

# ADHA FOR THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

ADHA is committed to ensuring that all dental hygienists have the resources to be successful at all stages of their careers, in all practice settings and all career pathways. Following are just a few of the ways the association is supporting this vital commitment, as set forth in its new Strategic Plan (see the November 2017 issue of Access for an overview of the Strategic Plan).

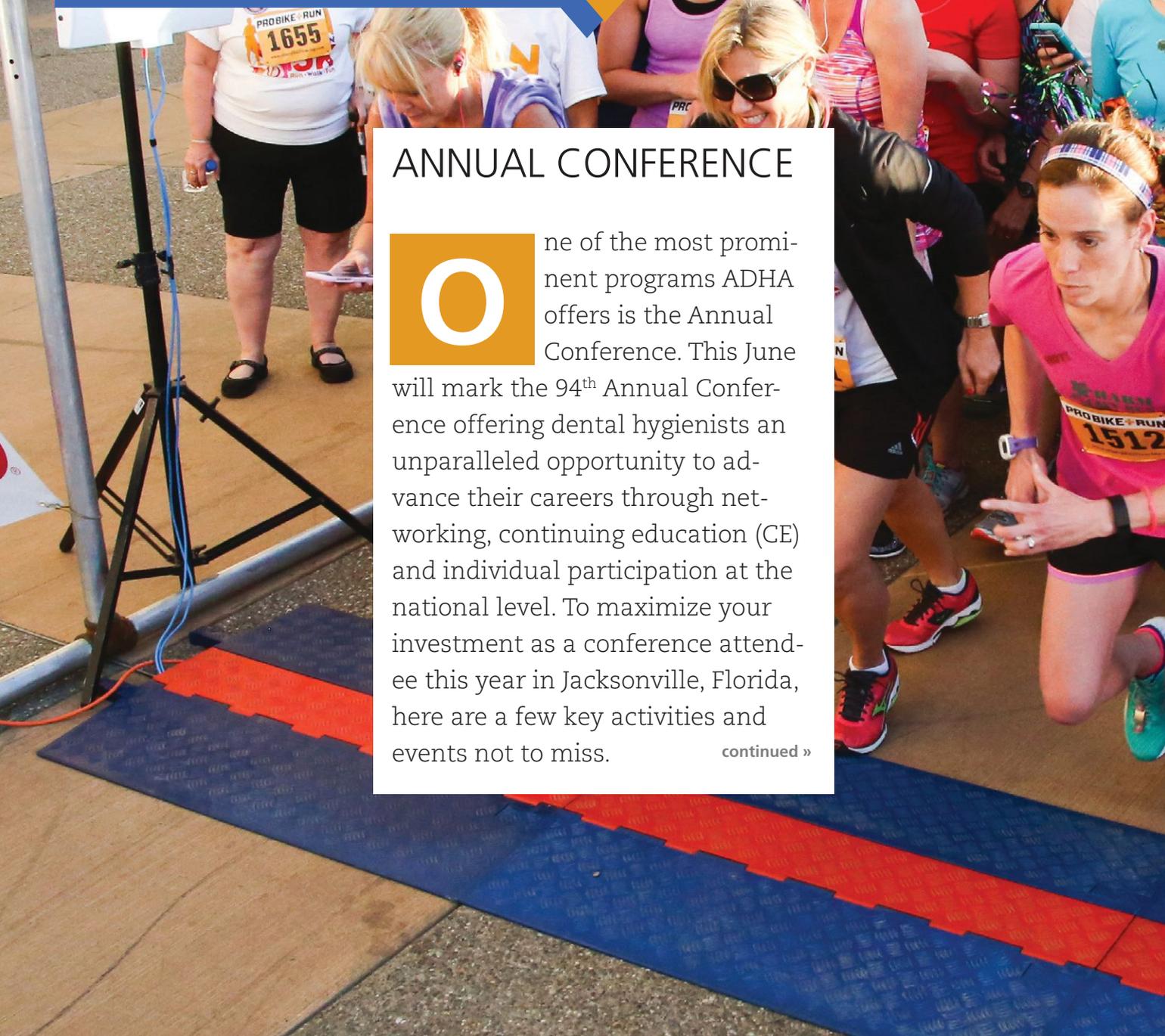
For more resources to enhance your career, set some time aside to explore [www.adha.org](http://www.adha.org). All dental hygienists will find valuable information on a variety of topics, and even more resources are available on the members-only site.



## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**O**ne of the most prominent programs ADHA offers is the Annual Conference. This June will mark the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference offering dental hygienists an unparalleled opportunity to advance their careers through networking, continuing education (CE) and individual participation at the national level. To maximize your investment as a conference attendee this year in Jacksonville, Florida, here are a few key activities and events not to miss.

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A popular feature of every Annual Conference is the exhibition floor, filled with the latest cutting-edge products and services for use by the entire dental team. Exhibits 2017 will offer you a unique one-stop-shop to purchase all your dental office needs. The show floor will host over 120 exhibiting companies, so be sure to come with your shopping list to take advantage of special show discounts.

Introduced last year, the In Motion 5K: Run, Walk, Fun raises funds in support of the mission of ADHA's Institute for Oral Health. Attendees can participate as an individual or form a team and begin cultivating support. You are challenged to organize and fundraise to bring increased awareness about oral health care. Through this event, you will get to know Jacksonville while staying fit and raising

money to further the dental hygiene profession.

Special this year, Johnson & Johnson, Consumer Inc. and ADHA are proud to present the Awards for Excellence in Dental Hygiene at the President's Dinner. The event will celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this prestigious awards program. Enjoy a delicious plated dinner, live music, networking, dancing and more. Reserve a table with your friends — this is one event you don't want to miss!

ADHA's Annual Conference has implemented several changes based on members' expressed desires. A small but significant change is that CE courses are no longer categorized by track. Instead, each course bears a tag: All (AL), Students (ST), Educators (ED), Researchers (RE), Clinical Practitioners (CP), New Professionals (NP) and Public Health (PH). This

is primarily to help give attendees as much choice and flexibility as possible, while also increasing the number of hands-on sessions offered. This shift from tracks to tags is very small, and it allows us to offer a similar number of sessions in those same subjects compared to years past. A more significant change is the move to a staggered schedule for seminar (lecture) courses. By staggering the schedule, ADHA has opened up a large amount of time to focus on hands-on courses. This year, over 25 hands-on courses are available — compared to two last year! This is a huge opportunity for attendees to get the hands-on education they've been requesting. Because hands-on courses are limited to 50 attendees at a time, some courses are available more than once to make sure those topics are accessible over the course of a full day to a large number of people. ■