

## **2025 ADAA Merit Scholar Award Recipients**

The ADAA Merit Scholar Award is to honor those dental assisting students who exhibit proficiency in four-handed dentistry and exemplify the critical contribution an educated dental assistant makes to the success of clinical outcomes, patient satisfaction and improved office efficiency. Recipients of this award also embody the qualities represented by Juliette A. Southard that include loyalty, courtesy and professionalism.

The 2025 ADAA Merit Scholar Award Recipients are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Alexander Summerville	UA Pulaski Technical College - North Little Rock, AR
Allyson Harrington	Southeastern Technical Institute - South Easton, MA
Ashley Fletcher	Washtenaw Community College Dental Assisting Program - Ann Arbor, MI
Morgan Green	Athens Technical College Dental Assisting Program - Athens, GA
Aspen Warren	Salina Area Technical College - Salina, Kansas
Jenna Tank	Dental Assisting Program-Hawkeye Community College - Waterloo, IA
Racheal Pierce	Davidson-Davie Community College - Thomasville, NC
Samantha DeRose	Germanna Community College - Locust Grove, VA
Breyda G. Bautista-Ramirez	Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College - Asheville, NC
Zoey Corder	Rogue Community College - Grants Pass, Oregon
Donald Neumiller	Portland Community College - Portland, OR
Hannah Duncan	Indiana University Fort Wayne - Fort Wayne, IN
Madison Brownlee	NHTI-Concord's Community College - Concord, NH

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## **2025 Student Achievement Award Recipient**

Presented to a student who has demonstrated leadership ability through some activity related to dentistry through participation in class activities, student organization(s), and local/state dental assisting organization, where available.

The 2025 Student Achievement Award recipient is:

<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Program</b>
Samantha DeRose	Germanna Community College – Locust Grove, VA

Congratulations to the 2025 ADAA Student Achievement Award Recipient!

## **2025 ADAA Pride Award for Business Administrative Assistant Recipient**

The ADAA Pride Award is presented to a member who believes in loyalty to self as well as the profession of dental assisting.

The award represents the pride, integrity, and dedication the recipient extends to their personal and professional lives every day.

The 2025 ADAA President's Award of Excellence Award recipient is:

<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Program</b>
Mark Nartatez, MBA, CDA, CDIPC, FADAA, CDHC	Kapi'olani Community College – Honolulu, HI

Congratulations to the 2025 recipient!

## **2025 Pride Award for Educators Award Recipient**

The ADAA Pride Award is presented to a member who believes in loyalty to self as well as the profession of dental assisting. The award represents the pride, integrity, and dedication the recipient extends to their personal and professional lives every day.

The 2025 ADAA Pride Award for Educators Recipient is:

<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Program</b>
SSgt. Reenamelinda Quintanilla	Air Force

Congratulations to the 2025 recipient!

## **2025 Pride Award for Clinical Assistants Recipient**

The ADAA Pride Award is presented to a member who believes in loyalty to self as well as the profession of dental assisting.

The award represents the pride, integrity, and dedication the recipient extends to their personal and professional lives every day.

The 2025 ADAA Pride Award for Clinical Assistants Recipient is:

<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Program</b>
Alexsis Green	42 OMRS - Prattville, AL

Congratulations to the 2025 recipient!

## **2025 New Member Involvement Award Recipient**

The ADAA New Member Involvement Award is presented to an ADAA member who has shown the most outstanding achievement in promoting the objectives of the association and furthering the profession of dental assisting.

The 2025 ADAA New Member Involvement Award Recipient is:

<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Program</b>
Elizabeth Contreras	U.S. Air Force – Universal City, TX

Congratulations to the 2025 recipient!

## **2024 ADAA Merit Scholar Award Recipients**

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The 2024 ADAA Merit Scholar Award Recipients are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Attison May	Athens Technical College - Athens, GA
Meredith Knight	Center for Technology, Essex - Center, VT
Gracie Bishop	Salina Area Technical College - Salina, Kansas
Olivia Salyers	Big Sandy Community and Technical College - Big, Kentucky
Macie Lacasse	NHTI - Concord's Community College - NHTI, Hampshire
Sarah Long	Southeastern Technical Institute - Southeastern, MA
Andrea Soto Madrid	UA Pulaski Technical College - UA, Arkansas
Leann Thai	Renton Technical College - Renton, WA
Alli Park	Central Lakes College Dental Assisting Program - Central, Minnesota
Yalitza Vichi	Camden County College - Camden, NJ
Chloe Lewandowski	Chloe Lewandowski - Chloe, Iowa
Tessa Delp	Northeast State Dental Assisting Program - Northeast, Tennessee
Audrey Wirts	Hawkeye Community College - Hawkeye, IA
Abigail Rumschlag	Indiana University Fort Wayne Campus - Indiana, IN
Katelynn Butner	Central Carolina Community College - Central, NC

Congratulations to the 2024 ADAA Merit Scholar Award Recipients!

## **2024 Student Achievement Award Recipient**

Presented to a student who has demonstrated leadership ability through some activity related to dentistry through participation in class activities, student organization(s), and local/state dental assisting organization, where available.

The 2024 Student Achievement Award recipient is:

<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Program</b>
Olivia Salyers	Big Sandy Community and Technical College

Congratulations to the 2024 ADAA Student Achievement Award Recipient!

## **2024 ADAA President’s Award of Excellence Recipient**

The ADAA President’s Award of Excellence shall be given to a member who has shown the most outstanding achievements in promoting the objectives of the association and furthering the profession of dental assisting. Recipients of the award have excelled in the motto of “Education, Efficiency, Loyalty, and Service” and consistently provide services above and beyond expected duties.

The 2024 ADAA President’s Award of Excellence recipient is:

<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Program</b>
Ronda Lane, BS, CDA, RDA, FADAA	Retired

Congratulations to the 2024 ADAA President’s Award of Excellence Recipient!

## **2024 ADAA Loyal Assistant Award Recipient**

The Loyal Assistant Award shall be presented to a member who has demonstrated loyalty as well as longevity in service to their employer.

The 2024 ADAA President's Award of Excellence Award recipient is:

<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Program</b>
Jillian Fox	Dr. Norman Seggal – Cranston, RI

Congratulations to the 2024 recipient!

## **2024 Pride Award for Educators Award Recipient**

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The 2024 ADAA Pride Award for Educators Recipient is:

<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Program</b>
Ernessie Ladouceur	Air Force

Congratulations to the 2024 recipient!

## **2024 Pride Award for Federal Services Air Force Member Award Recipient**

The ADAA Pride Award is presented to a member who believes in loyalty to self as well as the profession of dental assisting. The award represents the pride, integrity, and dedication the recipient extends to their personal and professional lives every day.

The 2024 ADAA Pride Award for Federal Services Air Force Member Award Recipient is:

<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Program</b>
SSgt. Reenamelinda Quintanilla	Air Force

Congratulations to the 2024 recipient!

## **2023 ADAA Merit Scholar Award Recipients**

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The 2023 ADAA Merit Scholar Award Recipients are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Evan Hodgson	Center for Technology, Essex - Essex Junction, VT
Bailee K. Venderley	Dental Assisting - Indiana University (Fort Wayne Campus) - Ft. Wayne, IN
Sungah Lee	Portland Community College Dental Assisting Program - Aloha, OR
Insaf Alaakoori	Diablo Valley College – Pittsburg, CA
Molly Lee	Hawkeye Community College - St. Mabel, MN
Rowan Reinhardt	Community College of Rhode Island – Warwick, RI
Emalee Nichols	Athens Technical College – Athens, GA
Hannah Sullivan	UA-PTC Dental Assisting Program – Jacksonville, AR
Victoria Roden	Minneapolis Community and Technical College – St. Paul, MN
Maren Jensen	Coleman College for Health Sciences – Katy, TX
Paula Garzon Harry	Camden County College Dental Assisting – Millville, NJ
Shalisa Hargett	Arkansas Northeastern College Dental Assisting Technology - Blytheville AR
Amanda Klink	Greenville Technical College - Fountain Inn, SC
Maliyah Commerford	Salina Area Technical College - Salina, KS
Adeline Smith	Kapi'olani Community College - Kailua, Hawaii
Maria Zamora Morales	Southeastern Technical Institute - Attleboro, MA
Abigail Rowland	Big Sandy Community and Technical College - Martin KY
Maybeth Fagan	Trident Technical College Expanded Duty Dental Assisting Program - Hilton Head Island, SC
Hannah Rector	Indiana University School of Dentistry Dental Assisting at IUPUI - Indianapolis, IN
Brianda Lopez	Traviss Career Center - Lakeland, FL

Congratulations to the 2023 ADAA Merit Scholar Award Recipients!

## **2023 Student Achievement Award Recipient**

Presented to a student who has demonstrated leadership ability through some activity related to dentistry through participation in class activities, student organization(s), and local/state dental assisting organization, where available.

The 2023 Student Achievement Award recipient is:

<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Program</b>
Thaís Oehninger	Indiana School of Dentistry (IUSD)

Congratulations to the 2023 ADAA Student Achievement Award Recipient!

## 2022 ADAA Merit Scholar Award Recipients

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The 2022 ADAA Merit Scholar Award Recipients are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Alex Lopez	Coleman College for Health Sciences, Houston Community College System – Houston, TX
Andrea Strickland	Athens Technical College – Athens, GA
Brenda Gonzalez	Del Mar College – Corpus Christi, TX
Brieana Comeau	NHTI Concord’s Community College – Concord, NH
Crystal Reed	Central Oregon Community College – Bend, OR
Emily Tucker	UA Pulaski Technical College – North Little Rock, AR
Emma Bergum	Diablo Valley College – Pleasant Hill, CA
Gwendolynn Pettibone	Indiana University (Fort Wayne Campus) – Fort Wayne, IN
Jorgelina Pongsawat	Community College of Rhode Island – Lincoln, RI
Karina Santos	Atlantic Technical College & Technical High School – Coconut Creek, FL
Kortney Toler	Arkansas Northeastern College – Blytheville, AR
Moriah Brennan	Middlesex Community College – Lowell, MA
Stacey Sampson	Southeastern Technical Institute – South Easton, MA
Taylor Larimore	Kirkwood Community College – Cedar Rapids, IA
Thi Le	Portland Community College – Portland, OR

Congratulations to the 2022 ADAA Merit Scholar Award recipients!

## **2022 Student Achievement Award Recipient**

Presented to a student who has demonstrated leadership ability through some activity related to dentistry through participation in class activities, student organization(s), and local/state dental assisting organization, where available.

The 2022 Student Achievement Award recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Briana Comeau	NHTI Concord's Community College – Concord, NH

Congratulations to the 2022 Student Achievement Award recipient!

## **2021 Anna Nelson Memorial Award for Editorial Excellence Recipient**

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The 2021 Anna Nelson Memorial Award for Editorial Excellence Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Article Name</b>
Sheila Clancy	Behind the Mask: Communication Challenges in the New Normal (March/April 2021 Issue)

Congratulations to the 2021 recipient!

## 2021 Loyal Assistant Award Recipient

The Loyal Assistant Award is presented to an ADAA member who has demonstrated loyalty as well as longevity in service to their employer.

The 2021 Loyal Assistant Award Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Nanette Hill	North Carolina

Congratulations to the 2021 recipient!

## **2021 New Member Involvement Award Recipient**

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The 2021 New Member Involvement Award Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sarah Gibson	Pennsylvania

Congratulations to the 2021 recipient!

## **2021 President's Award of Excellence Recipient**

### **Sponsored by Delta Dental of Tennessee**

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The 2021 President's Award of Excellence Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Shiela Kilpatrick	Texas

Congratulations to the 2021 recipient!

Thank you to Delta Dental of Tennessee for sponsoring the 2021 award.



# **2021 ADAA Pride Award for Business Assistants**

## **Recipient**

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The 2021 ADAA Pride Award for Business Assistants Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Audrey Hosler	Oklahoma

Congratulations to the 2021 recipient!

## **2021 ADAA Pride Award for Clinical Assistants Recipient**

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The 2021 ADAA Pride Award for Clinical Assistants Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Debra Specht	Wisconsin

Congratulations to the 2021 recipient!

## **2021 ADAA Pride Award for Educators Recipient**

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The 2021 ADAA Pride Award for Educators Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Laurie Semple	Texas

Congratulations to the 2021 recipient!

# **2021 ADAA Pride Award for Federal Services Recipient**

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The 2021 ADAA Pride Award for Federal Services Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
CMSgt Elvin Muniz Bonilla	Texas

Congratulations to the 2021 recipient!

## **2021 Juliette A Southard Scholarship Recipients**

The Juliette A. Southard Scholarship Program is named for the founder of the American Dental Assistants Association. Established in 1929, the program awards scholarships to dental assisting students and dental assistants interested in furthering their education in the field of dental assisting.

The 2021 Juliette A Southard Scholarship Recipients are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Kate Bennett	Indiana University Fort Wayne – Fort Wayne, IN
Mollie McClelland	Chattanooga State Community College – Chattanooga, TN
Natasa Savkic	Grand Rapids Community College – Grand Rapids, MI
Nicole McRee-Wilson	Washtenaw Community College – Washtenaw, MI
Yvianna Rodarte	El Paso Community College – El Paso, TX

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Hannah Allen	Athens Technical College – Athens, GA
Jacie Marcotte	Salina Area Technical College – Salina, KS
Jady Harris	Central Piedmont Community College – Charlotte, NC
Jessica Ibarra	Arkansas Northeastern College – Blytheville, AR
Joanna Souza	Southeastern Technical Institute – South Easton, MA
Kao Na Vang	Century College – White Bear Lake, MN
Macy Collier	Indiana University Fort Wayne – Fort Wayne, IN
Makayla Rooper	Germanna Community College – Locust Grove, VA
Mollie McClelland	Chattanooga State Community College – Chattanooga, TN
Morgan Erpelding	Hawkeye Community College – Waterloo, IA
Sylvan Weber	Portland Community College – Portland, OR

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Olivia Polep	NHTI Concord's Community College – Concord, NH

Congratulations to the 2021 Student Achievement Award recipient!

## **2020 Anna Nelson Memorial Award for Editorial Excellence Recipient**

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The 2020 Anna Nelson Memorial Award for Editorial Excellence Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Article Name</b>
Natalie Kaweckyj	It's Not Business as Usual Anymore - Here's How to Boost Your Resiliency (May/June 2020 Issue)

Congratulations to the 2020 recipient!

## **2020 New Member Involvement Award Recipient**

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The 2020 New Member Involvement Award Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Darrin Wan	Indiana

Congratulations to the 2020 recipient!

**2020 President's Award of Excellence sponsored by  
Buehler Family Dental in honor of President Robynn  
Rixse Recipient**

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The 2020 President's Award of Excellence Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Crystal Stuhr	Nebraska

Congratulations to the 2020 recipient!

# **2020 ADAA Pride Award for Business Assistants**

## **Recipient**

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The 2020 ADAA Pride Award for Business Assistants Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Robynn Rixse	Pennsylvania

Congratulations to the 2020 recipient!

## **2020 ADAA Pride Award for Federal Services Recipient**

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The 2020 ADAA Pride Award for Federal Services Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
SrA Courtney Lott	Montana

Congratulations to the 2020 recipient!

## **2020 Juliette A Southard Scholarship Recipients**

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The 2020 Juliette A Southard Scholarship Recipients are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Denise V. Quiroga Arteaga	Fox Valley Technical College – Appleton, WI
Shelby Horner	Salina Area Technical College – Salina, KS
Yelizaveta Shubina	Chemeketa Community College – Salem, OR

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Allison Weir	Arkansas Northeastern College – Blytheville, AR
Dominique A. Brannan	Germanna Community College – Locust Grove, VA
Hanna L. Koloc	Northeast Iowa Community College – Peosta, IA
Jenna M. Beauchamp	Community College of Rhode Island – Lincoln, RI
Jillian M. Reynolds	Middlesex Community College – Lowell, MA
Katherine M. Lewis	Southeastern Technical Institute – South Easton, MA
La Kao Vang	Portland Community College – Portland, OR
Leann Nefzger	Hawkeye Community College – Waterloo, IA
Leslie Thompson	Athens Technical College – Athens, GA
Samantha-Jo H. Czarnecki	Tunxis Community College – Farmington, CT
Shelby Horner	Salina Area Technical College – Salina, KS
Sugandha Srivastava	College of San Mateo – San Mateo, CA

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The 2020 Student Achievement Award recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Tara Arpin	Community College of Rhode Island – Lincoln, RI

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## **2019 Anna Nelson Memorial Award for Editorial Excellence Recipient**

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The 2019 Anna Nelson Memorial Award for Editorial Excellence Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Article Name</b>
Betty Leh	Teeth Whitening from A to Z (September/October 2018 Issue)

Congratulations to the 2019 recipient!

## 2019 Loyal Assistant Award Recipient

The Loyal Assistant Award is presented to an ADAA member who has demonstrated loyalty as well as longevity in service to their employer

The 2019 Loyal Assistant Award Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Veronica Chapin	Wisconsin

Congratulations to the 2019 recipient!

## **2019 New Member Involvement Award Recipient**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Michele Zimmerman	Pennsylvania

Congratulations to the 2019 recipient!

## **2019 President's Award of Excellence Recipient**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
MSgt Ingrid Hurry	Texas

Congratulations to the 2019 recipient!

## **2019 ADAA Pride Award for Clinical Assistants Recipient**

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The 2019 ADAA Pride Award for Clinical Assistants Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Lori Linger	Texas

Congratulations to the 2019 recipient!

## **2019 ADAA Pride Award for Educators Recipient**

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The 2019 ADAA Pride Award for Educators Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Kristina Sprague	Michigan

Congratulations to the 2019 recipient!

## **2019 ADAA Pride Award for Federal Services Recipient**

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The 2019 ADAA Pride Award for Federal Services Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
TSgt. Cynthia Betancourt	Hawaii

Congratulations to the 2019 recipient!

## **2019 Juliette A Southard Scholarship Recipients**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Brittnay A. Foerster	Gateway Technical College – Kenosha, WI
Jennifer D. Brock	Wake Technical Community College – Raleigh, NC
Kaitlyn S. O'Neal	Midlands Technical College – West Columbia, SC
Mackenzie L. Gagnon	Southeastern Technical Institute – South Easton, MA
Whitney R. Martin	Arkansas Northeastern College – Blytheville, AR

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Brenna E. Lowder	Rowan-Cabarrus Community College – Salisbury, NC
Chloe D. Graham	Grand Rapids Community College – Grand Rapids, MI
Jennifer D. Brock	Wake Technical Community College – Raleigh, NC
Keshia Cooke	Hawkeye Community College – Waterloo, IA
Lacy B. Weatherly	Western Technology Center – Weatherford, OK
Linda Pham	Citrus College – Glendora, CA
Mary K. Hunt	Athens Technical College – Athens, GA
Mary Smolen	University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College – North Little Rock, AR
Stephanie E. LaFlamme	Community College of Rhode Island – Lincoln, RI
Tatiana Gay	Del Mar College – Corpus Christi, TX
Whitney Martin	Arkansas Northeastern College – Blytheville, AR

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The 2019 Student Achievement Award recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Mackenzie L. Gagnon	Southeastern Technical Institute – South Easton, MA

Congratulations to the 2019 Student Achievement Award recipient!

## **2018 Anna Nelson Memorial Award for Editorial Excellence Recipient**

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The 2018 Anna Nelson Memorial Award for Editorial Excellence Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Article Name</b>
Sarah Sharpe	Social Media and Patient Protection: Don't Ignore the HIPAA Implications for Your Social Media Efforts (July/August 2017 Issue)

Congratulations to the 2018 recipient!

## **2018 Loyal Assistant Award Recipient**

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The 2018 Loyal Assistant Award Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Dolores Muniz	New Mexico

Congratulations to the 2018 recipient!

## **2018 New Member Involvement Award Recipient**

The ADAA New Member Involvement Award is presented to an ADAA member who has shown the most outstanding achievement in promoting the objectives of the association and furthering the profession of dental assisting.

The 2018 New Member Involvement Award Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Kathleen Moehring	Texas

Congratulations to the 2018 recipient!

## **2018 President's Award of Excellence Recipient**

The ADAA President's Award of Excellence shall be given to a member who has shown the most outstanding achievements in promoting the objectives of the association and furthering the profession of dental assisting. Recipients of the award have excelled in the motto of "Education, Efficiency, Loyalty, and Service" and consistently provide services above and beyond expected duties.

The 2018 President's Award of Excellence Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Crystal Adams	Texas

Congratulations to the 2018 recipient!

## **2018 ADAA Pride Award for Educators Recipient**

The ADAA Pride Award is presented to a member who believes in loyalty to self as well as the profession of dental assisting. The award represents the pride, integrity, and dedication the recipient extends to their personal and professional lives every day.

The 2018 ADAA Pride Award for Educators Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Denise Romero	California

Congratulations to the 2018 recipient!

## **2018 Juliette A Southard Scholarship Recipients**

The Juliette A. Southard Scholarship Program is named for the founder of the American Dental Assistants Association. Established in 1929, the program awards scholarships to dental assisting students and dental assistants interested in furthering their education in the field of dental assisting.

The 2018 Juliette A Southard Scholarship Recipients are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Corry Jacobs	Portland Community College – Portland, OR
Denisa Beckert	Community College of Rhode Island – Lincoln, RI
Jennifer Veiga	Baker College of Clinton Township – Clinton Township, MI
Jodi Barba	Wayne County Community College District – Detroit, MI
Riley Jensen	Grand Rapids Community College – Grand Rapids, MI

Congratulations to the 2018 recipients!

## **2018 ADAA Merit Scholar Award Recipients**

The ADAA Merit Scholar Award is to honor those dental assisting students who exhibit proficiency in four-handed dentistry and exemplify the critical contribution an educated dental assistant makes to the success of clinical outcomes, patient satisfaction and improved office efficiency. Recipients of this award also embody the qualities represented by Juliette A. Southard that include loyalty, courtesy and professionalism.

The 2018 ADAA Merit Scholar Award Recipients are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Ashley Kegg	Herzing University – Saint Louis Park, MN
Asya Raza	Portland Community College – Portland, OR
Denisa Beckert	Community College of Rhode Island – Lincoln, RI
Elyse Giannelli	Massasoit Community College – Canton, MA
Jennifer Veiga	Baker College of Clinton Township – Clinton Township, MI
Joquavia Montgomery	Athens Technical College – Athens, GA
Rebecca Sutterfield	Ozarks Technical Community College – Springfield, MO
Riley Jensen	Grand Rapids Community College – Rockford, MI
Sarah Yoder	Hawkeye Community College – Waterloo, IA
Taylor Leal	Arkansas Northeastern College – Blytheville, AR

Congratulations to the 2018 ADAA Merit Scholar Award recipients!

## **2018 Student Achievement Award Recipient**

Presented to a student who has demonstrated leadership ability through some activity related to dentistry through participation in class activities, student organization(s), and local/state dental assisting organization, where available.

The 2018 Student Achievement Award recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Jade Paglia	Community College of Rhode Island – Lincoln, RI

Congratulations to the 2018 Student Achievement Award recipient!

## **2017 Anna Nelson Memorial Award for Editorial Excellence Recipient**

The Anna Nelson Memorial Award for Editorial Excellence is presented to the ADAA member who has submitted the best educational article for original publication in the ADAA Journal. The award is named after Anna Nelson, a lifelong educator, former President of ADAA, and former Editor of the Dental Assistant Journal. Before her passing in 2011, Anna believed strongly in education and supporting the dental assisting profession.

The 2017 Anna Nelson Memorial Award for Editorial Excellence Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Article Name</b>
Tyler Winter	Best Office Contest: Family Healthcare Dental (Sept/Oct 2016 Issue)

Congratulations to the 2017 recipient!

## **2017 Loyal Assistant Award Recipient**

The Loyal Assistant Award is presented to an ADAA member who has demonstrated loyalty as well as longevity in service to their employer

The 2017 Loyal Assistant Award Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Gloria Fleurant	Rhode Island

Congratulations to the 2017 recipient!

## **2017 New Member Involvement Award Recipient**

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The 2017 New Member Involvement Award Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Meagan Morton	Indiana

Congratulations to the 2017 recipient!

## **2017 President's Award of Excellence Recipient**

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The 2017 President's Award of Excellence Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Elvira Tuggle	Texas

Congratulations to the 2017 recipient!

## **2017 ADAA Pride Award for Educators Recipient**

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The 2017 ADAA Pride Award for Educators Recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Kay Jukes	Texas

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## **2017 Juliette A Southard Scholarship Recipients**

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The 2017 Juliette A Southard Scholarship Recipients are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Belinda Nkwantabisah	Charles Stewart Mott Community College – Flint, MI
Christine Fernandez	Stony Brook University – Stony Brook, NY
Donna Martin	American Public University – Charles Town, WV
Erin Russell	Kaplan University – Omaha, NE
Kira Wiedewitsch	St. Cloud Technical and Community College – St. Cloud, MN
Lyndsey DeJulio	Daytona State College – Daytona Beach, FL
Romela Keshishian	Pasadena City College – Pasadena, CA
Taryn Pierce	Porter and Chester Institute – Branford, CT
Taylor Lopes	Community College of Rhode Island – Lincoln, RI

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The 2017 ADAA Merit Scholar Award Recipients are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Darian Pitts	Germanna Community College – Locust Grove, VA
Elizabeth Ledford	Rio Salado College – Tempe, AZ
Elizabeth Moench	Metropolitan Community College – Omaha, NE
Erin Russell	Kaplan University Omaha – Omaha, NE
Heather Alvarez	Central Piedmont Community College – Charlotte, NC
Holly Epperson	Hennepin Technical College – Eden Prairie, MN
Jordan Dunn-Moore	Camden Community College – Tuckerton, NJ
Jordan Lathrop	Center for Technology, Essex – Essex Junction, VT
Kim Hobbs	Ozarks Technical Community College – Springfield, MO
Kuuku Nyann	Quinsigamond Community College – Worcester, MA
Marsha Earles	Midlands Technical College – West Columbia, SC
Melissa Smith	Community College of Rhode Island – Middletown, RI
Romela Keshishian	Pasadena City College – Pasadena, CA
Syeda Fatima	Wake Technical Community College – Raleigh, NC

Congratulations to the 2017 ADAA Merit Scholar Award recipients!

## **2017 Student Achievement Award Recipient**

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The 2017 Student Achievement Award recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Heather Alvarez	Central Piedmont Community College Harris Campus – Charlotte, NC

Congratulations to the 2017 Student Achievement Award recipient!

## **2016 Juliette A Southard Scholarship Recipients**

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The 2016 Juliette A Southard Scholarship Recipients are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Krista Kowalski	Central Lakes College – Brainerd, MN
Nicole Bostic	Southeastern Technical Institute – Easton, MA
Taylor Abney	Henderson Community College – Henderson, KY
Tonya Bailes	Wake Technical Community College – Raleigh, NC
Whitney Watson	Hawkeye Community College – Waterloo, IA

Congratulations to the 2016 recipients!

## 2016 Hu-Friedy/ADAA Merit Scholar Award Recipients

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The 2016 Hu-Friedy/ADAA Merit Scholar Award Recipients are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Amanda Frederickson	Gateway Technical College – Kenosha, WI
Amber Witthuhn	Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Green Bay, WI
Cheyenne Garcia	Rio Salado College – Tempe, AZ
Czellane Galvan	Diablo Valley College – Pleasant Hill, CA
Diana Barker	Community College of Rhode Island – Lincoln, RI
Elizabeth Burke	Tunxis Community College – Farmington, CT
Grace Guiuan	Pasadena City College – Pasadena, CA
Kendle Arrigal	Southeastern Technical Institute – South Easton, MA
Lisa Overton	Arkansas Northeastern College – Blytheville, AR
Sarah Forgy	Citrus College – Glendora, CA
Susana Villalta	Indian Hills Community College – Ottumwa, IA
Sydney Graf	Ozarks Technical Community College – Springfield, MO
Zeenat Robert	Portland Community College – Portland, OR
Alma Omerovic	A.I. Prince Technical High School – Hartford, CT

Congratulations to the 2016 Hu-Friedy/ADAA Merit Scholar Award recipients!

## **2016 Student Achievement Award Recipient**

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The 2016 Student Achievement Award recipient is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Brittney Saturnio	Wake Technical Community College – Raleigh, NC

Congratulations to the 2016 Student Achievement Award recipient!

## **2015 Juliette A Southard Scholarship Recipients**

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The 2015 Juliette A Southard Scholarship Recipients are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Bridget Villegas	Del-Mar College – Corpus Christi, TX
Cassie Alderson	Kirkwood Community College – Cedar Rapids, IA
Courtney Bernier	NHTL Concord Community College – Concord, NH
Ian Wall	Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine – Stony Brook, NY
Wing Suet Lam	College of San Mateo – San Mateo, CA

Congratulations to the 2015 recipients!

## **2015 Hu-Friedy/ADAA Merit Scholar Award Recipients**

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The 2015 Hu-Friedy/ADAA Merit Scholar Award Recipients are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Program/Location</b>
Amanda Tarlaian	Community College of Rhode Island – Lincoln, RI
Cassandra Alderson	Kirkwood Community College – Cedar Rapids, IA
Hadauna Sooman	A.I. Prince Technical High School – Hartford, CT
Hallie Kisselburg	Arkansas Northeastern College – Blytheville, AR
Jayden Robinson	Ozarks Technical Community College – Springfield, MO
Kara Aud	West Kentucky Community and Technical College – Paducah, KY
Marcy Estrada	Rio Salado College – Tempe, AZ
Mirna Blanquel	Metropolitan Community College – Omaha, NE
Morgan Oestreich	Indiana University Northwest – Gary, IN
Rachel Salvas	Center for Technology, Essex – Essex Junction, VT
Tiffany Hoaglin	Fayetteville Technical Community College – Fayetteville, NC
Wing Lam Suet	College of San Mateo – San Mateo, CA

Congratulations to the 2015 Hu-Friedy/ADAA Merit Scholar Award recipients!