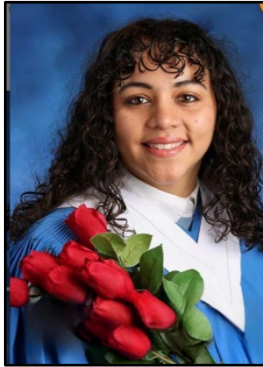


## **ODHA STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROFILE – Heer Brahmbhatt**

**SCHOOL: Canadian National Institute of Health**



### **What made you want to become a dental hygienist?**

I've always had a passion for healthcare and helping people, but dental hygiene stood out to me because of its balance between science, hands-on skills, and patient care. I love the idea of educating clients about their oral health and seeing how small changes can make a big difference in their confidence and overall well-being. Through my studies, I've also come to appreciate the impact that dental hygiene has on systemic health, and I'm excited to contribute to that field. I always wanted to make people smile and what else can do that.

### **What type of practice setting do you hope to work in?**

I'll be working in a private dental office where I previously worked as a dental assistant for four years. Being part of a familiar team in a supportive environment makes this transition even more exciting. In the future, I hope to expand my expertise in implant therapy and periodontics while also exploring pediatric office. My long-term goal is to open my own dental hygiene clinic that integrates holistic approaches to oral care.

### **How will you celebrate your graduation?**

I plan to celebrate with my family and close friends who have been by my side throughout this journey. I'd love to have a small gathering to reflect on my hard work and enjoy the moment. If possible, I'd also like to take a short trip to relax and recharge before fully stepping into my career as it will give me a new start as after starting a full time job, lives get busy and it's hard to take or ask for a break.

### **What do you think dental hygiene students should know about their free student membership?**

The ODHA membership is an incredible resource that provides access to professional guidance, continuing education, and networking opportunities. It helps students stay informed about industry updates and offers valuable support as they transition into practice. The complimentary Entry to Practice membership is also a great benefit, ensuring new graduates have liability insurance and professional support as they start their careers. I encourage all dental hygiene students to take advantage of their membership as it's a great way to stay connected and prepared for the future!