

NEWS RELEASE – for immediate release

Dental regulator pays tribute to outstanding volunteers

VANCOUVER – March 15, 2019: The College of Dental Surgeons of BC recognized six individuals for their contributions to dentistry at its volunteer recognition evening held at the Pacific Dental Conference on March 7.

Honoured Member Award: Dr. Ash Varma

Dr. Varma received CDSBC's highest award in recognition of remarkable, broad-based contributions over a sustained period of time, having significant impact on the College. His involvement with the College spans over 30 years. Dr. Varma is a past president of the College and served on the board for 10 years. He currently chairs the Quality Assurance Working Group, which implements continuing education requirements for registrants to help ensure the public is well-served by competent health care professionals.

Distinguished Service Award: Ms. Beverly Davis

In recognition for her outstanding and broad contributions to CDSBC as a long-time volunteer, Ms. Beverly Davis, a certified dental assistant (CDA), received the Distinguished Service Award. Beverly has been involved with the College since 1991. She currently teaches and oversees curriculum content at Vancouver Community College, ensuring the dental assisting program is current and continues to meet the changing needs of the dental profession.

Award of Merit

In recognition of individuals who have made significant contributions to CDSBC, or to other organizations supporting its mandate to serve and protect the public, Awards of Merit were presented to:

- Mr. Martin Gifford, Q.C. (North Vancouver)
- Dr. James Kim, Anaesthesiologist (North Vancouver)
- Dr. Hugh Lamont (Victoria)
- Dr. Maico Melo (Victoria)

The College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia (CDSBC) is the regulatory body for dentistry in B.C. CDSBC's mandate is to serve and protect the public by



ensuring the competence and good conduct of its 10,000 registrants. For more information on the CDSBC Awards Program, visit: www.cdsbc.org/awards.



Photo Cutline – CDSBC 2019 award recipients:

Front row: (L-R) Dr. James Kim, Ms. Beverly Davis (CDA), Dr. Hugh Lamont

Back row: (L-R) Registrar/CEO Dr. Chris Hacker, Mr. Martin Gifford, Dr. Ash Varma, Dr. Maico Melo, CDSBC President Dr. Peter Lobb

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