

Dear PVDAS Member,

Well, we're getting ready to close out another year! And area Dental Assisting Programs are closing out their year too as they gear up for finals, which means that there are new dental assistants getting ready to join us in this wonderful profession of ours! Welcome new grads! Please let us know how we can support you as you begin your career – check out the event planned just for you on April 30th. I look forward to spending time with you, our future colleagues.

Our Spring Education Day was wonderful with DARW fun and some great dialogue with everyone – and a big thank you to Career Education RDA Program and Katie Keating for hosting us!

We will be planning next year's event this summer, so if you have any suggestions or requests, [let me know](#) – or join us!

Your participation in the Society is valued and appreciated!

*Claudia Pohl, CDA, RDA
PVDAS President*

Report on Spring Education Day

Jennifer Riddle Rodriguez, RDA

Spring Education Day was held at the School of Career Education in Riverside. There was much to celebrate as we ended Dental Assistant's appreciation week. As we enjoyed our coffee, muffins and fruit we had a very interactive training on the California Dental Practice Act given by Claudia Pohl, CDA, RDA, BVEd, our own President of the Pomona Valley Dental Assistants Society. Attendees were given a wealth of information on the scope of practice in dentistry, regulations and statutes pertaining to dentistry. Many pressing questions were answered giving everyone a better understanding of the laws pertaining to their day-to-day procedures.

The next speaker was Carla Frey, CDA, RDA who presented "Mastering the Comprehensive Exam and The Empowered Handoff." Carla explored the purpose and objective of an ideal comprehensive exam and the components to giving our patients a "WOW" experience. She also discussed communication skills, education and motivation for our patients. Attendees were ready to use their new skills they learned to "WOW" their next patient.

Cake was served as we appreciated our hard working dental assistants for all that they do for their doctors and patients in their offices. Each attendee took home a dental keychain as a memento. It was a very fun and successful day of CEU!

PVDAS won the award for the largest local society in the CDAA!

Director's Report

Katie Bell, RDA

CDAA held its Annual Session on April 2, 2016 in Burbank California, along with its board of directors meeting on Friday April 1 and Sunday April 2. The weekend was successful in closing out the previous year and planning for CDAA's future as well as the profession. There was also a tremendous amount of fun and networking that occurred at the General Assembly and Education Day on Saturday.

Along with having our 12th District Trustee Ruby Roach as our guest, we had Anne Contreras, the Chair of the Dental Assisting Council (DAC) attend our General Assembly. This was such a wonderful experience for all who attended, as we were able to ask questions and communicate with the chairman who is our voice on the dental board.

I would like to say thank you for allowing me to serve as Director of PVDAS for the last two year, it has been such a wonderful experience. It is my pleasure to introduce Jennifer Bierschbach as your new PVDAS Director. I will be continuing to serve on the CDAA board as Student Recognition Chairman, and hope to use this year as a learning and growing experience.

CDA Anaheim

Come join CDAA/ADAA at CDA present in Anaheim Ca May 12-14th. Stop by the membership booth to get the latest news about CDAA, your locals and ADAA, chat with fellow Dental Assistants, network, and have some FUN! All are welcome! If you are a student make sure to stop by the booth to get a goodie bag from CDAA, to say thank you for all your hard work you have been putting in at school.

CDAA Through the Eyes of a Rookie

Jennifer Bierschbach

I was greatly encouraged to attend the Education Day at the CDAA . . . I started attending the Education Days . . . But after one time I was hooked, and I've been attending these the last nearly three years. These education days are goldmines for interesting lectures and a time to connect with fellow dental assistants . . . What I respected him for were two main things: his deep appreciation for his dental assistants, and his presentation of the topic, speaking to us as true dental professionals, and not "just" assistants.

The second speaker of the day was our very own Katie Bell, RDA. She gave a relevant presentation, "How To Prepare For The Job Interview". I truly enjoyed her presentation because . . . I searched for my job for six months, so I know personally how frustrating it can be. Katie was very encouraging to those . . .

Everyone warmly welcomed me, which made me feel more comfortable. This whole experience was outside of my comfort zone and yet each person I met treated me like they had known me for years.

As I sat there, listening and watching the proceedings, I was hit with the amazement of what all it takes to keep this organization going. These people have dental assisting running in their blood.

the entire board was passionate about the profession as a whole. I am a late-bloomer in the dental world, but I am excited to be a new member of this family.

Student Event: Ready, Set, Go – Get a Job!

As a result of recommendations from PVDAS Student Liaisons Karla Hernandez and Jennifer Bierschbach, we will be hosting a student event on April 30, 2016 at Kaplan College, Riverside.

In order to help our student members prepare themselves for their transition into professional life, we will host a morning devoted to helping students get ready for their job search. It will include job

interviewing and preparation, developing a career portfolio and dressing for success . . . as well as some food and fun! Stay tuned for more information – but put it on your calendar now!

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Welcome to these New members since our last newsletter:

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Dawn Klein

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New Student members:

Shae Anderson

Shelby Baldwin

Kelly Carbajal

April Costalez

Sara Dennis

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