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## Media Release

### Canadian Dental Hygienists Celebrate Excellence

October 9, 2017 (Ottawa, ON) — The Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) is proud to recognize ten individuals for their outstanding contributions to the dental hygiene profession, the national association, research, and knowledge translation. "Our 2017 award winners have set high goals and achieved much in their professional and personal lives," notes Gerry Cool, CDHA President. "We are thrilled to celebrate their efforts with our annual awards."

The recipient of this year's CDHA Life Membership Award is Carol Kline, a founding member of the association. The winners of the 2017 *Canadian Journal of Dental Hygiene* (CJDH) Research Award for best original research article are Julie Farmer, Logan McLeod, Arjumand Siddiqi, Vahid Ravaghi, and Carlos Quiñonez for their article entitled "Examining changes in income-related oral health inequality in Canada: A population-level perspective." The winners of the 2017 CJDH Research Award for best literature review are Jessica E Morris and Zul Kanji for their article entitled "Exploring how the quality of the client-dental hygienist relationship affects client compliance." This year's *Oh Canada!* Readers' Choice Award recipients are Taryn Coates and Dee Dee McMillan for their article, "Early childhood caries in public health: Filling in the gap." Lastly, Hazel Manlapaz, a recent graduate of the University of Manitoba's diploma dental hygiene program, is the recipient of the inaugural CJDH Student Essay Award for her essay entitled "Implications of xerostomia and caries in community-dwelling older adults." These awards will be presented at a luncheon in Ottawa on October 21 during CDHA's global dental hygiene conference, co-hosted with the US National Center for Dental Hygiene Research & Practice.

Serving the profession since 1963, CDHA is the collective national voice of more than 28,495 registered dental hygienists working in Canada, directly representing 19,000 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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