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Dental Champion to head the Colorado Dental Association

Last week Kansas Dental Association Assistant Executive

Director Greg Hill announced he has accepted the position as the new Executive Director of the Colorado Dental Association. Greg has served the KDA and the Kansas oral health community for 15 years. During that time, he has become known as a passionate and fierce defender of community water fluoridation. He has set the bar in the state for timely, effective and engaging communications about



oral health issues with his constant vigilance in the latest social media technology and a sincere knack for knowing how to tell a story through words and images. Greg has never met a stranger and can find a connection to almost anyone in the state. He was a member of the second Dental Champions Leadership Program class, and has since become one of the program's most ardent supporters and advocates. He serves as the Chair of the Dental Champions Advisory Board, and under his leadership, we have developed new communications techniques, including a new website www.ksdentalchampions.org. His vision helped Oral Health Kansas develop a new approach to the program that will help us teach people how to be effective advocates for water fluoridation across the state.

Champions Corner



Congratulations to Dr. Lucynda Raben (Class 6) on being named the Kansas Dental Association's 2014 Dentist of the Year! Dr. Raben was honored at a ceremony last week in Kansas City. She also was lauded by her Dental Champions classmates for her accomplishments. They presented her with this lovely gift to commemorate the occasion.



Save the Date...

On Friday, May 30, the KDHE Bureau of Oral Health and Oral Health Kansas will host a summit to gather stakeholder input for the next State Oral Health Plan.

To learn more, contact info@oralhealthkansas.org

Greg's legacy will be remembered long after he begins work in Colorado, and Oral Health Kansas wishes him all the best. [Read more about Greg's career in this update from the KDA.](#)

Sixth Dental Champions Class Concludes



On April 11, the sixth Dental Champions class concluded with one last opportunity to discuss leadership and multiple opportunities to share and reminisce with each other. This class was one of the most diverse

geographically and professionally, and they bonded in a way that has become familiar in previous Dental Champions classes.

Oral Health Kansas is proud to work with each of the seventeen members of the class and looks forward to a long relationship with each of them. [Read more about the class on the Oral Health Kansas website.](#)

Thank you to the [United Methodist Health Ministry Fund](#) and the [Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation](#) for providing the funding necessary to launch and sustain the class. Without their support, the amazing leadership journey the class members took would not have been possible.

Welcome Party for New KDHE Director of Oral Health

Come join us on Thursday, April 24th from 2:00 - 3:30 pm to celebrate KDHE's new Director of Oral Health, Dr. Cathy Taylor-Osborne! The event will be held in the lower level conference room of the old Hayden building, 212 SW 8th Avenue. Refreshments will be served.



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Read the [current State Oral Health Plan here](#).

Save the Date...

The 2014 Oral Health Kansas Conference will be November 6-8 at Wichita State University. Details will be available soon, but please save the date now to join us for a great event!

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Communications Manager

This summer, Oral Health Kansas will say goodbye to our Office and Communications Manager Caroline Stern as she prepares to attend dental school. We are seeking applications for this part-time position. This position is responsible for assisting with the smooth daily operations of the Oral Health Kansas office. The Office and Communications Manager has responsibility for producing the Oral Health Kansas e-newsletter, managing social media, assisting with website management, creating basic print pieces, basic bookkeeping, and assisting with meeting planning. This is a 20-25 hours per week grant-funded position.

Applications will be accepted until May 12 at 5 pm. For application details, see the job description [here](#).

Traveling Sugary Drink Display

Reserve our traveling Sugary Drink Display for your business or event! Displays are available from May onward and reservations are made for one month at a time. Return postage is covered by Oral Health Kansas. [E-mail Caroline here](#) if you would like to make a reservation.



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