

BCDHA Awards Guide

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Introduction

BCDHA offers an awards and grants program that recognizes valued contributions of members, provides support for innovative projects and highlights the achievements of students. This guide focuses on the three different awards that are adjudicated and presented by the BCDHA Board of Directors.

Barbara J. Heisterman Award

For Outstanding Innovation and Commitment to Care. This award is given annually to a Registered Dental Hygienist/Dental Hygiene Practitioner who best exemplifies the outstanding and unique attributes and values of Barbara J. Heisterman, British Columbia's first Mobile Residential Care Dental Hygienist.

Dianne Gallagher Inspiration Award

This award is presented annually and recognizes and honours a dental hygienist or dental hygiene student who has challenged or inspired other dental hygienists to make their personal and/or professional futures better.

BCDHA members can nominate a dental hygienist or dental hygiene student for this prestigious award by completing the nomination form and returning it to the BCDHA office.

Life Membership

Life Membership in the British Columbia Dental Hygienists' Association is awarded to an active member of the Association who has made an outstanding contribution to BCDHA over a number of years. All nominations must be received at the BCDHA office on or before December 31st annually.

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Barbara J. Heisterman Innovation Award

The BCDHA Board of Directors is calling for nominations for the *2022 Barbara J. Heisterman Award for Outstanding Innovation and Commitment to Care*. This award is given annually to a Registered Dental Hygienist who best exemplifies the outstanding and unique attributes and values of Barbara J. Heisterman. The recipient of the award will be chosen by the Board of Directors based on the criteria below.

The successful recipient meets some or all of the following criteria:

- Improves access to dental hygiene care;
- Delivers innovative services;
- Pioneers new ideas;
- Mentors other dental hygienists;
- Practices collaboratively;
- Advocates for inclusivity for all persons regardless of age, physical or cognitive ability, economic status, culture or race;
- Demonstrates commitment to membership in BCDHA.

The recipient must be a Registered Dental Hygienist; an active dental hygiene practitioner and a member of BCDHA and/or CDHA for the previous 10 years.

The BCDHA Board of Directors will review the nominations received at their Winter 2022 meeting. If you would like to nominate a dental hygienist, please complete the form below and return to the BCDHA office **before December 31, 2021**. Note that current Board Directors and BCDHA staff members cannot be nominated and cannot nominate a member for this award.

Previous recipients of this award are Barbara Heisterman, Beverley Contreras, Maxine Borowko, Judy Blake, Susan Nye, Paula McAleese, Mara Sand, Louretta Frolek, Sharon Stead, Mary Lou Walker, Cheri Wu and Heather Cooper.

About Barbara Heisterman:



This award was created in honour of Barbara Heisterman, BC's first mobile residential care dental hygienist. Barbara made an enormous contribution to the profession over her thirty-five-year career as a dental hygienist. Her courage, advocacy, mentorship, and commitment to improving access to dental hygiene care has had a long-lasting impact our profession and will be recognized for years to come.

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I hereby nominate _____ for the **Barbara J. Heisterman Award for Outstanding Innovation and Commitment to Care.**

On a separate sheet, please provide detailed information (approximately 500 words) that includes:

- 1) Which of the attributes and values listed are modeled by this candidate and how these characteristics are reflected in this person's work and/or personal life.
- 2) Information about the candidate's relevant work and/or life experiences, appropriate community involvement and other information that reflects this person's attributes.
- 3) Please attach a current résumé or curriculum vitae. (You may need to consult with the nominee in order to fully complete this section.)

Submitted by: _____

Membership Number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Nominee must be a member of BCDHA.

Please send your completed form before December 31, 2021 to:
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Dianne Gallagher Inspiration Award

The BCDHA Board of Directors is calling for nominations for the *2022 Dianne Gallagher Inspiration Award*. Dianne Gallagher was the recipient of the inaugural award presented in 2011. Dianne often shared stories about students or colleagues that inspired her and her vision for this award was that it be given annually to a dental hygienist or dental hygiene student who similarly inspired another dental hygienist through their quiet determination and achievement.

Who is Your Unsung Hero?

Is there someone who has personally or professionally inspired you or someone around you? Perhaps it's a dental hygiene student that faced a critical health challenge during the school term and successfully completed their studies or a dental hygienist that has volunteered their time at a local food bank for many years. Possibly a colleague that has overcome adversity or someone who quietly works to make a difference in the lives of others or their community.

If there is a dental hygienist who has inspired you, we invite you to share your story and nominate that person for this award by completing the form below and returning it to the BCDHA office **by December 31, 2021**.

The recipient of the award will be chosen by the Board of Directors. The recipient and nominator must both be members of BCDHA (full, student, life, support or retired). Current Board Directors and staff members cannot be nominated and cannot nominate a member for this award.

Previous recipients of this award are Dianne Gallagher, Mandy Hayre, Jade Lavallee, Heather Cooper, Dianne Stojak and Donna Lee.

About Dianne Gallagher:



This award was created in honour of Dianne Gallagher, a dental hygienist who gave selflessly to her profession for more than 40 years. Through her dedication, Dianne inspired many dental hygienists in British Columbia and across Canada. She quietly led by example, and through her vision, she challenged dental hygienists to make their personal and professional futures better. Dianne was an educator, an advocate, a role model and mentor who found her greatest satisfaction in seeing others succeed.

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I hereby nominate _____ for the **Dianne Gallagher Inspiration Award**.

On a separate sheet, please provide detailed information (approximately 500 words) that includes:

- 1) Information about your deserving candidate's relevant work and/or life experiences, along with any other pertinent information. (You may need to consult with the nominee in order to fully complete this section.)
- 2) How this person's actions or achievements have inspired you.

Submitted by: _____

Membership Number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Nominee must be a member of BCDHA.

Please send your completed form **before 11:59 pm on December 31, 2021** to:
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Life Membership

The British Columbia Dental Hygienists' Association (BCDHA) acknowledges the efforts and commitment of members and to the professional growth and development of our association and the profession.

Purpose:

Life Membership is awarded to a full member of the Association who has made an outstanding contribution to BCDHA over a number of years.

Life Member Benefits:

Life Members shall:

- 1) Receive a framed Certificate of Life Membership.
- 2) Be recognized at a meeting of the Association, such as the Annual General Meeting.
- 3) Be exempt from paying the BCDHA portion of the CDHA/BCDHA membership dues.
- 4) Remain a Life member of the Association for life or until such time as they cease to be a member.
- 5) Be entitled to receive all other benefits of membership as determined by the Board of Directors and within the parameters set out in the Association's Bylaws.

Criteria for Selection:

The nominee must:

- 1) Be a Registered Dental Hygienist in good standing with the College of Dental Hygienists of British Columbia and a Full member of BCDHA.
- 2) Have held continuous membership in BCDHA for at least 15 years.
- 3) Have had involvement in BCDHA in an official capacity for a minimum of 10 years.
- 4) Made a significant contribution to the growth and achievement of BCDHA in comparison to others involved for the same length of time and in similar capacities.

Nomination Procedure:

- 1) Nomination forms must be signed by three (3) Full or Life members of the British Columbia Dental Hygienists' Association. Current Board Directors and BCDHA staff members cannot be nominated and cannot nominate a member for this award.
- 2) Nomination forms may be obtained from the BCDHA Head Office or from the Association's website (www.bcdha.com). Members will be notified annually of the nomination process and dates for submission.
- 3) One copy of the completed Nomination Form and the required supporting documentation (see number 4) must be submitted to the Executive Director of the Association prior to the deadline for submissions.

- 4) In addition to the Nomination Form, the nominator must submit a type written letter describing the lifetime achievements of the nominee. The letter must not exceed 500 words in length. Nominators should include relevant information pertaining to the nominee's education, work history and lifetime achievements contributing to this award.
- 5) All submissions must be received at the BCDHA office on or before December 31st annually. A faxed or emailed copy of the nomination form and supporting documentation on or before December 31st will be accepted, followed by receipt of the signed original within 5 days.

Selection:

The BCDHA Board of Directors will review all nominations received and select the recipient(s). This award may not be presented annually.

Previous Recipients of BCDHA Life Membership: Jo Gardner, Joan Sanders, Marjorie Dimitri, Carol Kline, Joan Voris, Barbara Hewton, Bonnie Craig, Darlene Thomas, Ginny Cathcart, Cindy Fletcher and Paula McAleese.

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I hereby nominate _____ for the **Life Membership Award**.

On a separate sheet, please provide detailed information (approximately 500 words) that includes:

- 1) A type written letter describing the lifetime achievements of the nominee.
- 2) Include relevant information pertaining to the nominee's education, work history and lifetime achievements contributing to this award. (You may need to consult with the nominee in order to fully complete this section.)

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