

ODHA STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROFILE – Maya Murad

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What made you want to become a dental hygienist?

I've always been passionate about healthcare, education, and helping others feel confident in themselves. Dental hygiene felt like the perfect combination of those interests, allowing me to build meaningful relationships with clients while promoting oral and overall health through prevention and education.

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

I plan to begin my career in a general practice setting, where I can continue building my clinical skills and gaining experience with a wide variety of clients and oral health needs. In the future, I would also love the opportunity to work in orthodontics, as I enjoy the preventive and educational aspects of care that support patients throughout their orthodontic treatment.

How will you celebrate your graduation?

I'm looking forward to celebrating with family and friends. Being away from many of my loved ones throughout the program made their support even more meaningful, so I'm excited to spend time together and celebrate this milestone with the people who helped me get here.

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

I think many students don't realize how much is included with their ODHA membership. Beyond discounts and professional resources, it provides opportunities to connect with other dental hygienists, access continuing education, and stay informed about what's happening in the profession. ODHA also offers amazing client education fact sheets that are incredibly helpful when discussing oral health topics and supporting patient education. Most importantly, it's reassuring to know that there is an organization advocating for dental hygienists and supporting us as we transition from students to professionals and throughout our careers.

For more information on the ODHA student ambassador program, visit
<https://odha.on.ca/students/student-ambassador-program/>
