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The 27th Annual Golden Apple Award Winners Embody Excellence
ADA Honors State and Local Dental Societies for Outstanding Programming

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 2, 2015 — The American Dental Association's Golden Apple Awards spotlight the best dental society programming from across the country. This year's winners showcase the dedication and creativity of leaders, members and staff who have contributed to the success of dental society activities through innovative, results-driven programming. The 27th Annual Golden Apple Award recipients are listed in no particular order.

Golden Apple Award Category	Golden Apple Recipient and Program Name
Legislative Achievement (for a society with more than 1,000 member dentists)	The Ohio Dental Association, "Ohio Dental Care Improvement & Modernization Act"
Excellence in Membership Recruitment	San Fernando Valley Dental Society, "Non-Member Ambassador Program"
Excellence in Membership Retention	Sacramento District Dental Society, "Member Appreciation Week"
Excellence in Dental Health Promotion to the Public (more than 1,000 members)	The Wisconsin Dental Association, "Own Your Smile: Promoting Oral Health Literacy"
Excellence in Member-Related Services/Benefits (fewer than 1,000 members)	San Francisco Dental Society, "Dental Job Fair"
Excellence in Member-Related Services/Benefits (more than 1,000 members)	Michigan Dental Association, "MDA Health Plan"
Dr. David H. McCarley Golden Apple Award for Excellence in the Promotion of Dental Ethics	Michigan Dental Association, "Articles Covering Ethical and Legal Consideration"
Achievement in Dental School/Student Involvement in Organized Dentistry	Massachusetts Dental Society's, "2015 Student Debate"
Excellence in Access to Dental Care Programs	Maryland State Dental Association, "Long Term Care — Mini Residency"

Excellence in Dentist Well-Being	Chicago Dental Society, "Ergonomic Wellness Center"
Excellence in Environmentally Sustainable Programs & Education (Green Apple Award)	San Fernando Valley Dental Society, "Schlep and Shred"
Excellence in Interprofessional Education	The San Antonio District Dental Society, "Innovations: Students, Faculty, Refugees and the Church"
Excellence in Interprofessional Relations	The San Francisco Dental Society, "Children's Oral Health Collaborative"
Outstanding Achievement in the Promotion of Diversity and Inclusion	Greater Houston Dental Society, "Houston Dental Festival, Diversity & Inclusion Excellence"
Open Category	Florida Dental Association, "Uniting the Brand"

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