

# Red Shoe Gala & ConnHyPAC Silent Auction



**HONORING**

Bernice Iwinski, BSDH, RDH  
**President**

Alfonso Della Porta, BS, RDH  
**President Elect**

Jon Northway  
**Merit Award Recipient**

Amy Mongillo, MS, RDH  
**2024 MABEL C. MCCARTHY AWARD RECIPIENT**

To be announced  
**Nutmeg Spirit Award Recipient**

**Hotel Marcel**  
**New Haven, CT**  
**Saturday, November 8, 2025**

# Program

Host of the Evening.....Natasha Stewart, RDH

Opening of Silent Auction.....Amy Mongillo, MS, RDH

2025 President Speech.....Bernice Iwinski, BSDH, RDH

2025-26 B.O.T. Intro.... Linda Primus,MHS, BSDH,FADH, RDH

2026 President Speech.....Alfonso Della Porta, BS, RDH

Silent Auction Closing.....Place your bids

Leslie Brin Andrews Spirit Award.....To be announced

Merit Award.....Jon Northway

Mabel C. McCarthy Award.....Amy Mongillo, MS, RDH

*Thank you for joining us this evening!*



# CDHA 2024-2025 Executive Board

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**Parliamentarian**

**Best Wishes to SWDHA Member  
Bernice Iwinski, BSDH, RDH**



**as she completes her CDHA Presidency and  
moves on to IPP. We are so proud of your  
accomplishments!**

**Congratulations on a job WELL DONE!!**

**Thank you for your commitment to CDHA!!!**

**Best wishes also to incoming CDHA President**

*Alfonso Della Prota, BS, RDH*

**Congratulations to Mabel C. McCarthy Award  
Recipient**

*Amy Mongillo, RDH, MSDH*

***From Proud Members of SWDHA***



Dear Fonzie,

Thank you for stepping up to the plate to steer our future and not "Sit on it" for others to manage us.

"Ayyyyyy!" as our new president of ADHA-CT, your leadership will be Perfectamundo.

"Whoa!" as our guiding light, your direction will be Correctamundo.

"Yowsah Yowsah Yowsah!" as we 'Trust the Journey!', your guidance will be Exactamundo.

Congratulations from your friends- The Northwestern Component



# *Congratulations Amy Mongillo* on the 2025 Mabel C. McCarthy Award!

The entire Northwestern Component is so proud of you and thanks you for all of your hard work and dedication to CDHA over the years.



# 2025 CDHA President



**Bernice Iwinski, BSDH, RDH**

Thank you to our Executive Board, Trustees, Committee Members and our Component Presidents. It has been an honor to serve with you on this CDHA team. We are forging forward with new life and new members stepping up. They are giving us the opportunity to move CDHA to the future. Things have changed since the COVID pandemic. We have all struggled to find a new normal. It has been five years trudging through this forest. We can finally see the light through the trees. I believe we can move forward with hope and fortitude. The future will be what the next generation makes it. Dental Hygienists make things sparkle. This will be the Best Day Ever!! Thanks Barbies and Ken!



# CDHA President-Elect



**Alfonso Della Porta, BS, RDH**

Thank you Bernice, Board of Trustees, Council Members, and Committee Chairs for all that you do for CDHA. We work together constantly to keep CDHA successful and we will continue to work together to keep advancing our profession forward. I look forward to working with all of you to continue to grow and advance our profession. We will do our best to educate our current and prospective members and Student Dental Hygienists on why CDHA membership is important. Retaining and growing active membership in our components is imperative to building a strong community of future leaders at the state level. Thank you for entrusting me to help lead us into this next chapter of CDHA.



# 2025 Merit Award Recipient



**Jon Northway**

Jon Northway, and his company, Integrity Systems and Solutions, along with his partner, Mike Vincelette, has been supporting the Mission of Mercy since it's inception. They design, build and support the entire technology infrastructure of the event, which includes integrating all the hardware and software, and whatever else is required to set up such a massive operation. Integrity has also been a sponsor for our Dental Dash 5k at the gold level for several years, and supported our Mabel event last year.

"It takes courage to be kind"

-Maya Angelou

# 2025 Mabel C. McCarthy Recipient



**Amy Mongillo, MS, RDH**

My involvement with CTDHA originated decades ago when I became a proud graduate of Marquette University with a B.S. in Dental Hygiene in 1983. After moving back to Fairfield, CT, and working in private practice for two years, I began work as a clinical adjunct instructor at nearby Fones School of Dental Hygiene. It was there that I found myself surrounded by a group of seasoned, strong, dynamic dental hygiene professional leaders – including Janet Carroll-Memoli. Similar to young, new on staff, Janet’s awestruck impression of Mabel C. back in the day, it was now young, new-on-staff-me who was in awe! Janet and her cohort embodied Hygienist Proud. They were role models and I watched them personify high professional standards and high expectations for active engagement in professional association volunteerism. They were forward-thinking women, unapologetically bold in taking action to advance the profession – doing so with grit and grace, laughter and fun! These women

were unquestionably “movers and shakers”! I would forever be inspired.

Fast forward four decades later ...

I have carried those memories and inspiration through my entire professional career. The experience provided a groundwork and fueled a drive to stay connected through our professional association network. In both small and big ways, that connection has been interwoven throughout all my professional work and volunteer roles: clinical private practitioner, academic clinical and didactic instructor, corporate professional educator, health/wellness coach, student mentor, NW component Trustee, CTDHA Past Vice-President, President, IOH Liaison, and HyPAC Chair. Over the years, I have become increasingly mindful of the value and impact this foundational experience provided me.

And so, I am immensely honored to be part of the Mabel C. McCarthy “movers and shakers” ranks. I am grateful for the nomination, and for the honor of being named the 2025 Mable C. McCarthy award recipient.

I am so grateful for those role models early on in my career, but also for those still in my midst. I am grateful for all the dedicated RDHs alongside me and I look forward to staying alongside you all within this special and historical association. Let’s stay inspired to continue working together towards accomplishing shared goals.

With that in mind, in the spirit of Mabel C. tradition, get those red shoes on and join me as we do my favorite thing of all ... moving and shaking on the dance floor!!

# Mabel C. McCarthy Awards Recipients

Ethel Swimmer, RDH	1978
Laura Peck Fitch, RDH	1979
Virginia Fessenden, RDH	1980
Mary Rencsko, RDH	1981
Pauline Sampieri, RDH, MS	1982
Carmel DiLeone, RDH, MS	1983
Rita Johnston, RDH	1984
Alice Frino, RDH, BBA	1985
Beverly Whitford, RDH, BS	1986
Linda Bohacek, RDH	1987
Janet Carroll-Memoli, RDH	1988
Jeanne Maloney, GDH, MS	1989
Jocelyn Roman (Poisson), RDH	1990
Carol Ondeck, RDH	1991
D. Jean Lewis, RDH, MPH	1992
Vittorina Nardello, RDH, MS	1993
Jody Bishop-Pullan, RDH, BS	1994
Susan Magnuson, RDH	1995
Inez Cullen, RDH	1996
Josephine Brann, RDH	1997
Dinah Auger, RDH	1998
Marcia H. Lorentzen, RDH, BS	1999
Joyce A. Turcotte, RDH, M.Ed.	2000
Caryl Robotti, RDH, BA	2001
Mary Calka, RDH	2002
Mary Moran Boudreau, RDH, MBA	2003
Claudia Turcotte, CDA, RDH, MS	2004
Linda Ferraro, RDH	2005
Linda Isis Primus, RDH, MHS	2006
Pamela Young, RDH, BS	2007
Celeste Baranowski, RDH	2008
Leslie Andrews, RDH, MBA	2009
Mary Claire Kacerik, RDH, BS	2010
Meg Zayan, RDH, MPH, EdD	2011
Wanda Nelson, RDH, MS	2012
Sandra Stramoski, RDH, MSDH	2013
Tracey Andrews, RDH, MPH	2014
Susan Miklos, EFDA, RDH, BSDH, MSDH	2015
Laurel Risom, RDH, MPH	2016
Marie Paulis, RDH, MSDH	2017
Doris Raposo, RDH, BSDH	2018
Kristin Minihan – Anderson, RDH, MSDH	2019
Sharon Efron, RDH, MS	2020
Jenifer Mancini, RDH	2021
MaryEllen McLaughlin, RDH	2022
Dana Northway, RDH	2023
Melissa Sipos, RDH, BSDH, FADHA	2024
Amy Mongillo, MS, RDH	2025



# *The Leslie Brin Andrews*



*Established 2019*

*The Leslie Brin Andrews Nutmeg Spirit Award was established in 2019 in memory of Leslie Brin Andrews by her loving husband Gary Andrews.*

*Bruce Lorentzen* 2019

*MaryEllen McLoughlin* 2020

*Bernice Iwinski and Deb Arslan* 2021

*Cherell Crooms* 2022

*Sharon Smith-Alling* 2023

*Celeste Baranowski* 2024

**Congratulations to the Nutmeg Spirit Award recipients who have shown “Nutmeg Spirit” as embodied by and blessed through the effervescent Leslie Brin Andrews**



Thank you to this team.  
You have made it the Best Day Ever!!!

Bernice Iwinski  
CTDHA President 2024-2025



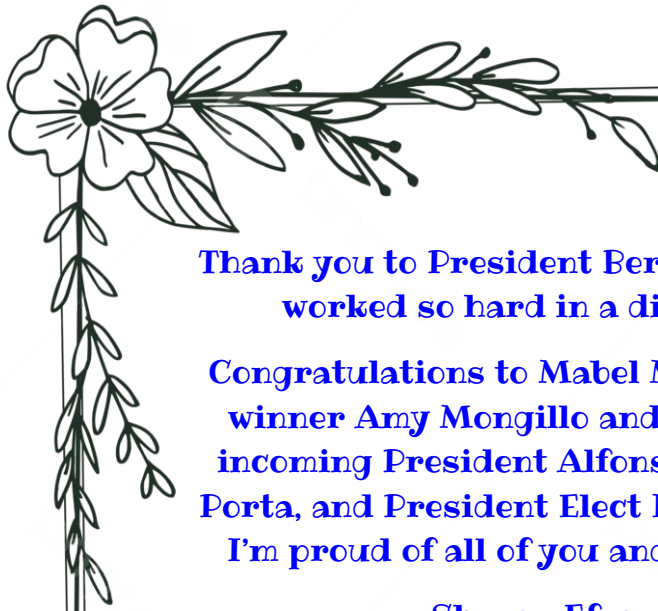
Thank you for supporting ConnHyPAC, an organization that helps CTDHA financially sustain advocacy goals. Participate in PAC's Red Shoe Silent Auction TODAY!!

Contributions to PAC are also accepted at [ctdha.com](http://ctdha.com) or by scanning the QR code below.



Donate \$20 or more and you will receive a ConnHyPAC pin if you wish.

ConnHyPAC Directors: Amy Mongillo, Stefani Hastings, Wanda Nelson, Jax Mulligan



**Thank you to President Bernice Iwinski who  
worked so hard in a difficult year.**

**Congratulations to Mabel McCarthy award  
winner Amy Mongillo and Best of luck to  
incoming President Alfonso (Fonzie) Della  
Porta, and President Elect Natasha Stewart!  
I'm proud of all of you and very grateful!**

**-Sharon Efron**



## *Congratulations Amy*

Congratulations to Amy for receiving the  
Mabel C. McCarthy Award! You've  
dedicated many years of tireless work to  
your profession, always practicing at the  
top of your license, and advocating for best  
practices within the community. We are  
excited to celebrate this accomplishment  
with you! Cheers to you, let's dance!

With love,  
Robert, Daniel, and Laura







SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 2025



**adha** Connecticut  
DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION

**DENTAL DASH 5K**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025**  
**NYSTROM'S PARK**  
**THOMASTON**  
**RACE STARTS 9:00 AM**

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