



## *CADAT Awards Program - Nomination Package*

*It is our pleasure to once again provide information regarding our recognition program. The following awards are available to those who qualify. Qualifications are defined below in each award description. We encourage you to review each category and consider who you think would best exemplify the outstanding service, characteristics and achievements defined in each area. Nominations may only be submitted by current CADAT members. For questions, you may contact our office at (626) 775-7554 or [info@cadat.org](mailto:info@cadat.org).*

*Please complete each section of the nomination form and return by March 1, 2016 to:*

CADAT

*Attn: Leadership*

*710 S. Myrtle Ave. #166*

*Monrovia, CA 91016*

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## **The Hazel O. Torres Excellence in Education Award**

The founding author of Modern Dental Assisting, Hazel Torres had long been an advocate of formal education for dental assistants. Hazel began her career as an on-the-job trained dental assistant and began teaching full-time shortly afterwards. She was the first dental assistant to be appointed to the California Dental Board and served on many state and national associations and as a commissioner for the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation. Hazel exemplified professionalism, class, strength, intellect and elegance in every way until her passing in 2008. In 2009, CADAT established the Hazel O. Torres Award in recognition of dental assisting teachers whose character and contributions mirror those of Ms. Torres.

### Qualifications

1. Shall have been an active and current member in good standing of the Association for a minimum of five (5) years.
2. Shall not have been a previous recipient of the Hazel O. Torres Award.
3. Shall have been or is currently a teacher in a Dental Assisting Program. May be retired or actively assigned to a program.

## The CADAT Leadership Award

In 2009, the Executive Board presented Leadership Recognition Awards to acknowledge the contributions of those who had worked hard over the past several years on behalf of dental assisting regulation and statute. In 2010, the Executive Board established a permanent and more defined award. Leadership is "organizing a group of people to achieve a common goal." The CADAT Leadership Award is to be presented to a member or members who shall be nominated by the membership and whose stories of leadership and hard work demonstrate the best of our core competencies and objectives as an Association. The nominee's strength in leadership can be demonstrated in several ways – in their classrooms, in their programs, at their workplace, in the dental community or in the Association. A Leadership Award nominee may or may not have any formal authority or education in the area of leadership, but has encouraged or taught a team or group the traits, functions, behavior, selflessness, vision, values, charisma, and intelligence that exemplify leadership.

### Qualifications

1. Shall not have been a previous recipient of the CADAT Leadership Award.
2. May or may not be a member of the Association but must be involved in work that has contributed to or demonstrated a positive impact on the dental assisting profession.
3. If a CADAT member is to be nominated, nominee must have been or is currently an active or retired member in good standing for a minimum of three (3) years.
4. Nominee must have demonstrated a leadership quality that has proven to encourage and enlist others in the accomplishment of a common task. A narrative describing the manner in which the nominee demonstrated the characteristics of someone who inspires others to be their best will be required.

## The President's Award

CADAT has a long and proud history of volunteer service to the dental assisting profession. Now more than ever, volunteers are renewing their commitment to helping make new connections that bring about support of dental assisting education and professional advancement. The President's Award was established this year to recognize significant contributions to dental assisting education by individuals, institutions, and organizations that may or may not be directly involved in dental assisting education but knowledgeable about its purpose and value; to thank and honor those who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service beneficial to the profession.

### Qualifications

1. Shall not have been a previous recipient of the President's Award.
2. May or may not be a member of the Association but must be involved in work that has contributed to or demonstrated a positive impact on the dental assisting profession.
3. If a CADAT member is to be nominated, nominee must have been or is currently an active or retired member in good standing for a minimum of ten (10) years.
4. Nominee must have demonstrated a leadership quality that has proven to encourage others to volunteer service in the advancement of dental assisting and education. A narrative describing the manner in which the nominee demonstrated the characteristics of someone who inspires others to serve will be required.



## Nomination Form – CADAT Awards Program

*(Please type or print)*

1. Date of Nomination:	2. Submitted by:	3. Contact Phone:
4. Award for which the nomination is submitted: <i>(check one)</i>		
<input type="radio"/> Hazel O.Torres Excellence in Education Award <input type="radio"/> CADAT Leadership Award <input type="radio"/> President's Award		
5. Name of Nominee:		
Last:	First:	Middle Initial:
6. Credentials/Degrees earned by Nominee:		
7. Nominee Place of Employment:		
8. Street Address, City, State, Zip Code:		
9. Business Phone:	10. Position/Title of Nominee:	11. How long:
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12. Is Nominee a CADAT Member?		13. If so, how long? (if unknown, leave blank)

14. Describe the reason you have chosen to nominate the above named for the award indicated:

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15. Provide a narrative as to how you know the Nominee, for how long, in what capacity, and in what ways you have worked with or have come to know the person for whom you are nominating?

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16. Is the Nominee a member of any professional organizations, non-profit associations, academic councils or institutional committees? If so, please indicate which ones:

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