

ODHA STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROFILE – Maro Kahrimanidis

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What made you want to become a dental hygienist?

Becoming a dental hygienist is a great wrap-up of my previous academic background in art and education, and now dental hygiene, as this field requires from us to be great communicators with people, in order to understand, educate, listen to them, and guide them. Being part of someone's smile, is a big deal!

Now that you've graduated, what type of practice setting will you be working in, or do you envision yourself working in? If you do already have a job lined up, tell us a little about it!

I have not yet decided, since I wish to focus on my board exams for the moment! Orthodontics, though, seems to be a very interesting field, and I would probably want to explore it further. There is a great 2 day job for me during the Ontario

Dental Association's Annual Spring Meeting, for which I cannot wait!

How will you celebrate your graduation?

Gather all family and friends to dance and eat, the Greek way (namely, for a whole week), and announce to them that I will be my cohort's valedictorian!

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

It is a great chance to start getting involved with the field and also enjoy perks that come with it! I would really like to thank ODHA and the sponsors of the Student Ambassador program, Crest+Oral-B, because being involved, listening to the podcasts released, and reading newsletters, gave me extra motivation to complete the Dental Hygiene program.

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