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Annual Session Coming to Lansing this Month – Be There!

Annual Session is coming up quickly — April 17-20 at the Lansing Center in downtown Lansing — but there's still time to plan your CE coursework, the exhibits to visit, and which social events to attend. Just go to annualsession.michigandental.org for all the details.

Discounted early registration ended March 25, but online registration remains open. Those who registered by March 25 will receive their name badge, program, and other materials in the mail prior to the meeting; those registering after that date may pick up their badge and other materials at the Will Call booth located in the registration area at the Lansing Center.

CE for everybody

Annual Session offers quality, affordable continuing education for all members of your dental team. For a complete listing of courses and speakers, including courses for new dentists and courses that count towards the Certified Dental Business Professional credential, visit annualsession.michigandental.org, or see the February MDA Journal.

Exhibit Hall

The MDA Exhibit Hall — Michigan's largest dental exposition — will be open Thursday, April 18 and Friday, April 19 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Annual Session will feature more than 100 exhibitors, with the chance to meet one-on-one with vendors. There will be no exhibits Wednesday, April 17 or Saturday, April 20.

Sparkling Smiles Celebration

This yearly Annual Session event celebrates the MDA Foundation's generous donors and scholarship and grant recipients. You'll also hear inspiring stories from several very special speakers, and you'll have the opportunity to

learn more about the Foundation and how you can contribute. Complimentary food stations with heavy hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting will be available. It's a free event that takes place Wednesday, April 17 at the East Lansing Marriott. For more information, visit foundation.michigandental.org.

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House of Delegates

The 2024 MDA House of Delegates meetings and Reference Committee Hearing are open for viewing to all MDA members and guests (but only House members are admitted on the House floor). House of Delegates meetings will take place on Thursday, April 18 starting at 8:30 a.m. and Saturday, April 20 at 1 p.m. Eastern time. The Reference Committee hearing will be held on Thursday, April 18 at approximately noon. All meetings will take place at the Lansing Center.

Download the MDA App

For on-site information, download the free MDA Connection app for quick access to the most-important Annual Session information. You can download the app by searching for "MDA Connection" on the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once on the app, you can click the Annual Session button from the home screen for daily schedules, the speaker lineup, room locations, and quick access to the MDA Annual Session website. Note that there will be no on-site printed program this year.

Michigan dentistry comes together at Annual Session, so be a part of it! Bring your staff, too! See all the details and register now at annualsession.michigandental.org.

National Volunteer Week: The MDA Salutes Its Volunteers!

April 21-27 is National Volunteer Week! During this special time, the MDA salutes the special people who make the MDA great — and who are active in their local communities, too.

The MDA, ADA, and your local dental society exist because of volunteer leaders, who help build and maintain a strong profession. And communities all across Michigan benefit from dental volunteers who assist with a variety of worthwhile projects — some dental-related, like the Mission of Mercy, and others that are not.

If you are one of the scores of MDA members who serve on MDA

committees and task forces, in the House of Delegates, in dental access programs, or lend your expertise to the MDA Foundation, for-profit subsidiary, health plan, or PAC — your association and your colleagues appreciate you!

Interested in learning more about volunteering and National Volunteer Week? Visit www.pointsoflight.org/national-volunteer-week.

Want to get more involved in volunteer leadership at the MDA? Your skills and talents are needed! Visit michigandental.org/Get-Involved.

