

REGION 6: CANADIAN PFA REPORT

The Canadian PFA Team would like to dedicate this report to those who displayed leadership in our profession during the COVID-19 Pandemic.



OUR FIRST LIVE EVENT

Our Awards and Installation Luncheon is scheduled to occur at the prestigious St. Regis Ballroom in Toronto, on Saturday May 7, at 12 noon.

New Fellows and 2021 Fellows from Ontario, who were installed virtually, have been invited to participate. We are honoured to have International Past President Dr. Terry Brewick in attendance.



St. Regis Ballroom, 325 Bay St, Toronto, Ontario

2022 DISTINGUISHED DENTIST CITATION



Dr. David Stevenson

Dr David Stevenson served as the President of the Ontario Dental Association, 2018-2019. After graduating from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Dentistry in 1986, Dr. Stevenson's dental career began as a Captain with the Royal Canadian Dental Corps. He served four years overseas attached to the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry stationed at Canadian Air Force Base Baden-Solingen, West Germany. Dr. Stevenson has served on numerous ODA committees and task forces, including chairing the Economics Committee and is also a Political Contact Dentist. When the pandemic struck, Dr. Stevenson stepped up to Chair the Pandemic Recovery Working Group. Dr. Stevenson has dedicated many hours to this committee and the creation of the ODA Tool Kits, to help dentists comply with the ever-changing dynamics of the pandemic.

2022 HONOURARY FELLOWSHIP



Dr. Aaron Burry:

The Canadian Dental Association's Voice Through the COVID-19 CRISIS

Dr. Aaron Burry graduated from Dalhousie Dental School in 1986 and maintained a full-time practice until 1993. He holds a master's degrees in Health and Business administration and is a certified specialist in Dental Public Health. He is currently the Associate Director or Professional Affairs at the Canadian Dental Association and chaired the COVID-19 response team for the CDA. Prior to joining CDA in 2017, Aaron spent over 25 years at the City of Ottawa leading large departments and held a cross appointment with Ottawa Public Health as the Chief Dental Officer. He has led significant services transformations that have been complicated and disrupted by events such as the viral outbreaks of H1N1 and SARS and most recently, COVID-19.

2022

Certificate of Merit



The Pierre Fauchard Academy Certificate of Merit may be presented by any international section to more than one candidate each year in recognition of a worthy effort on behalf the profession or the Academy. International sections only.

Dr. Kim Hansen, Ontario Dental Association President 2019-2020

Dr. Lesli Hapak, Ontario Dental Association President 2020-2021

Dr. Charles Frank, Ontario Dental Association President 2021-2022

Dr. Janet Leith, Vice-Chair of Ontario's Pandemic Recovery Working Group, (PRWG)

Dr. Ian Furst, Member of Ontario's Pandemic Recovery Working Group

Dr. Jonathan Mahn, Member of Ontario's Pandemic Recovery Working Group

Dr. Carlos Quinonez, Member of Ontario's Pandemic recovery Working Group

Dr. Deborah Saunders, Member of Ontario's Pandemic Recovery Working Group

ONTARIO DENTAL ASSOCIATION SUPPORT STAFF TO THE PANDEMIC RECOVERY WORKING GROUP:

Mr. Frank Bevilaqua, CEO of the Ontario Dental Association

Mr. David Gentili, ODA Director of Professional and Government Affairs

Mr. Marcus Staviss, ODA Director of Communication, Public Affairs and Events

Ms. Jenna Berndt, Administrative Assistant to Professional and Governance Affairs

Ms. Riti Bhandari, ODA Professional Affairs Coordinator

Mr. Joe Chiera, ODA Professional and Government affairs Administrator Assistant

Ms. Bonnie Dean, ODA Manger of Communications and Public affairs

Ms. Tamara Gilgorevic, ODA Health Policy Specialist

Ms, Roberta MacLean, ODA Professional Affairs Policy Manager

In March of 2020 dental practices in Ontario were limited to emergency and urgent care only due to the COVID 19 pandemic. This meant the vast majority of offices were essentially shut down. This was a crisis of unprecedented and unknown proportion. The Pandemic Recovery Working Group was formed by the Ontario Dental Association to use the best available evidence available to develop solutions and inform dentists how to return to practice with protocols that were safe, sustainable, and ensured access for everyone. The group consisted of volunteer dentists and ODA staff working together to find the right evidence, understand the implications, and relay accurate information to dentists, all in real time. This was a gargantuan task that demanded significant time and resources as well as the ability to adapt and pivot to address an ever-changing environment. Throughout the pandemic the PRWG strived to help the ODA lead the profession with not only information, knowledge, and services, but also logistical assistance with the vaccination rollout and PPE distribution. The commitment to our profession from these dentist volunteers and ODA staff was greatly appreciated and cannot be overstated. In addition to leading their own teams through the pandemic, they went above and beyond to help lead the profession.

CANADIAN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS



Join us **Friday, March 11, 2022**, for a virtual celebration of the accomplishments of the Participants in the 51st Annual **Canadian Dental Association and Dentsply Sirona Student Clinician Research Program.**

The program will include the presentation of the 2022 Pierre Fauchard Academy Scholarships and the announcement of the First and Second place winners.



The Award Ceremony will be held at **17:00** Pacific Time at:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85185083506?pwd=dG44NXU3SXEyNjArV1IneXBjYRWFsQT09>
Passcode: 997839 (No registration is required).

PFA Canada participated again this year in the SCADA Awards ceremony, providing \$1000 scholarships to the participants from the ten Canadian Dental Faculties. The students were ecstatic to receive their awards and thanked PFA and the Oral Health Foundation for recognizing them as Future Leaders in our Profession.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

- 1) Universite de Montreal, Miss Serine Boughari research titled,
“Etude des interactions cellulaires sur des surfaces de titane nanoporeuses”
- 2) University of Saskatoon, Mr. Rob Kolbe, research titled,
“Correlation between Canadian Dentists cortisol and stress levels during COVID-19”
- 3) Universite Laval, Mr. George Khalil, research titled,
“ Composition du microbiote intestinate comme facteur contributif au bruxism”
- 4) University of Alberta, Mr. Sumit Kocchar, research titled
“Molar and premolar gingival changes in patients having maxillary expansion”
- 5) University of Manitoba, Miss Natalie Pesun, research titled
“Assessment of interface resin-cement/dental-ceramics for a reseating procedure”
- 6) Dalhousie University, Miss Ashley Fletcher, research titled,
“Oral Health Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices of Paediatric Hospital Nurses
- 7) University of Western Ontario, Mr. Kevin Xiang Zhou, research titled,
“A craniofacial statistical shape model for reconstruction of bilateral maxillary defects”
- 8) University of British Columbia, Miss Julia Burgess, research titled,
“Physiochemical properties of methyl acrylate-based dental resins containing photosensitive compounds”
- 9) University of Toronto, Miss Nicole Ng, research titled,
“Correlative imaging of Collagen Damage using Fluorescent Collagen Hybridizing Peptide (CHP)”
- 10) McGill University, Mr. Yifei Wang, research titled,
“Saliva as a diagnostic specimen for SARS-CoV-2 detection, Scoping Review”

SAVE THE DATE



PFA Canada, hosted by British Columbia Chair, Dr. Trista Felty, will hold an Awards and Installation Luncheon, in conjunction with the Pacific Dental Conference, March 2023.