

2021 ANNUAL  
SESSION



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## APRIL 22 – 24, 2021 VIRTUAL EVENT

Spring is here and so is the MDA Annual Session. As MDAA Annual Session Chairman, I am excited about attending many CEs and events, virtually. Visit **MichiganDental.org** to register. There are many free CEs and also great free events. Most CE will be available for 60 days after the session. You can even renew your CPR from the comfort of home. All CE will be on a printable, cumulative CE voucher. Join me for the keynote speaker, the MDA Foundation fun event on Thursday afternoon, the MDA Presidents event, and the Comedy Night on Friday evening. In the exhibit hall you will have a chance to win 1 of 25 \$100 Amazon gift cards by visiting 10 or more exhibitors virtually and answering questions for the Trivia Challenge. Because of the format, The Michigan Dental Assistants Association is having their House of Delegates, virtually, on May 1, 2021. Information has been sent to all MDAA locals and members. Please feel free to message me on Face Book or by email if you need more information. This is an event you don't want to miss. Be a part of your profession.

Karen Minca-Harlan, CDPMA Emeritus

MDAA Annual Session Chairman

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**Check out the special CE Pricing. One price for all the CE you can take in three days. Of course, you can also pay per course as well.**

MDA Keynote Speaker JEFF HAVENS Generational Expert Presents.....**Us vs. Them**



If you've ever been frustrated by how impossible it seems to employ four different strategies to manage four distinct generations, and if you've ever felt like you're the only one who's being asked to make any changes, then Us Vs. Them is exactly what you need. Because it turns out that there really aren't four generations. In this hysterical keynote, you'll learn a simpler way of looking at your own generational picture, and you'll also learn how to understand, recognize, and resolve every generational issue facing today's workforce. That's no exaggeration; by the end of Us Vs. Them, you and your colleagues will walk away with all of the knowledge you'll need to address 100% of the generational issues you'll face for the rest of your career.



Join the Sparkling Smiles Virtual Happy Hour and help celebrate the MDA Foundation's grant, scholarship, partnership programs, and the extraordinary donors and volunteers who make everything happen.

The Sparkling Smiles Virtual Happy Hour promises to surprise and delight and also show the impact the MDA Foundation is making throughout the state. It's also a great opportunity to network with other supporters, learn Interesting facts, and support the

work of the MDA Foundation. Dress code for the evening is come as you are. Happy hour attire encouraged!

Last year the MDA Foundation was able to:

- Donate over \$200,000 in PPE equipment and grant awards.
- Give more than \$155,000 in grant awards.
- Award over \$15,000 in scholarships to dental, hygiene, and assisting students.

If you are unable to virtually attend and would like to make a contribution to improve dental health, to honor our donors, or those we are celebrating, please visit the [MDA Foundation website](#) to donate today!



Join MDA President Dr. Steve Meraw on Friday, April 23 for a special Virtual Comedy Night as a highlight of your 2021 MDA Annual Session experience!

Let's face it — we could all use some laughs after a tough year. And the MDA Virtual Comedy Night is sure to deliver! Comedian Dwayne Perkins is a veteran of such shows such as Late Night with Conan O'Brien and the Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson. He's had his own Comedy Central special and currently stars in the film "Dying to Kill" on Amazon. Don't miss him!

**THURSDAY, APRIL 22**

Courses: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Live Exhibits: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Keynote: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
Sparkling Smiles Happy Hour - 4:45 - 5:15 p.m.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 23**

Courses: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Live Exhibits: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
New Dentist Network Lounge: 4:30 - 6 p.m.  
Virtual Comedy Night: 6 - 7 p.m.

MDAA Student Day 9a.m. - Noon

**SATURDAY, APRIL 24**

Courses: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Exhibits: Information Only

**FUTURE MDA ANNUAL SESSION DATES:**

2022 — April 27 – 30  
Suburban Collection Showplace  
Novi, Mich.

2023 — May 3 – 6  
DeVos Place  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

2024 — April 17-20  
Lansing Center  
Lansing, Mich



74th Annual Session  
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May 1, 2021

MDAA President  
Tori Alicea-Price, CDA, COA,  
RDA, AAS



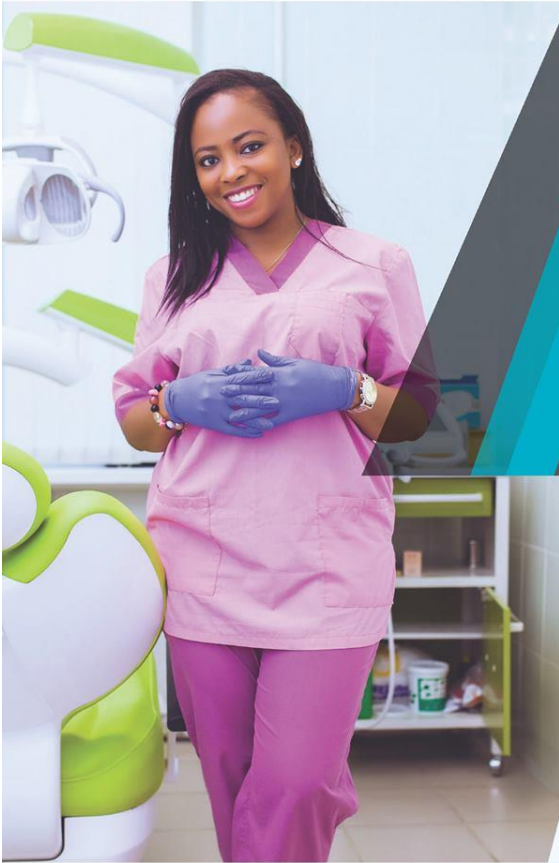
If you would like to attend as a Delegate to the MDAA's House, please contact your local president to learn how. Please plan on joining us and congratulating Tori as her year of presidency comes to a close and we welcome the next MDAA President..... Threasa Liddell, CDA.





# Virtual Student Day

April 23, 2021



## HELPING DENTAL ASSISTING STUDENTS CONNECT WITH THEIR PROFESSION



### Featured Speaker

Ona R. Erdt, DMD, MSHS, CDA

**"Protect Yourself Personally and Professionally"**

In this lecture we will discuss the importance of choosing the correct coverage for both personal protective equipment and covering your personal liability in the dental office.

Celebrating a diverse 19-year career in dentistry, Dr. Ona coalesces her experiences as a dental assistant, dental educator, dentist, dental product evaluator and clinical editor into one unique viewpoint. Dr. Ona graduated in 2002 with an AAS in Dental Assisting. It was there that a love affair with all things dental was born. Now she is a practicing dentist with a passion for speaking on dental materials and products.

## You're Invited!

The Michigan Dental Assistants Association (MDAA) would like to invite you and your students to participate in the 2021 MDAA Student Day activities to be held virtually on Friday April 23, 2021 starting at 9 am.

We need ALL educators to promote this educational experience to their students. This year the event will be held virtually via **ZOOM**.

Immediately following the speaker we will have our essay, video, and dental craft competition as well as a face mask decorating competition. We hope that you will encourage your students to participate.

Enclosed you will find documents explaining the competitions as well a registration sheet for your students. The forms and competition entries are all due back by March 31, 2021. **ONLY USE FORMS DATED 2021**. We are asking that all forms and entries be submitted via email to [grahamgagf@comcast.net](mailto:grahamgagf@comcast.net).

We look forward to having another successful MDAA Student Day and seeing you and your students virtually!

**Gwen Graham-Feldkamp, CDA, RDA, FADAA**  
MDAA Student Day Chairman



### Student Competitions

James B. Bush Award/Essay (accredited program)

Nellie Graves Education Award/Essay (not accredited)

Video Competition

Dental Craft Competition

Face Mask Decorating Competition