



Congratulations to 2016 Liz Koch Memorial Scholarship winners

The DALE Foundation's scholarship committee has selected the winners of the 2016 annual Liz Koch Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship was open to all dental assistants, DANB certificants and other oral healthcare professionals. After receiving over 100 applications, the scholarship committee selected four winners in each category; category one is for dental professionals who have held DANB certification for more than two years, and category two is for dental professionals who are not DANB certified or who have held DANB certification for less than two years.

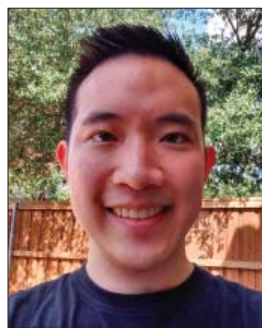
The DALE Foundation launched this scholarship in 2014 to honor the late Liz Koch (Chief Operating Officer) for her many years of service and contributions in support of dental assistants, and her commitment to lifelong learning. It is intended to help oral healthcare professionals reach their professional development goals and support their mentorship activities.

Thank you to the generous donors who help make this scholarship possible.

FIRST-PLACE WINNERS

Alvin Hsieh, CDA, category one

Alvin Hsieh, CDA, has been a dental assistant in the United States Air Force for over three years. "Airmen train to be the best in their career fields," he says. "For enlisted dental assistants, this means being proficient in all aspects of dentistry." Hsieh has met that expectation head on by graduating with honors from technical school and passing DANB exams. Hsieh is stationed in Germany, where he works on the oral maxillofacial surgery team.



Alvin Hsieh, CDA

Hsieh plans on using his award to renew DANB Certified Dental Assisting (CDA) certification and continue his professional development goals, including earning DANB's Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant (CPFDA) certification. "I've enjoyed my time working in the oral healthcare profession," he says. "It's a career that I'm passionate about, and I can envision myself making a lifelong commitment to."

Katrina Knapp, CDA, category two

Katrina Knapp, CDA, earned DANB certification in 2014 after graduating from Wake Tech Community College in North Carolina. "I've had a passion for the dental field since high school when I completed over 210 hours shadowing my dentist," she says. "I knew then that this is the right path for me." While in school, Knapp excelled both in and out of the classroom, completing over three times the required professional development hours, serving as the dental assistant class speaker at the Wake Tech health science open house, and acting as the dental assistant team captain for the Wake Tech Scholarship 5K run and 1-mile walk.



Katrina Knapp, CDA

Knapp plans on using her award to continue her dental field career by completing dental hygiene school and earning a bachelor's degree. "Dental assisting has been an incredible building block for me," she says. "In the dental hygiene program, I am continuing my love of learning and fine-tuning my skills as a healthcare provider."

SECOND-PLACE WINNERS

Kantres Davis, CDA, category one

Kantres Davis, CDA, has been a dental assistant for over five years. After realizing that the first dental assisting program she attended was not accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), Davis's dedication didn't waver—instead, she enrolled in a CODA-accredited program and earned DANB CDA certification in an effort to set herself apart in the field. "I find the job of dental assisting to be very rewarding," she says. "It was not an easy road for me, but is now something I've taken pride in for five years."



Kantres Davis, CDA

Davis plans on using her award for an expanded functions course at Missouri College. "I have realized how important it is for me to have this training," she says. "It will help me not only increase efficiency, but

also improve my techniques and make a better experience for the patient."

Laura Vickery, CDA, category two

Laura Vickery, CDA, began her career as a dental assistant by volunteering at a local nonprofit dental clinic. There, she realized her passion for the dental field and what could become a fulfilling career. "My first day of working as an assistant, I was hooked," she says. "I registered for dental assisting classes at my local college the very next day." Since then, Vickery has continued to "quench her thirst for knowledge" with additional classes and volunteering at oral surgery clinics.



Laura Vickery, CDA

Vickery plans on using her award to earn DANB CDA certification, with an ultimate goal of teaching in a dental assistant program. "I love to go home after a long day and feel like I've made a difference in someone's life," she says. "This scholarship will

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DANB now offers online exam applications

In summer 2016, DANB launched online applications for the DANB Radiation Health and Safety (RHS), Infection Control (ICE) and RHS/ICE combination exams. Now, in addition to the traditional mail-in application option, dental assistants interested in taking these exams can apply online.* Visit info.danb.org/apply

This new online process makes applying for the RHS, ICE and RHS/ICE combination exams faster and more convenient. Candidates can:

- Apply with a fast, easy online process
- Access their Test Admission Notice online immediately after applying
- Schedule an exam date with a Pearson VUE test site within four hours of applying online

DANB exams and certifications are recognized or required by 39 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Air Force and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Passing DANB exams and earning certification can help dental assistants meet state requirements and make it easier to relocate if they should ever need to move to a new state in the future.

DANB's RHS and ICE exams are components of the National Entry Level Dental Assistant (NELDA) and Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) certifications. DANB's ICE exam is also a component of the Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) certification.

Dental assistants who hold DANB certification report that being DANB certified is a great source of personal pride and has several professional advantages. In fact, according to DANB's 2014 Salary Survey, DANB CDA certificants earn about \$2 more per hour compared to their non-certified colleagues.

"We are excited to launch this new online application process," says DANB Executive Director Cynthia C. Durley, M.Ed., MBA. "We hope that offering exam applications online will not only make the process faster for candidates, but also easier to access and complete."

To learn more, visit www.danb.org.

**Although DANB now offers the ability to complete RHS and ICE exam applications online, all DANB exams will continue to be administered at secure, proctored Pearson VUE test centers.*

Cindy Durley celebrates 30 years at DANB

In July, DANB and DALE Foundation Executive Director Cindy Durley celebrated a milestone 30-year work anniversary with DANB. She has been employed by DANB since 1986 and by the DALE Foundation since its incorporation in 2010.

Ms. Durley began work at DANB as Director of Testing and Measurement, where she worked with dental assistants, hygienists and dentists to develop and set pass/fail standards for 48 national and state dental assisting credentialing examinations. She held this position until September 1996, when she was named Acting Executive Director. She was hired as DANB's Executive Director in August 1997.



Cindy Durley celebrates 30 years at DANB.

Prior to her work with DANB and the DALE Foundation, Ms. Durley was Manager of Examination Development and Services at the Academy of General Dentistry for four years, during which time she was also Executive Secretary of the Certifying Board of General Dentistry (now the American Board). She has developed examinations and evaluated curricula for the U.S. Navy and taught basic statistics and testing and measurement courses at Loyola University of Chicago.

Ms. Durley has a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Notre Dame, a master's degree in education from Loyola University of Chicago, and a master's degree in business administration from DePaul University.

Word from the Chair

Joanne Dawley, D.D.S.
Chair, DANB Board of Directors



At DANB and the DALE Foundation, summer is a busy time with the DANB Board of Directors' and DALE Foundation Board of Trustees' Annual Meetings held in August. This year, we give our thanks to several Directors and Trustees whose terms have come to an end. We also welcome the newly elected Directors and Trustees to the DANB and DALE Foundation Boards. Turn to pages 6 and 7 to read more.

DANB and DALE Foundation Executive Director Cindy Durley reached a career milestone this summer, when she celebrated her 30-year anniversary with the organization. On behalf of the Boards and staff, thank you to Cindy for your dedication to elevating the dental assisting profession.

At DANB and the DALE Foundation, we often talk about excellence and always strive for continued growth. In this issue of *Certified Press*, we are proud to highlight the winners of the Liz Koch Memorial Scholarship (p. 1), who were selected based on their commitment to mentorship and lifelong learning.

Also on the scholarship front, the 2016 ADA/DANB Scholarship deadline just passed, and the scholarship committee is busy reviewing applications; the winners will be announced later this fall and in the next issue of *Certified Press*.

This issue also includes some important state activities from the previous months, including an interview with Gary Jacobs, CDA, RDH, B.S.Ed., M.P.A., who worked for years with other leaders in the Connecticut Dental Assistants Association and partnered with key members of the Connecticut State Dental Association and other organizations to play a pivotal role in moving forward legislation for an EFDA designation in Connecticut. Learn more about this exciting news on page 3.

I hope you have a wonderful rest of the year, and stay tuned for more news and stories to come!

Sincerely,

State of the states

DANB's compilation of state dental assisting requirements — on its website and in its state publications — is one of the most comprehensive resources available on this topic. The updates below highlight recent state legislative and regulatory changes that are of interest to stakeholders of DANB and the DALE Foundation.

Colorado

The Colorado Dental Board made a series of rule amendments, which included a change to clarify that DANB's Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) or Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exams are recognized to qualify dental assistants in dental radiography; the amendments also increase the number of hours required for an accepted radiography training program from 8 to 8.5. The new rules also specify which basic life support (BLS) courses are recognized for dental personnel who utilize, administer or monitor local anesthesia, analgesia (including nitrous oxide), minimal sedation, moderate sedation, deep sedation or general anesthesia.

Connecticut

The governor signed HB 5537, establishing and defining requirements for expanded function dental assistants. Requirements include passing DANB's Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) exam and then completing an expanded function dental assistant program at a CODA-accredited program.

The new law specifically allows EFDAs to perform the placing, finishing and adjustment of temporary restorations and long-term individual fillings, capping materials and cement bases; oral health education for patients; placement of dental sealants; and coronal polishing. The law provides that the Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the State Dental Commission, may adopt regulations consistent with the law to define permissible procedures that may be performed by dental assistants and EFDAs, clinical competency requirements, and levels of supervision for each function performed by EFDAs.

The bill also included the following infection control provisions:

- Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, no licensed dentist may delegate dental procedures to a dental assistant or EFDA unless the dental assistant or EFDA assistant provides records demonstrating successful completion of the DANB Infection Control (ICE) exam
- A dental assistant may receive not more than nine months of on-the-job training by a licensed dentist for purposes of preparing the dental assistant for the DANB ICE exam
- Any licensed dentist who delegates dental procedures to a dental assistant shall retain and make such records available for inspection upon request of the Department of Public Health
- Upon successful completion of the DANB ICE exam, each dental assistant or expanded function dental assistant shall complete not less than one hour of training or education in infection control in a dental setting every two years

In addition, the new law amended language to clarify that the required exam to meet radiography requirements is DANB's RHS exam. The law also specifies that dental assistants may take impressions of teeth for study models under direct supervision.

Illinois

The governor signed HB 5948, which follows a 2015 law enacted to allow dental assistants meeting specified requirements to perform coronal scaling. HB 5948 further defines requirements for dental assistants to perform coronal scaling and specifies that the clinical experience must be 2,000 hours of direct clinical patient care and that the training program must be a structured program provided by an educational institution such as a dental school, dental hygiene

school, or dental assisting school or by an approved statewide dental or dental hygienist association.

Indiana

The governor signed into law HB1156, which adds the following provision to state dental hygiene statutes: If a dental hygienist or a dental assistant determines that treatment of a patient would result in harm to the patient, dental hygienist, or dental assistant, the dental hygienist or dental assistant may request, and the supervising dentist may grant, a consultation between the dentist and the dental hygienist or the dental assistant to consult on the proper treatment plan for the patient to reduce the potential harm to the patient, dental hygienist, and dental assistant.

Maine

In April 2016, the state enacted LD 1596, making significant amendments to the Maine dental practice act. The new law codifies certain aspects of the practice of dental assistants, referred to as "unlicensed persons," that were previously defined in dental board rules, including the lists of duties that may be delegated to unlicensed persons. The new law also specifies two functions that an unlicensed person may perform only if he or she has passed a "certification examination administered by a national dental assisting board": placing temporary fillings on an emergency basis as long as the patient is informed of the temporary nature of the fillings, and removing excess cement from supragingival surfaces of teeth.

North Carolina

In August 2016, the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners adopted a series of rule amendments that (1) require all dental assistants (both

Congratulations to Emeritus Certificants

May 1, 2016 – July 31, 2016

Name/State	Certification Year
Kathy Bauer, CDA-Emeritus, Wilson, NC	1988
Carolyn Blemker, CDA-Emeritus, Orlando, FL	1976
Patricia Borden, CDA-Emeritus, Pittsfield, MA	1987
Sha'ron Botts, CDA-Emeritus, Rowland Heights, CA	1992
Shirley Byrd, CDA-Emeritus, Benson, NC	1998
Joyce Cicchelli, CDA-Emeritus, Hamburg, MI	1978
Rebecca Craig, CDA-Emeritus, Palm Bay, FL	1995
Marcianne David, CDA-Emeritus, Massillon, OH	1983
June De Feo, CDA-Emeritus, Melrose, MA	1984
Sharon Foddrill, CDA-Emeritus, COA-Emeritus, Johnston, IA	1992
Teresa Fowler, CDA-Emeritus, Kernersville, NC	1981
Sherri Grant, CDA-Emeritus, Belleville, MI	2009
Denise Hanstedt, CDA-Emeritus, Neenah, WI	1975
Elsie Henderson, CDA-Emeritus, Clarksville, TN	1993
Una Heng, CDA-Emeritus, Lincoln, NE	1966
Patti Hoffman, CDA-Emeritus, Garden City, KS	1981
Jeanne Hoppe, CDA-Emeritus, Hartland, WI	1968
Virginia Dare Ingram, CDA-Emeritus, Hope Mills, NC	1996
Robin Johnson, CDA-Emeritus, Meridian, MS	2006
Patricia Jones, CDA-Emeritus, Deltona, FL	1991
Cecilia Kelley, CDA-Emeritus, The Villages, FL	1994
Betsy Ann King, CDA-Emeritus, Cleveland, OH	1971
Marie Lauterbach, CDA-Emeritus, Welches, OR	1992
Patricia Leese, CDA-Emeritus, Robbinsville, NJ	1973
Alice Martin, CDA-Emeritus, Greenwood Lake, NY	1981
Lois Mathis, CDA-Emeritus, San Antonio, TX	1980
Carol Mc Killips, CDA-Emeritus, Golden Valley, MN	1980
Barbara Mohr, CDA-Emeritus, New Tripoli, PA	1986
Debra Muellenbach, CDA-Emeritus, Brillion, WI	1977
Debra Murphy, CDA-Emeritus, Bellingham, WA	1977
Diana Olsen, CDA-Emeritus, CDPMA-Emeritus, Otisfield, ME	1971
Bonnie Pelusio, COA-Emeritus, Semmes, AL	1986
Marsha Penco, CDA-Emeritus, Anaheim, CA	1981
Mary Jane Peterson, CDA-Emeritus, Alexandria, MN	1992
Susan Pettis, CDA-Emeritus, Shalimar, FL	1999
Janette Porretti, CDA-Emeritus, Webster, NY	1982
Anya Robinson, CDA-Emeritus, New York, NY	1999
Susan Sardana, CDPMA-Emeritus, Columbia, MD	1989
Janice Shaw, CDA-Emeritus, Tucker, GA	1984
Patricia Sippel, CDA-Emeritus, Pittsburgh, PA	1996
Christa Soule, CDA-Emeritus, Cheektowaga, NY	1997
Susan Sutton, CDA-Emeritus, Virginia Beach, VA	1985
Cynthia Swafford, CDA-Emeritus, Delano, TN	1974
Deann Valverde, CDA-Emeritus, Lincoln, NE	1975

For more information on Emeritus status, see DANB's Recertification Requirements on page 4.

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Spotlight on Excellence

Jennifer Helms, CDA, wins gold at 2016 SkillsUSA Championship

It has been an exciting few months for Jennifer Helms, CDA. In addition to graduating from the dental assisting program at Triviss Technical Center in Lakeland, Florida, and earning DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) certification in June, Helms also won the gold medal for dental assisting college students in the 2016 SkillsUSA Championship.



SkillsUSA winner Jennifer Helms, CDA (left), celebrates with instructor Susan Rexroat, CDA, CDPMA.

The SkillsUSA Championship is a competition where career and technical students from across the country come together to compete in their fields. After competing in regional competitions throughout this year, the top performing students traveled to Louisville, Kentucky, for the national championship in June.

"It was really nerve-wracking," says Helms. "The written test was given on an unexpected day, so that made me really nervous, but studying for the state competition helped me prepare."

With nearly 100 competitive events and 6,000 competitors, the SkillsUSA Championships is a major event for students, including those studying dental assisting, and presents unique opportunities for networking, confidence-building and growth.

Dental assisting students who compete in the SkillsUSA Championships competition get a unique, early opportunity to test their skills in areas such as chairside assisting, preparation of dental materials, and infection control.

For Helms, winning gold was just one of the ways she's jump-started her dental assisting career. In addition to this success, this summer she completed her dental assisting degree and earned DANB CDA certification. "I know that I have been trained by the best in the business and I have the knowledge to protect myself and patients," she says. "Holding CDA certification gives me pride in my work and all of my efforts this past year."

In addition to Helms' gold medal, this year's dental assisting winners in the college division were Collin Lawrence, silver, and Amber Mabry, bronze. High school division winners were Grace Perry, gold; Felorraine Aguinaldo, silver; and Chris Trujillo, bronze.

Congratulations to Helms, the rest of the 2016 SkillsUSA Championship winners, and to all who competed! To learn more about SkillsUSA, visit www.skillsusa.org.

Dental assistants move landmark bill forward

In May 2016, Connecticut's governor signed a bill (HB5337) that created an Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA) in Connecticut. The law requires that Connecticut EFDAs hold DANB's Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) certification, complete an EFDA education program at a CODA-accredited program, and pass a DANB-administered exam in preventive and restorative functions. Connecticut is in the process of developing and adopting regulations to implement this new law.

What is remarkable about this bill is that it took nearly 15 years before it finally passed. Gary Jacobs, CDA, RDH, B.S.Ed., M.P.A., became involved with this work in 2002. Jacobs previously lived in Florida, where dental assistants can qualify to perform expanded functions. Because of this background, Jacobs knew the value that dental assistants could provide when they were allowed to perform expanded functions, so he was personally invested in seeing the EFDA designation become a reality in Connecticut.

"We're still pinching ourselves that it actually happened," says Jacobs, who currently is a Professor of Dental Assisting at Tunxis Community College.

"Now, we're meeting to further define the legislation and how this will be implemented."

Jacobs was one of the Connecticut Dental Assistants Association members who was involved in moving the bill forward, despite challenges over the years. "Our whole impetus for this was to help improve access to care in the community and to provide a career path and professional stability for dental assistants," Jacobs explains, noting that the Connecticut State Dental Association, the Department of Public Health, the Legislative Public Health Committee, the American Dental Assistants Association and DANB also contributed to the work. "This was truly a team effort."

Since the bill has passed, Jacobs says the feedback from the dental community has been positive. For dental assisting students, Jacobs hopes this will motivate them to pursue higher career goals. "Dental assisting is a great career with so many opportunities already," he says. "With the EFDA designation in Connecticut, so many doors will open up; it takes the profession a step further."

With more than 30 years of experience in the allied dental field, Jacobs has seen tremendous growth in



Gary Jacobs, CDA, and Connecticut Dental Association members celebrate the passage of HB5447.

the profession and ultimately hopes to see a national standard. "In our mobile society today, I think it's important for dental assistants to be able to work across state lines and not worry," he states. "It's a long-term goal, but it's important and something we should all work for as a profession."

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Dental Assistants I and Dental Assistants II) to maintain CPR certification at all times; (2) clarify that no DAI or DAII may perform radiography procedures without completing the training required by statute; (3) modify language related to impressions to allow a DAII to take impressions for study models and opposing casts that may be used for the construction of temporary or permanent dental appliances, adjustable orthodontic appliances, night guards, and repair of dentures or partials; and (4) make other minor changes and corrections.

Vermont

In the 2016 legislative session, Vermont enacted a bill establishing dental therapists as a new category of oral health practitioner and providing for their regulation. The new law provides that dental therapists may supervise dental assistants and dental hygienists to the extent permitted in the collaborative agreement between the therapist and the supervising dentist, but that he or she may supervise no more than two auxiliaries (in any combination of hygienists and assistants) in one practice setting.

FYI!

We value your privacy! If you ever see third parties advertising that they offer lists of DANB certificants, please note that these are likely phishing scams. If you see an advertisement like this, please report it to DANB by contacting danbmail@danb.org.

Donna Stark reflects on 40-year career

Donna Stark, CDA-Emeritus, realized the important role dental assistants play when she was only eight years old. After fracturing a tooth in a neighborhood baseball game, she found herself at her first visit to the dental office. There, she encountered a caring and thoughtful dental assistant who helped shape what would become her impressive, decades-spanning career. "The only real memories I have of my first dental visit are those of how kind and comforting the dental assistant was," Stark says. "She was very professional, in a crisp white uniform, and she smiled and winked at me as she wiped a tear away. I have never forgotten how she made me feel, and I know that the memory of her has influenced my career choice."



Donna Stark, CDA-Emeritus

Stark went on to pursue an impressive career as a dental assistant and educator. After high school, she enrolled in a 12-month dental assisting program at Kirkwood Community College in Iowa where, as part of her training, she took part in a three-month internship at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. After successful completion, Stark immediately pursued DANB certification. "It has always been a priority for me to educate myself and to keep building on my knowledge of the profession," she says. "Achieving certification was a way for me to show my professional colleagues that I had attained a high level of dental knowledge."

In the summer of 1971, Stark was hired by the University of Iowa College of Dentistry as a dental assis-

tant in its Dental Assistant Utilization program. There, she held a number of different roles and worked in a variety of settings.

Beyond the specific job responsibilities, Stark says that one of the most important roles a dental assistant plays is that of an interpreter. "The role of interpreter is about helping the patient to understand," she says.

"Many patients have questions even after the doctor has done a great job of explaining their options," she explains. "They may not feel comfortable asking the doctor some questions. Many times when the doctor leaves the operator, the patient will turn to me and ask what I would do, or they may tell me that they simply cannot afford the ideal option. While it is not my place to make any decision, I can explain more about each treatment option. I can relay concerns to the doctor so that we can all work together to give that patient all the information they need."

After nearly 40 years of maintaining CDA certification, Stark recently earned her DANB Emeritus certificant status. "Now that I have retired, it is such an honor to have Emeritus status," she says. "My advice for dental assistants who are new to the profession is this: People are all different. Try to understand the concerns of each patient and address them. Try to put yourself in the patient's place. Keep educating yourself by reading, going to lectures, and keeping in touch with professional peers."

DANB's Recertification Requirements

Renewing DANB Certification

DANB certification is valid for one year, and must be renewed annually. In order to renew, DANB certificants must complete at least 12 Continuing Dental Education (CDE) credits (**including 2 CDE credits in infection control**); maintain DANB-accepted, hands-on CPR, BLS or ACLS certification; answer Background Information Questions; and submit a renewal fee to DANB. If you hold DANB's NELDA certification, please visit www.danb.org to download the *NELDA Recertification Requirements*. Certificants must attest that CDE and CPR requirements have been met, and must return the statement with the appropriate renewal fee to DANB or renew online at www.danb.org.

Certifications	CDE Credits	Renewal Fee
1	12 credits (plus CPR)	\$65
2	18 credits (plus CPR)	\$90
3	24 credits (plus CPR)	\$110
4	30 credits (plus CPR)	\$130
5	36 credits (plus CPR)	\$150
6	42 credits (plus CPR)	\$170

*There is a \$20 late fee for certifications that are renewed during the three-month grace period after

the certification expiration date. Renewal fees are nonrefundable.

Requirements/Audit Procedures

DANB's 12 CDE credit annual minimum is consistent with states that have mandatory CDE requirements for dental assistants. The yearly CDE requirement emphasizes the importance of lifelong professional learning and promotes the continued competence of DANB certificants.

DANB certificants are randomly selected for verification (audit) of their CDE credits and CPR. If selected for an audit, the certificant will receive a letter by mail requesting proof of required CDE credits earned during the renewal period and proof of maintaining DANB-accepted, hands-on CPR/BLS/ACLS. Proof must be submitted to DANB within 30 days of audit notification.

Upon successful completion of the audit, certification will be instated for the full year. Proof of CDE should be retained for two years, in case of subsequent audit.

DO NOT SEND DOCUMENTATION UNLESS REQUESTED. DANB WILL NOT RETURN OR RETAIN MATERIALS.

DANB Renewal Sample Timeline

This sample timeline illustrates the DANB certification renewal process.

[Nine weeks prior to certification expiration](#)
A renewal notification is emailed.

[Seven weeks prior to certification expiration](#)
A renewal notice is mailed.

[Certification expiration date](#)
Signed statement and fee are due by this date or DANB certification expires and a three-month grace period begins.

[Two weeks after certification expiration date](#)
A past due renewal notice is mailed and a late fee is assessed.

[Six weeks after certification expiration](#)
A final renewal notice is mailed.

[Eight weeks after certification expiration](#)
A reminder notification is emailed.

[12 weeks after certification expiration](#)
The grace period ends. If the fees and signed statement are not received, the individual is no longer DANB certified. Call 1-800-367-3262 or email recertification@danb.org for reinstatement options.

DANB Recertification Policy

All CDE must directly relate to the practice of dentistry or dental assisting to maintain or improve dental assisting knowledge or skill. CDE does not need to be pre-approved by DANB to be accepted as meeting DANB's Recertification Requirements. Call DANB prior to participation in education if you have questions.

Length of Program

Programs must be at least 45 minutes in length in order to qualify for one CDE credit. Credit for a CDE course is calculated in 15-minute increments (e.g., 1 ½ hours = 1.5 CDE credits, 2¼ hours = 2.75 CDE credits).

CDE Obtained Prior to Earning Certification

Education dated prior to a certificant's initial certification date cannot be used to meet DANB CDE requirements. Certificants must earn the required CDE credits during the first year of certification to maintain DANB certification.

CDE Lifespan

CDE credits have a two-year lifespan. Certificants who carry over credits into the next renewal year must retain proof of 24 credits of CDE over a two-year period, in case they are randomly selected for audit.

Renewal Timing and Certification Expiration

A three-month grace period is granted if the required CDE credits are not accumulated and the appropriate fee is not received by the expiration date. An individual is considered certified during this three-month grace period; however, a late fee of \$20 will be assessed. If DANB does not receive a response to a renewal notice within three months of the certification expiration date, the individual is no longer certified and cannot use DANB's certification marks. DANB's marks are registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and only those individuals who have earned and maintained certification are legally authorized to use them. To protect against misuse of DANB credentials, DANB sends reports of lapsed DANB certifications to state regulatory agencies on a regular basis.

Use of DANB Certification Marks

DANB certificants may use a DANB certification mark after their names on a resume, business card, website, in a book or publication, and in other print and electronic media. A certificant may also display the mark on a nametag or uniform worn during the rendering or promoting of certified services, and on a wall plaque present at the place where he/she renders or promotes the certified services. If a certificant earned DANB certification in the past but has not maintained certification, he/she may not use the DANB mark. Misuse of any DANB certification mark is grounds for discipline under *DANB's Disciplinary Policy & Procedures* (www.danb.org).

CPR, BLS or ACLS Requirement

Certificants must maintain DANB-accepted, hands-on CPR, BLS or ACLS for annual renewal of DANB certification. DANB accepts CPR, BLS and ACLS from the providers below. Course must provide training for CPR, and a hands-on exam must be taken. CPR, BLS or ACLS from other providers or courses will not be accepted. CPR, BLS or ACLS does not count toward the required number of CDE credits.

DANB-Accepted, Hands-on CPR, BLS and ACLS Providers

American Environmental Health and Safety
American Heart Association
American Red Cross (card or certificate accepted)
American Safety and Health Institute
Canadian Red Cross
Emergency Care and Safety Institute
Emergency First Response
Emergency Medical Training Associates
Emergency University*
EMS Safety Services
Medic First Aid
Military Training Network
National Safety Council (Green Cross)
ProCPR*
Saudi Heart Association

*Not all courses include the hands-on exam, so check with the provider before taking the course to be sure it will be accepted by DANB.

Emeritus Status

DANB certificants (holding CDA, COA, CPFDA, CRFDA, COMSA or CDPMA certification) may apply for "Emeritus" status if they have maintained continuous current certification for four of the five years immediately preceding application for at least one certification and have:

- Become totally and permanently disabled or
- Retired from the field of dentistry/dental assisting at the age of 60 years or older or
- Retired from the field of dentistry/dental assisting with 35 years of continuous (without any breaks) DANB certification.

Retirement

The certificant must submit:

- A completed Emeritus application
- A dated letter from the certificant's employer on letterhead and signed by the employer (or the certificant can provide proof of receiving Social Security benefits).

Disability

The certificant must submit:

- A completed Emeritus application
- A dated letter from the certificant's physician on his/her office letterhead stating that the certificant is physically and permanently unable to perform any duties required (or the certificant can provide proof of receiving disability benefits from the Social Security Administration).

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Continuing Dental Education (CDE)

Category Maximums for CDE Credits

CDE Category	CDA	COA	CPFDA	CRFDA	COMSA	CDPMA
Clinical Practice	12	12	12	12	12	5
Dental Office Management	3	3	3	3	3	6
DANB and Other Dental-Related Exams	12	12	12	12	12	6
Volunteer Service or Scholarly Activity	3	3	3	3	3	3

Categories for CDE Credits

CATEGORY 1: CLINICAL PRACTICE

CDE earned in this category must be directly related to the clinical practice of dentistry or dental assisting. **All certificants, whether they hold one or more DANB certifications, must earn a minimum of two CDE credits in infection control annually (e.g., instrument sterilization/reprocessing).** The annual federally mandated OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standard training does not count toward the annual minimum of two CDE credits required in infection control.

This category includes but is not limited to:

1. Attendance at or participation in clinical professional development lectures, courses (including online and home study courses) and/or table clinics that are directly related to clinical knowledge and chairside duties: dental materials, four-handed dentistry, infection control, radiology, expanded functions, behavior management (e.g., children, patients with learning disabilities), communication, non-human dentistry (i.e., canine and feline dentistry) and others.

Proof: Certificate of completion, letter of attendance/completion on sponsor letterhead or including sponsoring organization name and contact information, meeting badge/program page (table clinics or free on-site lecture), CDE printout from meeting or similar documentation. All documentation must be official and must include the certificant's name, the title of the course, the date the course was completed and the number of the hours or credits received.

Credits: One CDE credit for each clock hour of attendance/participation in a session.

2. Authoring or editing articles or text books on clinical topics.

Proof: For proof of publication, submit a copy of the publication, including title, author's name, publisher and publication date.

Credits: Two CDE credits for each article/book published.

3. Completing scientific-oriented college courses.

Proof: Transcript or grade report, or letter from instructor on school or organization letterhead, verifying course completion which must include the candidate's name, title of course, the date the course was completed and the number of college credits/units.

Credits: Four CDE credits for one college credit/unit.

CATEGORY 2: DENTAL OFFICE MANAGEMENT

CDE earned in this category must be directly related to allowable duties for dental assistants. This category includes but is not limited to:

1. Attendance at or participation in dental office management lectures, courses (including online and home study courses) and/or table clinics that are directly related to dental practice management: dental practice acts, practice management, time management, risk management, stress management, HIPAA, patient motivation (e.g., keeping appointments) and staff motivation (e.g., leadership, goal setting), computer courses (e.g., college courses, software training), insurance, claims/billing, foreign language studies, American Sign Language, human resources, marketing (e.g., yourself, your office) and communication.

Proof: Certificate of completion, letter of attendance/completion on sponsor letterhead or including sponsoring organization name and contact information, meeting badge/program page (table clinics or free on-site lecture), CDE printout from meeting or similar documentation. The documentation must be official and must include the certificant's name, the title of the course, the date the course was completed and the number of hours or credits received.

Credits: One CDE credit for each clock hour of attendance and/or participation in a session.

2. Complete dental office management-related college courses.

Proof: Transcript or grade report, or letter from instructor on school or organization letterhead, verifying course completion.

Credits: Four CDE credits for one college credit/unit.

Steps to renew DANB certification



1. Earn CDE credits* every year



2. Maintain current DANB-accepted, hands-on CPR, BLS or ACLS certification



3. Submit the renewal fee payment



*Starting Jan. 1, 2016, all certificants must earn at least 2 CDE credits in infection control each year.

CATEGORY 3: DANB EXAMS AND OTHER DENTAL-RELATED EXAMS

1. Successful completion of any DANB-administered exam, excluding any exams to be used to earn initial certification. These exams include any DANB national exam or any DANB state or agency-contracted exam. Certificants can earn 12 CDE credits for successful completion of any DANB Professional Development Examination Program (PDEP) module.

Proof: Provide the name and date of the DANB exam you successfully completed.

Credits: Successful completion of a DANB-developed and DANB-administered exam of at least 100 questions or any DANB PDEP module is worth 12 CDE credits. Successful completion of a DANB-developed and DANB-administered exam consisting of fewer than 100 questions is worth six CDE credits.

2. Successful completion of non-DANB-developed, dental-related, professionally proctored exams consisting of at least 100 questions.

Proof: Provide the certificate or exam results of the exam, along with a description of the exam from the organization that delivers the exam (must include the date the exam was taken and/or scored).

Credits: Hour-for-hour credit for the amount of time designated for the completion of the exam. If no time is specified, one hour will be allowed for every 100 questions.

CATEGORY 4: VOLUNTEER SERVICE OR SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Certificants may earn a maximum three CDE credits by participating in dental-related community volunteer service or by providing CDE.

1. Examples of volunteer service include: international/national mission work, voluntary clinic work or dental health presentations to students or groups. Volunteer service also includes serving on a DANB Exam Committee. Community service does not include activities such as serving on a dental assisting program advisory committee or as an officer and/or committee chair for a national, state or local dental assisting organization.

Proof: Official certificate of completion or letter of attendance/participation or similar documentation on letterhead of the sponsoring service organization or including sponsoring organization contact information. DANB will verify participation of DANB Exam Committee members.

Credits: Each clock hour of participation in volunteer dental-related community service is worth one CDE credit, for a maximum of three CDE credits in this category.

2. Examples of scholarly activity include: teaching a professional course directly related to dentistry or dental assisting that is outside the certificant's normal employment teaching responsibilities, presenting a CDE program that is outside the certificant's normal employment teaching responsibilities, or authoring a published article in a recognized dental assisting journal.

Proof: Official certificate of completion or letter of attendance/participation or similar documentation on letterhead of the sponsoring service organization or including sponsoring service organization contact information. For proof of a published article, submit a copy of the article including the name of the journal in which it was published, the article title and date of publication.

Credits: Three CDE credits will be earned for scholarly activities.

DANB welcomes new Board Directors

DANB is pleased to welcome two new Directors to the Board.

Lois Bell, CDA, CPFDA, CRFDA, FADAA, was elected to DANB's Board of Directors in August 2016 and is serving the first of a possible two three-year terms. DANB's Board elected Ms. Bell from a slate of qualified nominees provided by the American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA).

Ms. Bell has been a practicing dental assistant for over 40 years. During this time, she has worked in a variety of settings, including both large and small private practices, as well as in clinics for the U.S. Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs. Ms. Bell earned DANB's Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) certification in 2003, followed by Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant (CPFDA) certification in 2010 and Certified Restorative Functions Dental Assistant (CRFDA) certification in 2013. Ms. Bell is currently a dental assistant at the VA Greenville Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Greenville, South Carolina.

In addition to her chairside dental assisting work, Ms. Bell has been an active member of the ADAA at state and national levels since 1996. She served as ADAA secretary from 2012 to 2013, and is currently serving on the ADAA's Council on Education and Council on Mastership/Fellowship.

She has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Department of Veterans Affairs Hands

and Heart award and the Unsung Hero award, as well as multiple awards from the South Carolina Dental Assistants Association.

"Over the years, I have worked hard promoting DANB certification as the professional standard, and I reflect that attitude in every office in which I've been employed," she says. "I am committed to the efforts of DANB to increase public protection through certification and continuing education."

Michael Conte, D.M.D., M.P.H., was elected to DANB's Board of Directors in August 2016 and is serving the first of a possible two three-year terms. DANB's Board elected Dr. Conte from a slate of qualified nominees provided by the American Dental Association (ADA).

Dr. Conte is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry and the Senior Associate Dean for the Office of Clinical Affairs at the Rutgers School of Dental Medicine, where he also serves as the Medical Director and the Director of Infection Control and Environmental Safety. Additionally, Dr. Conte serves on and chairs many committees and is involved in the oversight of the dental school's extramural programs and facilities administration.

In addition to his academic work, Dr. Conte is a consultant to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry and the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments. He is also on the advisory board for the Rutgers School of Dental Hygiene and a local Newark



DALE Foundation Board Secretary-Treasurer Teresa Duncan (back left) welcomes new DALE Foundation Trustees Lori Gagliardi and Guinevere Juckett (front L-R) to the Board. DANB Chair Joanne Dawley (back right) welcomes new DANB Directors Michael Conte and Lois Bell (back row center).

public school; he has also served as a Commission on Dental Accreditation site visitor.

Dr. Conte is active in numerous associations, including the ADA and the Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention. He is a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry, the American College of Dentists, and the International College of Dentists. He is a graduate of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (now known as the Rutgers School of Dental Medicine).

"I am very much looking forward to the opportunity to serve on and learn from the DANB Board," he says. "I receive this opportunity as an honor."

DANB thanks outgoing Directors

After six years of service each, Frank Maggio, D.D.S., and Mary Harrison, CDA, EFDA, EFODA, FADAA, have completed their terms on the DANB Board of Directors.

Dr. Maggio was elected to DANB's Board of Directors in August 2010 from a slate of qualified nominees provided by the American Dental Association (ADA).



Frank Maggio, D.D.S., and Mary Harrison, CDA, EFDA, EFODA, FADAA

Currently, Dr. Maggio serves dentistry in many ways, including as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois College of Dentistry, Department of Periodontology. He is a Fellow in the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists, the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the Odontographic Society of Chicago.

Dr. Maggio will continue to serve on the DALE Foundation Board of Trustees.

Ms. Harrison was elected to DANB's Board of Directors in August 2010 from a slate of qualified

nominees provided by the American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA).

Ms. Harrison currently works as a clinical chairside dental assistant. She has been a DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) certificant since 1967 and is also an Oregon Expanded Function Dental Assistant and Oregon Expanded Function Orthodontic Assistant.



As an active member in the ADAA for more than 35 years, Ms. Harrison has made contributions at national, state and local levels. She is a Fellow in the ADAA and has also served on the ADAA Foundation.

Additionally, Ms. Harrison served as ADAA Tenth District Trustee for six years, winning the ADAA Achievement Award in 2006.

"We are grateful to Frank and Mary for their many years of service to DANB, to dental assistants and to the advancement of oral health," says Executive Director Cindy Durley. "DANB has greatly benefited from their many years of dedicated service."

Staff enjoys summer fun



DANB and the DALE Foundation staff marked the end of the fiscal year with a fun summer celebration. (29 of 43 employees are pictured here.)

DANB elects new Board officers

At the August 2016 DANB Board of Directors Annual Meeting, the Board elected new officers to serve in fiscal year 2016-2017:

- Chair — Joanne Dawley, D.D.S.
- Vice Chair — Kate Noble, CDA, CRFDA, HMC (FMF), United States Navy
- Secretary — Denise Romero, CDA, COA, RDA, M.A.

Dr. Dawley is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry and currently runs her own general dental practice in Michigan. She has been an active member of the American Dental Association (ADA) at the national, state and local levels for nearly 25 years.

Ms. Noble works at Evergreen Dental Associates in Augusta, Maine. She has been a dental assistant for 19 years and is also a dental assisting educator with Turbyne and Associates and Helping Hands Trade School. She is a Hospital Corpsman, Chief Petty Officer, in the U.S. Navy Reserve and is the Senior Enlisted Leader for Expeditionary Medical Facility Bethesda in Bangor, Maine, supporting over 160 active duty and reserve sailors' medical and dental needs.

Ms. Romero currently works as an associate professor for Pasadena City College, where she has been instrumental in creating the curriculum for numerous dental assisting courses, including infection control, radiology and advanced chairside assisting. In addition to her role as a classroom educator, Ms. Romero consults with dental offices, teaching an eight-hour infection control course and a two-hour Dental Practice Act course.

The new officers began their terms Sept. 1, 2016.

ADAA/DANB Scholarship winners to be announced

The American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA) and DANB launched the 2016 ADAA/DANB Scholarship earlier this summer. Since 2013, this scholarship has provided dental assistants with the opportunity to achieve their professional development goals.

The scholarship committee is reviewing the applications and will announce the winners later this year.

To learn more, visit www.adaausa.org or www.danb.org.

Welcome to new DALE Foundation Trustees

The DALE Foundation is excited to welcome two new Trustees: Lori Gagliardi, CDA, RDA, RDH, Ed.D., and Guinevere Juckett, CDA, CPFDA, CRFDA, EFDA.

Dr. Gagliardi has been an educator in both dental assisting and dental hygiene for over 25 years and employed in the field of dentistry since 1977. She is currently the Dental Assisting Program Director at Pasadena City College in California.

Dr. Gagliardi has served as chair and commissioner on the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) Dental Assisting Review Committee for six years. She is an author and contributor to textbooks, articles and other publications.

As an active member of the dental community, Dr. Gagliardi has served in multiple roles for several organizations at the local and national levels; she is on the board of the California Association of Dental Assisting Teachers and a member of the American Dental Assistants Association; the American Dental Education Association; the American Dental Hygienists' Association; and the Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention.

She holds a doctorate in education in organizational leadership and a master's in education with special emphasis on dental health education from the University of La Verne in California. She studied dental hygiene at the University of Southern California, and dental assisting at Pasadena City College.

"I believe that I can contribute to the continued success of the DALE Foundation," says Ms. Gagliardi. "I will be an enthusiastic and active participant in all Board duties."

Ms. Juckett started her dental career in 1990 and has had a passion for dentistry ever since. Ms. Juckett works for a private dental practice in Middlefield, Ohio, as an Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) and dental office manager.

Ms. Juckett earned DANB's Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) certification in 1996 and also holds Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant (CPFDA) and Certified Restorative Functions Dental Assistant (CRFDA) certifications from DANB. She is trained in CAD/CAM dentistry and has achieved levels 1 and 2 CEREC Design Assistant certificates.

Ms. Juckett is a member of the American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA) and is a believer in lifelong learning; she is currently working toward earning ADAA Fellowship. She is a graduate of the EFDA program at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and is registered as an EFDA in the state of Ohio.

"I have a true love for dental assisting and have made it my goal to be the best I can be for both my employer and our patients," says Ms. Juckett. "I am honored and embrace this opportunity to work with the DALE Foundation."

Board welcomes 2016-2017 officers

Officers for the 2016-2017 DALE Foundation Board of Trustees are:

- President: Jennifer Todd, CDA, COA, M.S.
- President-Elect: Frank A. Maggio, D.D.S.
- Secretary-Treasurer: Teresa Duncan, M.S., FADIA, FAADOM
- Immediate Past President: Virginia Jorgensen, CDA, EFDA, EFODA, A.A.S.

Thank you to outgoing Trustees

The DALE Foundation thanks Darci Barr, CDA, EFDA, B.S., and Carla Schneider, CDA, RDA, for their dedicated service on the DALE Foundation Board of Trustees. Both are founding Trustees on the DALE Foundation Board.

Mrs. Barr is a leading educator and an expert in dental assisting program design. She is a dental assisting program director and educator at International Business College in Indianapolis, Indiana. As a seasoned professional, Mrs. Barr has developed numerous community-based initiatives for area schools and organizations including an ongoing service learning program, which received recognition from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

Ms. Schneider has worked as a chairside assistant and office manager to Dr. Mark W. Nelson since 1982. She has been a longtime member of the American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA), and has served as ADAA Seventh District Trustee, Secretary/Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President and President. She has also served on the North Dakota Dental Assistants Association (NDDAA) as Secretary/Treasurer, President and Editor. Ms. Schneider is also a past Chair of DANB's Board of Directors.

Liz Koch Scholarship winners (cont. from p. 1)

help me further my career and hopefully help build the careers of others."

THIRD-PLACE WINNERS

L'tanya Barnes, CDA, category one

L'tanya Barnes, CDA, became a dental assistant after completing the Health Careers Center dental assistant training program at her local high school. Her career has included working in various dental offices, teaching dental assisting classes, and earning DANB CDA certification. "As I've moved forward in my career I've been asking myself, 'What can I do now in the wonderful world of oral healthcare?'" she says.

Barnes plans to use her award to continue her professional development by become an Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA) in Ohio. "Becoming an EFDA will allow me to meet my professional development goals of being able to remain in the dental field while at the same time being an asset to dentists, my students, and most of all, patients."

Amber Justus, CDA, category two

Amber Justus, CDA, began her career in the dental field in high school, and upon graduating, enrolled in dental hygiene school. Before she could complete her schooling, however, Justus took time off from school and put her career on hold to spend more time with her daughter. Since then, Justus has decided to enter the field again, and recently earned DANB certification and enrolled in an EFDA program at Miami Jacobs University in Ohio.

Justus plans on applying her award toward her EFDA coursework. "Now more than ever I want to show my daughter the value of hard work," she says. "I want to show her that you should always chase your dreams and never be afraid of investing in yourself."

FOURTH-PLACE WINNERS

Alli Jensen, CDA, category one

Alli Jensen, CDA, has a passion for lifelong learning and the dental assisting field. After completing dental assisting school with achievements such as making both the Dean's and President's Lists, Jensen went on to earn DANB CDA certification. "My love and passion for the oral healthcare field encourages me to go above and beyond," she says.

Jensen plans on using her award to earn DANB Certified Restorative Functions Dental Assistant (CRFDA) certification. "I feel that the DALE Foundation and DANB are gateways to opportunity," she says. "I am honored to receive this opportunity."

Bijan Mahboubi, category two

Bijan Mahboubi is a dental assistant who holds master's degrees in biochemistry and molecular biology. As a biochemist, his research focuses on oral health. He uses his strong understanding of life sciences to translate published scientific research into practical applications that everyone can use. "Although many patients know about the consequences of poor oral healthcare like cavities and gum disease," he says, "they are not aware of the systemic damage that poor oral healthcare can have on the body."

Mahboubi plans to apply his award toward a volunteer mentoring program in India. There, he will provide free dental care to people without access to oral healthcare, as well as education to promote oral health. "It is important to me to find good ways to use my skills to help others," he says.

Information about the 2017 Liz Koch Memorial Scholarship will be available in spring 2017. Individuals and organizations can donate to the scholarship online by visiting www.dalefoundation.org.



Alli Jensen, CDA



L'tanya Barnes, CDA



Bijan Mahboubi



Amber Justus, CDA

Friendly faces in Seattle and Boston

This summer, DANB and the DALE Foundation exhibited at the Pacific Northwest Dental Conference and the Academy of General Dentistry Annual Meeting. We met and spoke with hundreds of DANB certificants, dental assistants and other dental professionals.

To see where DANB and the DALE Foundation are exhibiting in 2017, visit www.danb.org and click on About DANB > News & Events > Meetings & Events. If you're attending one of the meetings, stop by our booth to pick up your exclusive DANB certificant gift and other giveaways!



DANB certificant picks up exclusive gift at the Pacific Northwest Dental Conference.

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Come to the DALE Foundation reception, which will be held during the American Dental Association Meeting in Denver.

The reception will be held Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Grand Hyatt Denver, Crystal Peak Ballroom A & B, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. RSVP by Oct. 17 at <https://dalefoundation.eventbrite.com>.

The reception is generously sponsored by A-dec and Procter & Gamble.

DANB Forum

All are invited to the DANB Forum, to be held Friday, Oct. 21, in the morning. For details or to RSVP, contact lstevens@danb.org.

Calendar of Events

American Dental Association Meeting
Oct. 20-24, 2016, Denver, CO
www.ada.org/en/meeting

Greater New York Dental Meeting
Nov. 25-30, 2016, New York, NY
www.gnydm.com

Yankee Dental Congress
Jan. 26-28, 2017, Boston, MA
www.yankeedental.com

Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting
Feb. 23-25, 2017, Chicago, IL
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