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ADHA Announces Keynote Speakers and Community Service Day

Chicago, IL (March 11, 2016) — The [American Dental Hygienists' Association \(ADHA\)](http://www.adha.org) has announced the details of its two [Plenary Sessions](#) and [Community Service Day \(CSD\)](#) set to take place during the [2016 Center for Lifelong Learning \(CLL\)](#) at the [93rd Annual Session \(AS\)](#) being held in downtown Pittsburgh on June 8-14. Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the mornings of Thursday, June 9 and Saturday, June 11, this year's Keynote speakers are [Erik Wahl](#) and [Mika Brzezinski](#). Community Service Day – made possible by the ADHA's Foundation: Institute for Oral Health (IOH) – is set for Wednesday, June 8 from 12:30 p.m. -to- 4:30 p.m. at Mercy Health Systems in downtown Pittsburgh.

Sponsored by Arm & Hammer Truly Radiant, Thursday's 8:00 a.m. session entitled "Unlock Your Creative Genus" will be delivered by American graffiti artist, author, motivational speaker, and entrepreneur, Erik Wahl. Sponsored by Procter & Gamble Crest + Oral B, Saturday's session will begin with the ADHA Awards Ceremony at 8:00 a.m. followed by the keynote presentation entitled "Knowing Your Value" by best-selling author, journalist, and co-host of MSNBC's "Morning Joe," Mika Brzezinski. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. for both Plenary Sessions. All CLL attendees and exhibitors are encouraged to attend.

"The enthusiasm and anticipation surrounding CLL at the 93rd Annual Session continues to build as we come ever closer to the largest gathering of dental hygiene professionals in the country," said ADHA President Jill Rethman, RDH, BA. "We are proud to introduce keynote speakers Erik Wahl and Mika Brzezinski, who are sure to bring unique perspectives and a great deal of energy to this year's Plenary Sessions."

The ADHA and Institute for Oral Health are also pleased to once again be hosting Community Service Day – a powerful kickoff to the annual session. The Community Service Day program brings registered dental hygienists from around the country together in a local community outreach event. Participants educate at-risk populations and help better community by providing dental hygiene education, oral cancer screening and varnish treatments.

"This is an initiative that demonstrates the Foundation's determination to better the public's total health by increasing the awareness of and access to quality oral healthcare," said Rethman about Community Service Day's impact. "We made a significant impact on older adults at CLL

Nashville last year and hope to do the same for special needs individuals of the Pittsburgh region in June.”

More than 2,000 attendees will be at ADHA’s convention, as dental hygienists gather for professional development, continuing education, exhibits, networking and social events.

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About the American Dental Hygienists’ Association The American Dental Hygienists’ Association (ADHA) is the largest national organization representing the professional interests of more than 185,000 dental hygienists across the country. Dental hygienists are preventive oral health professionals, licensed in dental hygiene, who provide educational, clinical and therapeutic services that support total health through the promotion of optimal oral health. For more information about the ADHA, dental hygiene or the link between oral health and general health, visit the ADHA at www.adha.org.

About the ADHA’s Institute for Oral Health

Founded in 1957, the ADHA Institute for Oral Health is the philanthropic foundation to advance professional excellence in dental hygiene education and research. Working for the dental hygiene community, the ADHA Institute for Oral Health provides opportunities for academic achievement through Scholarships and Fellowships, resources to advance the professional field through Research Grants, and support for dental hygienists to improve the public’s health through Community Service Grants. For more information, visit <http://www.adha.org/institute-for-oral-health>.