So light you might forget they're there
Mini telescopes look and function just as well as their big brothers and sisters but weigh a whole lot less.

Prophy paste for the picky
With flavors such as piña colada and orange sherbet, even the hard to please will be pleased.

Say goodbye to rubber dams
New isolation technology is just as dry but comes with additional advantages, such as better visibility.

Heading into the future
ADHA Center for Lifelong Learning and 91st Annual Session looks to the next century of dental hygiene

On Wednesday, the ADHA’s Community Service Day, the organization and hygienists, with sponsorship from the Wrigley Company Foundation and support from numerous corporate partners, demonstrated their commitment to giving back to the community by providing oral health education to homeless teenagers in Las Vegas. Dental manufacturers 3M ESPE, ACT, Colgate, Crest Oral-B, Hu-Friedy, Johnson & Johnson and Premier all donated to ensure the youths received home-care products to reinforce what they learned at the event.

“Dental hygienists are proud to give back to our communities as volunteer oral health professionals,” said ADHA President Denise Bowers, RDH, PhD. “Community Service Day affords us the tremendous opportunity to do just that. Together, we can make a difference.”

The dental hygienists were bussed to the Shannon West Homeless Youth Center, a residential facility for teenagers who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Using educa-
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Within those six C.E. tracks, more than 30 C.E. programs will be offered during the CLL portion of the event, including five sessions featuring either hands-on or interactive elements. Programs will include trends in periodontology, comprehensive health prevention for older adults, new curricular domains and models for dental-hygiene education and management of dental pain. The courses can be taken in specific tracks or attendees can mix things up, depending on their focus and educational needs. A specific track for dental-hygiene students also is available.

In addition to the educational sessions and nationally known presenters speaking at this year’s event, the CLL also features a product exhibition hall showcasing nearly 120 companies involved in oral health and dental hygiene.

And for the fifth consecutive year, the exhibit hall will feature the ADHA Dream Center — an interactive, hands-on operator experience that allows attendees to visit six different product stations where they can utilize the latest dental hygiene technology and equipment.

“We truly hope that everyone enjoys their time at the ADHA Center for Lifelong Learning and Annual Session,” said ADHA Executive Director Ann Battrell, MSDH. “Some of the best things about our meeting are the people who attend, as well as the conversations that emerge from our numerous networking sessions and social events.”

Annual session highlights organization’s renewed focus on the future

The ADHA 91st Annual Session House of Delegates officially takes place Sunday to Tuesday and will focus on the business-related activities of the organization, including forums, workshops and committee sessions centered on the ADHA’s critical role in representing the more than 165,000 dental hygienists in the United States.

Some business-meeting-related programs, such as the District Discussions and Association Update Workshops, begin on Saturday. The topic of the Association Update will be the ADHA’s discussion with the Federal Trade Commission about accreditation standards for dental therapy education programs and the resulting revision of the draft standards by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

As a result of the ADHA’s outreach and education efforts, the FTC responded to a draft version of the standards with 15 pages of commentary. Among the recommendations for the revision was the development of standards that do not effectively and unnecessarily constrain the discretion of states to determine dental therapy scope of practice and authority.

CODA has circulated revised standards for comment and will be holding an open hearing on Saturday during the ADHA meeting. Meeting attendees will have the opportunity to share their concerns about the standards in the open hearing session, which takes place from 2:30–4 p.m. in the Forum 12 Ballroom at Caesars Palace.

Attendees will have the opportunity to work with each other and the organization as the ADHA builds on its new strategic plan focused on education, alliances and advocacy; its new core ideology to lead the transformation of the dental hygiene profession to improve the public’s oral and overall health; and its new vision statement, which says dental hygienists are integrated into the health care delivery system as essential primary care providers to expand access to oral health care.

Other business meeting highlights include Executive Director Battrell’s annual report to the House of Delegates; a farewell address by ADHA President Bowers; and the installation luncheon, where President-Elect Kelli Swanson Jaacks will be installed as ADHA president.

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Teenagers enjoy their time at the ADHA Center for Lifelong Learning. (Photo: today file photo)

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Attendees wait to enter the exhibit hall during a past year's ADHA Center for Lifelong Learning. (Photo: today file photo)