

The Alliance for Oral Health Across Borders "Student Leadership in Global Oral Health" Initiative Unites Oral Health Leaders Throughout the World at the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry (AADMD) One Voice for Inclusive Health Conference

The Alliance for Oral Health Across Borders is proud to announce that through it's <u>"Student Leadership in Global Oral Health"</u> initiative, over 12 students from around the world will present their oral health community projects at the <u>American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry (AADMD) One Voice for Inclusive Health</u> <u>Conference</u> to be held in Orlando, Florida on June 3-5, 2022.

The Alliance for Oral Health Across Borders developed the "Student Leadership in Global Oral Health" initiative with the goal of developing a group of young leaders throughout the world that will build sustainable projects and support the implementation of preventive oral health systems, reducing the burden of global oral disease in regions that do not have access to proper care. During an 8-month virtual leadership course, each student worked with oral healthcare industry mentors to develop their own local community project. Selected students were then chosen for a special lifetime opportunity to present their clinical poster at the "One Voice for Inclusive Health Conference" held by the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry.

"We welcome our collaboration with the outstanding Dental Student Leaders from the Alliance for Oral Health Across Borders and trust that they bring back information they glean from our meeting to their countries to expedite needed programs for people with intellectual and developmentally disabilities", says Dr. Steve Perlman, AOHAB board member, Co-Founder and past President of the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry (AADMD) and Founder of Special Olympics Special Smiles, an oral health initiative for the athletes of Special Olympics International.

The AADMD One Voice for Inclusive Health Conference will introduce this group of young leaders to a previously invisible minority population; those with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities.



The Alliance for Oral Health Across Borders is a global network of distinguished leaders in medicine, dentistry and public health that leverage their collective experience to identify, problem solve, and share innovative projects in oral health that develop access to underserved communities.

"Through the creation of collaborative programming such as this, with the American Association of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry, we hope to educate future leaders that will continue our mission of contributing to best practices for more sustainable quality oral health globally", says Dr. Deborah Weisfuse, President of the Alliance for Oral Health Across Borders.

Visit the <u>Alliance for Oral Health Across Borders</u> website to learn more about who we are, our current initiatives and consider becoming part of our network of like-minded individuals and organizations who support each other in elevating the quality of oral health care on a global scale.

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