

Welcome Remarks

Dr. Bruce Ward, CDA President
&
Dr. Kirk Preston, CDA President-Elect
Masters of Ceremonies

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Distinguished Service Award

Closing Remarks

Dr. Ward & Dr. Preston

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Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes outstanding contributions made to the dental profession, community, or oral health of Canadians on a larger level. It is presented for either a year or multiple years of noteworthy service.



Dr. Daniel Albert

For decades of compassionate care, Dr. Daniel Albert improved access to dentistry for special needs patients in his community.



Dr. Paul Major

Through academic leadership, research, and mentorship, Dr. Paul Major has advanced dental education and collaboration across Canada's dental community.



Dr. Deborah Saunders

Through leadership in dental oncology and prevention, Dr. Deborah Saunders improved care and awareness for patients facing oral cancer.

Oral Health Promotion Award

The Oral Health Promotion Award recognizes individuals or organizations who have made efforts to improve the oral health of Canadians by promotions. These can include efforts such as creating public health policy or supportive environments, encouraging community action, developing personal skills, or increasing the awareness of preventing oral diseases and disorders.



Mr. Sam Watts

Mr. Sam Watts is honoured for championing community partnerships that expand free dental care and improve oral health access for vulnerable populations.

Mentorship Advancement Award

This award is conferred on an individual or dentist-led group, who through sustained volunteer involvement, have improved the sense of community among Canadian dentists by the advancement of mentorship & shared learning.



Dr. Kelly Regula

Dr. Kelly Regula is honoured for innovative mentorship empowering early-career dentists through education, service, and community-building within Manitoba's dental profession.



Dr. Lori Simoens

Dr. Lori Simoens is recognized for fostering collaboration and mentorship, guiding new dentists toward confident practice, ethical care, and lifelong learning.

Award of Merit

The Award of Merit recognizes an individual who has (or individuals who have) served in an outstanding capacity in the governing of CDA over a period of time, or who has/have made impactful contributions to the dental community, profession, or oral health of Canadians. Service contributions include serving at least two full terms on the former CDA Executive Council and/ or Board of Directors, and/or on a CDA project, as well as services elsewhere in organized dentistry.



Dr. Brian Baker

Dr. Brian Baker is honoured for his dedicated service on the CDA Board of Directors and longstanding leadership in organized dentistry.



Dr. James Bonar

Dr. James Bonar is recognized for his steadfast leadership, commitment to rural dental care, and decades of service advancing the profession.



Dr. Dana Coles

Dr. Dana Coles is honoured for her valued service on the CDA Board of Directors and her leadership within organized dentistry in Prince Edward Island.



Dr. Clifford Pau

Dr. Clifford Pau is recognized for leading dental antibiotic/opioid stewardship, advancing safe prescribing, education, and patient care nationally and internationally.



Dr. Patrick Redmond

Dr. Patrick Redmond is celebrated for exceptional leadership, trusted mentorship, and transformative service in dentistry and the Newfoundland and Labrador community.



Dr. Norman Vankoughnett

Dr. Norman Vankoughnett has provided 35 years of exceptional rural dental care, mentoring, and community leadership, improving lives across Central Butte.