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Oklahoma Dentist Selected for an American Dental Association National Leadership Class

Yukon: The American Dental Association (ADA) has selected Dr. Sneha Patel, a Yukon native, to participate in the 2016-17 class of the ADA Institute for Diversity in Leadership. Made possible through the generous support of Henry Schein, Inc. and Procter & Gamble, this competitive program is designed to enhance the leadership skills of dentists of racial, ethnic and/or gender backgrounds that have traditionally been underrepresented in leadership roles.

“I am so honored and excited to grow as a leader and network with like-minded individuals across the country,” Patel said.

During the next year, Patel and 15 other Institute class members, from around the country, will develop their leadership abilities through faculty seminars, and experience designing and leading projects for their dental associations or other community organizations. They will work with leading educators from Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management and Duke University’s Fuqua School of Business.

“My primary goal is to plan and implement a project that helps to improve oral health in Oklahoma, if even in the slightest way,” Patel said. “I hope to inspire other dentists in our state to actively lead and promote oral health in their local communities.”

Patel graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry in 2015 and is practicing at Family Dentistry of Yukon. She is a member of the Oklahoma Dental Association, the American Dental Association, the Oklahoma Association of Women Dentists and the Academy of General Dentistry.

The Oklahoma Dental Association, founded in 1907, has a membership of more than 1,600 dentists. The Association was established to help foster an awareness of the obligations and responsibilities of the dental profession to society, to help advance the art and science of dentistry and to promote public health and health services in the State of Oklahoma. For more information, visit www.okda.org.

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Editor’s Note: For more information about Dr. Sneha Patel or the ADA’s Institute for Diversity in Leadership Class, please contact Tina Evans, 405.848.8873 or tevens@okda.org.

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