

The Darlene Thomas Award

For Vision and leadership in Dental Hygiene 2010

The College is proud to offer this award annually. Nominations are being sought for someone who, like Darlene Thomas, demonstrates vision and leadership in the profession of dental hygiene and makes a profound impact on the profession in British Columbia.

Darlene Joan Thomas was a leader in the dental hygiene profession at the local, provincial and national levels. She was a practitioner for 34 years before succumbing to breast cancer in 1999 at age 54. Darlene Thomas had a progressive vision for dental hygiene which she communicated through her many professional activities and her constant encouragement of others. Darlene was extensively influential in the establishment of CDHBC. When dental hygiene became a self-regulating profession in British Columbia in 1995, she was appointed to the first Board of Directors of CDHBC and was elected by her fellow Board members as the first Chair of the Board. Darlene was elected to the CDHBC Board in the Okanagan region in 1996 and was also re-elected as Chair of the Board, serving through February 1997. She then went on to pursue her vision for dental hygiene at the national level and, in 1997, was elected vice-president of the CDHA, to be president in the year 2000. She was a dedicated wife, mother and community leader.

The recipient of **The Darlene Thomas Award for Vision and leadership in Dental Hygiene** will be a College registrant in good standing who meets the following selection criteria:

- demonstrate and communicate a broad, progressive perspective of the profession of dental hygiene, including a future perspective;
- possess qualities that dental hygienists wish to emulate, including a consistently professional demeanor, encouragement of others, acceptance and carrying out of extra responsibilities and challenges in the profession, lifelong learning, compassion and humour; and
- demonstrate balance in their life, including strong family values and commitment to the community.

A committee of the Board will review nominations in accordance with the selection criteria and make a recommendation to the Board at the February 2010 Board meeting.

If you are a College registrant in good standing and if there is someone you wish to nominate:

- complete the following form, ensuring signatures of three nominators (also registrants in good standing) and the nominee;
- state clearly and specifically in 500 words or less, on the following page, how your nominee meets the selection criteria listed above;
- attach a current curriculum vitae of the nominee including:
 - education
 - present work or activity
 - career background
 - organization involvement
 - volunteer activities
 - recognitions, awards or other achievements;
- forward to the College office by January 29, 2010 by mail to: Suite #219, 645 Fort Street, Victoria, BC V8W 1G2 *or* fax: (250) 383-4144 *or* email: cdhbc@cdhbc.com

- Note:**
- The recipient will be selected on the basis of the information provided in the nomination form.
 - Previous nominations will not be carried over from year to year; if a nominated candidate was not selected last year, a new application must be submitted in order to re-nominate.
 - Current CDHBC Board members are not eligible for this award.

