a totally unforgettable blast from the past!**

See you there, dudes and dudettes! 📅 😊

Davy Evans

President of the AzDHA
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Early Bird Registration

ADVOCACY UPDATE



On Friday, February 14, AZ celebrated 113 years of statehood. It also marked the 33rd day of the session with an astounding 1,677 bills posted and 0 passed. Here's where we stand with our priorities:

SB1124 dental board; oral preventive assistants - Shope

Since the Senate Health & Human Services Committee passed SB1124 as amended on 1/29/25 and Senate Rules Committee deemed it "proper for consideration" on 2/3/25, stakeholders have been working on yet another amendment. On Monday, February 10th, three dental assisting educators joined representatives from AzDHA and AzDA and together we managed to come to an agreement for a floor amendment that provides what we consider to be acceptable guardrails and protections for the public's health and safety. If the proposed floor amendment passes, the provisions of the bill will include:

- Scope: removing plaque, calculus and stains using scalers, sonic and/or ultrasonic scaling devices on patients who have first received a periodontal evaluation by a dentist or dental hygienist; and only on patients with healthy periodontium or localized mild gingivitis.
- Restrictions: No use of air polishing technology or devices or practice on patients who have been treated for periodontal disease, have generalized recession, are medically compromised, or are under sedation.
- Education: board-approved course that includes at least 120 hours of didactic and clinical instruction with patients that is provided by an institution with a CODA-accredited program.
- Prior to the course, the DA must hold a current CPR certificate, AZ Radiography Certification, AZ Coronal Polishing Certification AND either hold a current National Board Certification in Dental Assisting OR have successfully completed a CODA accredited DA program or one accredited by the state.
- Patients must be informed that their care is not provided by a licensed provider, and that aspect of informed consent must be documented in the clinical record.

- The OPA's credentials must be prominently posted.
- Supervision: Direct supervision by a dentist or a dental hygienist with limits (1:3 for dentists, 1:1 for hygienists).
- A notice that a dentist or dental hygienist who allows a dental assistant to perform coronal calculus removal in violation of this section, commits Unprofessional Conduct as defined.

We will remain neutral on the bill out of respect for the stakeholder process. We are still concerned about the minimal oversight the dental board has over dental assistants, and that dental assistants are not themselves, held to account. We expect the amendment to come to the floor of the Senate for a vote soon. If it passes, then the process begins all over again in the House.

HB2190: dentists; dental hygienists; compact - Bliss

Having passed the House Health and Human Services Committee on 2/3/25, the DDH compact bill awaits a hearing in the House Rules Committee. We are scheduling meetings with all members of the House to prepare for a floor vote.

SB1347 AHCCCS; comprehensive dental care - Shope

Having passed the Senate Health and Human Services Committee on 2/12/25, the Adult Dental bill will be heard by the Senate Appropriations Committee on 2/18/25. Given the uncertainty surrounding continued federal funding for the Medicaid expansion population, we don't expect this bill to make it to the finish line but it does serve to keep the importance of oral health care, its connection to overall health, and the potential for savings top of mind for policymakers.

SADHA/AzDHA IN ACTION!



Give Kids A Smile was held at Pima Community College West Campus Dental Clinic on February 15, 2025. There were over 100 dental, student, and community volunteers! Here are pictures of some SADHA members at the event.

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**Become part of our vision
and leadership for a
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Ready to make a difference and elevate your leadership journey? The AzDHA is calling *YOU* to join the 2025 Board of Directors! We have **4 open positions** offering an incredible opportunity to **shape the future of dental hygiene**, grow your professional network, and **amplify your voice** in our vibrant community. Whether you're passionate about advancing our profession or eager to develop new leadership skills, this is your chance to step up, inspire, and **lead with impact**.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to make a difference! Contact Davy Evans for **DETAILS!** <<< click today!



**2025 ORAL HEALTH DAY
AT THE CAPITOL**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Capitol Day 2025 - March 19

What is Capitol Day? All advocates are welcome to join this in-person event. On March 19th, you will be in a small group with other AZOHC advocates to meet with 1-3 Arizona lawmakers (usually the legislators representing the district you live in, but you might be put into additional groups based on turnout and lawmaker availability.) These meetings take about 10-15 minutes, and are a great opportunity to talk about community oral health issues.

WELCOME
New Members,
Transfers, &
Renewals

AzDHA

Renee Beckham
Cheryl Blackburn
Autumn Butler
Elizabeth Carmargo
Laura Davis
Audrey Decker
Ruby Farahbakhsh
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Kathleen Luisi

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Daytaina Mathieus
Lauren Miller
Jennifer Monteith
Stephanie Nickelson
Denisse Olivas Payan
Kristen Padilla
Sarah Powell
Julie Summerline



Happy Birthday to All our Members with Birthdays in February

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

Maegann Bailey
Wendy Bannon
Jocelyn Hovan
Daniella LaDolce
Katherine Martin
Linda Meech
Rebecca Potter

Winifred Quartermaine
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Shawna Sattler
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