



SMADHA: Student Members of the American Dental Hygienists' Association

VTC Academic Year 2015-2016

Vermont Technical College dental hygiene students had a busy and productive year as members of their professional association. Beginning in June 2015, many students volunteered for the Special Olympics event, providing dental health education and personal oral hygiene instruction to participants. In October 2015 students, in conjunction with the VDHA, participated in the Halloween Event at the University Mall in South Burlington, handing out toothbrushes and providing oral health education to children and their families.

Many students from the second-year dental hygiene class used funding received through the VTC Student Club Fund to attend the ADHA District I Student Meeting at Yankee Dental Congress held in Boston, MA, in January 2016. At the meeting, students had the opportunity to meet students from other dental hygiene schools in District I, and receive information on the status of the dental hygiene profession from the District I Trustee, and representatives from each state in the district. An excellent presentation was provided to the students on the topic of working with patients diagnosed with autism.

In April 2016, several students organized and provided oral health education to elementary school students at the Allen Brook Elementary School in Williston, VT.

The students raised \$2,500.00 through toothbrush and tooth bleaching strip sales this past academic year, and voted to donate the entire amount to the Ronald McDonald House Charities Care Mobile dental van in Vermont.

Beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year, a President Elect position will be added to the student executive board. The following students have been elected to the board: Bailey Carter, President, Brigit Beaucage, President Elect, Emma Budine, Secretary, and Daisy Giroux, Treasurer. The Vice President position will be filled by a first-year student entering the program in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

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