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Canada’s 2020 Dental Hygiene Superheroes Unmasked

August 6, 2020 (Ottawa, ON) — From an impressive field of 755 deserving nominees from across Canada, the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) is thrilled to reveal the winner of its third annual Dental Hygiene Superhero Competition.

This remarkable field of nominees was narrowed to 20 finalists and evaluated by a panel of judges who selected Lisa Enns of Richmond, British Columbia, as Canada’s Dental Hygiene Superhero. Two honourable mentions were also selected: Francine Leach of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Marisa Mannarino of Hamilton, Ontario.

Championed by oral health defender CDHA and sponsored by Sensodyne®, this competition recognized dental hygiene health care superheroes, the important work they accomplish, and the roles they play as primary health care providers in communities across Canada.

“Every dental hygienist has made a difference in their communities, offices, and lives of their clients” says Leanne Huvenaars, CDHA president. “We congratulate and thank you for your exceptional service. You make our profession stand out as primary health care providers”. Dental hygienists were nominated primarily by clients, but also by colleagues and employers, and were evaluated on their client focus, empowerment through education, accountability, leadership, integrity, respect, and compassion.

Congratulations to all nominees. Visit https://www.dentalhygienecanada.ca/superherowinners to read more about these inspiring heroes and their inspiring stories.

CDHA is the collective national voice of more than 29,251 dental hygienists in Canada, directly representing 20,000 individual members, including students. Since 1963, CDHA has worked to advance the profession and promote the importance of oral health. 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.

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