Vermont Dental Conference 2019: Summary Report

Thank you to everyone who attended the Vermont Dental Conference! Your patronage of the VSDS CE Programs is greatly appreciated. There were 545 attendees at this event, and 62 participating exhibitors in the trade show component, which made it a very successful event. A special thank you to our exhibitors and exhibitor conference sponsors, for supporting the conference which assists VSDS in providing quality education to our dental community. Overall, speaker reviews have been very positive, thank you for completing an evaluation, this is important feedback as we strive to meet your needs. Many of our speakers mentioned that VT has one of the most engaging and responsive audiences they have encountered!

**KEYNOTE Speaker:** We were pleased to have Dr. Kathy O’Loughlin; Executive Director of the ADA be our keynote speaker at the VSDS Business Meeting. We appreciate her taking the time to be with us in VT and to provide a national perspective to our local membership.

**CONFERENCE AWARDS:** Awards given at the VSDS Business Meeting included: The Peter Taylor Award, which was presented to Dr. Judith Fisch for her dedication and hard work in the field of dentistry as well as her position as 1st District Trustee, and Caucus Chair for the ADA. Dr. Fisch has a private practice in Rutland, Heaton & Fisch Dental Associates. Also, the VSDS Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dixie Vallie, CDA, COA, EFDA for her dedication and hard work in the dental field and for her many years as a Dental Examiners Board Member. Dixie was also recognized at the VDAA Business meeting for her service on the board. Dixie works at Dr. David Averill’s office in Burlington. This year the VDAA recognized Karen Wilber as this year’s Outstanding Dental Assistant. Karen works at Deerfield Valley Dental Care in Wilmington.

**SPEAKER HANDOUTS:** All handouts that were provided by conference presenters are available on the VSDS website until 11/30/19. Use the following link to access them on our website.

https://www.vsds.org/vermont-dental-conference/participants/handouts

**CE VERIFICATION FORMS:** VSDS CE Programs provide Verification Forms to verify attendance for any continuing education that you attend through the VSDS. These forms are given out at every CE course and can also be found on the VSDS website as well under the Events tab. We will be adding these forms for any CE beginning 10/1/19 through 9/30/21, for the next re-licensure cycle. These forms are typically uploaded to our website immediately following the event date.

https://www.vsds.org/meetings-events/continuing-education-verification

**PRIZE WINNERS:** Winners of the Scavenger Hunt included- 1st Place winner of $250, Kristin Tracy (Dr. DeBruin’s office), there were 3 $100 winners; Julie Morse (Dr. Rayes office), Darcy Thorburn (Drs. Blanck, Miller & Trottier), and Jennifer Danis (Dickinson Branon Dental). The Golden Ticket Drawing Winner was Dr. Rob Davis in Barre, this prize drawing provides a paid Office Luncheon for staff. Thank you all for your participation in these activities.

Save the Date for the Vermont Dental Conference 2020 – September 17-18, 2020!