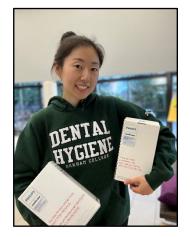# ODHA STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROFILE – Su Bin Kim

SCHOOL: Durham College

What made you want to become a dental hygienist?
I wanted to become a dental hygienist because of my passion for health care and my desire to help people maintain their oral health. My mother, who was a dental hygienist for over a decade, inspired me deeply. Watching her dedication and the positive impact she had on her patients' lives motivated me to follow in her footsteps. The opportunity to work closely with diverse populations, including underserved communities and geriatric patients, and educate them about the importance of dental hygiene was a significant motivator for me.

What type of practice setting do you hope to work in?
I envision myself working in a vibrant community health clinic where I can serve a diverse population and make a meaningful impact on the oral health of underserved communities and geriatric patients. I am particularly excited about the prospect of collaborating with a multidisciplinary team of health care professionals, which will allow me to learn and grow while providing holistic care. Additionally, I am eager to implement innovative health education programs and outreach initiatives to raise awareness about dental hygiene and its significance.

How will you celebrate your graduation?
To celebrate my graduation, I will go on a trip to Mexico and then return home to Korea. I will visit a few countries worldwide until the end of January and start pursuing my career. It will be a wonderful time to relax, explore new places, and reconnect with family and friends.

What do you think dental hygiene students should know about their free student membership?
Dental hygiene students should know that their ODHA membership provides access to valuable resources, including continuing education opportunities, professional networking events, and advocacy efforts that support the profession. Being a member helps stay informed about industry changes and enhances career development.

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