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Canada's 2022 Dental Hygiene Superheroes Unmasked

October 12, 2022 (Ottawa, ON) — From an impressive field of 685 deserving nominees from across Canada, the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) was thrilled to reveal the winners of its fifth Dental Hygiene Superhero Competition at our recent conference in the Yukon.

This remarkable field of nominees was narrowed to 20 finalists and evaluated by a panel of judges who selected Jadina Yip of Burnaby, British Columbia, as Canada's Dental Hygiene Superhero. Two honourable mentions were also selected: Laura Iorio of Ajax, Ontario, and Elizabeth Jones of Vancouver, British Columbia.



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

"I have thoroughly enjoyed reading about the 2022 Sensodyne Superheroes" says Wendy Stewart, CDHA president. "Their inspiring stories remind me of why I became a dental hygienist – to help others. Their exceptional service to their patients, their communities, and our profession. has had a huge impact on the overall health of their communities, and I thank them for their hard work and generosity." 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 <u>dentalhygienecanada.ca/superherowinners</u> to read more about these inspiring heroes.

CDHA is the collective national voice of 30,219 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 regulated 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 <u>dentalhygienecanada.ca</u>.

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