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## Media Release

### Canadian Dental Hygienists Celebrate Excellence in Dental Hygiene

October 13, 2016 (Ottawa, ON) — The Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) is proud to recognize nine leaders in oral health for their outstanding contributions to the dental hygiene profession, the national association, research, and knowledge translation.

“Our 2016 award winners have set high goals and achieved much in their professional and personal lives,” notes Donna Scott, CDHA President. “We are thrilled to celebrate their efforts with our annual awards.”

The recipients of this year’s CDHA board of directors’ awards are Margaret Berry McLean (Life Membership), Arlynn Brodie (Distinguished Service Award), and Sharon Cavanagh (Award of Merit). The recipients of the 2016 *Canadian Journal of Dental Hygiene* (CJDH) Research Award for best original research article are Susanne Sunell, Joanna Asadoorian, Cynthia C Gadbury-Amyot, and Heather C Biggar for their article entitled “Competencies for Canadian baccalaureate dental hygiene education: A Delphi study, Part 2.” The winner of the 2016 CJDH Research Award for best literature review is Elizabeth L Cavin for her article entitled “Culturally safe oral health care for Aboriginal peoples in Canada.” Lastly, this year’s *Oh Canada!* Readers’ Choice Award was given to Jo-Anne Jones for her article, “Periodontal disease: The three pillars of prevention,” published in the Fall/Winter 2015 issue of CDHA’s member magazine.

Serving the profession since 1963, CDHA is the collective national voice of more than 28,495 registered dental hygienists working in Canada, directly representing 18,000 individual members including dental hygienists and students. Dental hygiene is the sixth largest registered health profession in Canada with professionals working in a variety of settings, including independent dental hygiene practice, with people of all ages, addressing issues related to oral health. For more information on oral health, visit: [www.dentalhygienecanada.ca](http://www.dentalhygienecanada.ca).

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