



2026 Annual Meeting

May 28-29, University of Montana Campus, Missoula

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Annual Meeting Award Winners



T.T. Rider Award - *David Keim, DDS*

Dr. Keim, from Kalispell, is the 2026 T.T. Rider award recipient, recognized for his leadership and long-standing service to the Montana Dental Association and his community, including serving as MDA President 2015-2016 and as ADA Delegate currently. "In addition to all the amazing things that Dave has done in the community (both dental and non-dental) he has been an integral part of the MDA," said Dr. Jason Tanguay, his nominator.

A graduate of Drake University and the University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Dentistry, he has practiced general dentistry since 2006 and previously served as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service.

Outstanding Dental Hygienist - Pareesa Kingery, RDH

Pareesa, from Helena, is the Outstanding Dental Hygienist award recipient, recognized for her dedication to excellence and patient care. Dr. Michael Welch said, "If engineers were tasked with creating a robot to be the ideal dental hygienist, then Pareesa would have to be their template to model."

With nine years in practice, Pareesa is known as an exceptional team player and leader, from helping implement new technology in her office to serving on the Montana Board of Dentistry. She is committed to furthering her career, through CE, volunteering, and doing research on her own.



Outstanding Dental Office Manager - Shannon Campbell

Shannon Campbell, from Helena, is the Outstanding Dental Office Manager award recipient, recognized for her leadership and dedication to keeping the practice running seamlessly. "Shannon is the face of Helena Family Dentistry. Shannon always has a bright smile on her face and knows how to make people feel good about their visit," said Dr. Michael Welch.

With over seven years in the dental field, she now has a broad knowledge of the dental world and is essential to the success of the dental practice. Shannon plays a key role behind the scenes, from managing scheduling and systems to implementing new technology, and is known for her professionalism and commitment to both her team and patients.

Outstanding Dental Assistant - Randie Burns

Randie Burns, from Bozeman, is the Outstanding Dental Assistant award recipient, recognized for her experience, leadership, and dedication to patient care. Dr. Chandra Driggers said, "Her skill and knowledge have made me a better dentist and clinician. She is an integral member of our team and is irreplaceable."

With 20 years in practice, Randie brings exceptional clinical knowledge and a strong commitment to her Montana roots, including volunteering with Sealants for Smiles. She has an "uncanny ability" to anticipate the patient and dentist's needs, and is known for her compassionate chairside manner.



Congratulations to all the winners!