



**RED SHOE GALA  
AWARDS DINNER  
& SILENT AUCTION**


HONORING  
MIRANDA PERALTA, RDH, BSDH  
DANA NORTHWAY, RDH  
&  
KRISTIN MINIHAN-ANDERSON  
2019 MABEL C. MCCARTHY  
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HOLIDAY INN, BRIDGEPORT, CT  
NOVEMBER 9, 2019



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## The Star Spangled Banner

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous  
fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;  
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?



## Dental Hygiene Oath

In my practice as a dental hygienist,  
I affirm my personal and professional commitment  
To improve the oral health of the public,  
To advance the art and science of dental hygiene,  
And to promote high standards of quality care.  
I pledge continually to improve my professional  
Knowledge and skills, to render a full measure  
Of service to each patient entrusted to my care,  
And to uphold the highest standards of professional  
Competence and personal conduct in the interest  
Of the dental hygiene profession  
and the public it serves.

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**Dana Northway, RDH**  
Incoming President

**Kristin Minihan-Anderson, RDH,  
MSDH**

Mabel C. McCarthy Award Recipient

**All the best to you!**

***Bernice Iwinski, RDH, BSDH***

**ADHA-CT  
Red Shoe Gala  
&  
Silent Auction  
Holiday Inn  
Bridgeport, CT  
Friday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Program**

Mistress of Ceremonies.....Maria Cholewinski,  
RDH, BSDH

**SALAD**

President 2019.....Miranda Peralta, RDH, BSDH

**DINNER**

Incoming President.....Dana Northway, RDH

**DESSERT**

Leslie Brin Andrews Spirit Award.....TBA

Mabel C. McCarthy Award....Kristin Minihan-  
Anderson, RDH, MSDH

**DANCING**





# Thanks for your support!

Good evening and welcome to the Mabel C. McCarthy Red Shoe Gala! As your current ADHA-CT President I would like to thank you for sharing in this special evening as we celebrate for the first time in one setting, our accomplishments over this past year, and look forward to 2020 led by our incoming President, Dana Northway. The Mabel C. McCarthy Red Shoe Gala honors a hygienist who has promoted dental hygiene in an outstanding manner.

2019 honors Kristin Minihan-Anderson, with more than 27 years of dental hygiene experience.

Congratulations to ADHA-Connecticut in working tirelessly alongside our lobbyists, The Kowalski Group as we finally succeeded in passing Senate Bill 807 aka Dental Therapy. So many of you have worked for so hard, never losing sight, year after year, fighting to increase access to dental care and broadening dental patient opportunities for Connecticut residents, and expanding the dental hygiene scope of practice. The fight is not over, and there is much work to be done; but this historical moment in time, and all of you, deserve a moment in the spotlight.

As my term comes to an end, I wholeheartedly thank each member of the board of trustees, my executive board, council and committee chairs and members, those who have stepped in as advisors, those who have turned into mentors, those who provided a shoulder to lean on, an ear to listen, and added logs, and sometimes gas-



Dental Works would like to thank  
**Miranda Peralta, RDH, BSDH**  
for her service to the CDHA.

Congratulations to  
**Dana Northway, RDH**  
as Incoming President of the CDHA.



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***Kristin Minihan-Anderson,  
RDH, MSDH***

***Mabel C. McCarthy Award  
Recipient, 2019***

I am truly honored to be chosen as the 2019 Mabel C. McCarthy Award recipient. As the Dental Public Health Coordinator at the UB Fones School of Dental Hygiene, I share many attributes with Mabel. She worked with Dr. Fones to initiate the Public Health Dental Hygiene program within the Bridgeport Schools and taught at the Fones School. As an educator since 2005, my first full-time position was that of supervisor in the Jettie S. Tisdale Elementary School in Bridgeport, CT. I understand her desire and passion to serve the public to improve access to oral health care.

My affiliation with the ADHA CT has enriched my life immensely. It has always been my philosophy that serving our professional organization is vital to its success. I share this philosophy with my students as I guide them through the legislative advocacy process as part of their Dental Public Health coursework. I truly believe that these students, learning to use their voices, have positively impacted ADHA-CT's legislative efforts for the Dental Therapy provider model that was recently passed. I have served ADHA-CT in a multitude of leadership roles. professional organization. Mabel C. McCarthy was viewed as a "mover-and-shaker", a true force of nature. I am honored that my colleague believed I possess these attributes and nominated me for this prestigious award.

oline, to fuel my fire when I thought I would burn out. Your work has never gone unnoticed, or unappreciated. You all saw potential in me before I could, and took time to kindle my flame.

Thank you to the members of ADHA-CT for teaching me the history of those who have come before me. You have given me the opportunity to learn from the past, make mistakes and grow from them, and develop my leadership skills (which will forever be a work in progress). Your executive committee and board of trustees have worked to remain transparent and open to communication in regards to financial developments and the future of our association. I hope that you continue to trust your elected leaders to carry this forward.

Thank you all for supporting my growth as I progressed from student to President. Many of you have watched me evolve into who I am today starting from my first day in 2012 as an anxious Fones student. You have supported me as Francis and I started, and expanded our family; and never let me give up. You were all there to remind me that many of you were full time, working moms, during your prior presidencies. And when I felt I was being split in more ways than I could handle, so many of you were quick to step in and offer to take things off my plate- only to add to your overflowing schedules.

My journey certainly isn't over but tonight at this podium I pass the torch, feeling more comfortable in this role than ever before to you, Dana. The dust of the past 2 years has finally settled (I think), and the ground has been leveled. You are charged with breathing new life into ADHA-CT. I urge you to listen to and consult with those around you, but be confident to make your own decisions. Don't be afraid to say "I don't know", but be sure to find out. Your voice speaks for over 3,000 CT hygienists, sooo no pressure - haha just kidding! I wish you a successful year ahead, Congratulations.

**Miranda Peralta, RDH, BSDH  
ADHA-CT President 2019**





It's quite an honor for me to be elected as President of the American Dental Hygienists Association of Connecticut. I'd like to thank all of you for your confidence in me, and I will do my best to live up to your expectations.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Kristin Minihan-Anderson on being selected for the Mabel C. McCarthy award.

When Melissa asked me two years ago if I would consider being Vice-President of ADHA-CT, I admittedly did not know what I was getting myself into! As it slowly dawned, and I watched Melissa and Miranda, during their presidencies, I alternated between confidence and nail-biting fear!

I've been a dental hygienist for 12 years, and also have experience in teaching and training of Technical applications in Finance, as well as being a proprietor of a DJ Service business. My business experiences have prepared me for this leadership role.

I know we're facing another year of challenge, but I'm very excited and motivated to begin the work. I have a great team, and together we can accomplish great things!

**Dana Northway, RDH**

**ADHA-CT President 2020**



**Leslie Brin Andrews, RDH, MPH** (June 5, 1948 - July 1, 2019) had an indomitable spirit. She was a blessing who touched our lives and supported our profession. Most women lose height as they age; quite the opposite, Leslie grew in stature as she grew her adventures. She was determined; Leslie could conquer any task she took on, overcome any obstacle. Leslie would do her best to ease another's burden. Leslie made this world sparkle and shine with her enthusiasm, passion, creativity and joy. Leslie craved for a life well lived and shared her strength, compassion and knowledge. She always left a place or a person better than she found them. At Leslie's funeral, the Rabbi said:

"The poet Ariana Dancu could have been describing Leslie when she wrote:

*'She made broken look beautiful and strong look invincible. She walked with the Universe on her shoulders and made it look like a pair of wings.'*"

Leslie's spirit and strength grew exponentially every time she reinvented herself. She was blessed with an internal fire that burned with fierce brightness. In Leslie's honor – as her favorite song says - remember and enjoy sunsets, laughter AND all "Five hundred twenty-five thousand, Six hundred minutes" of every year! The person whom we have chosen for this award worked side by side with Leslie over the past 15 years.

Gary Andrews will now present this certificate to the first recipient of the **Leslie Brin Andrews Nutmeg Spirit Award**.