



New Jersey  
DENTAL HYGIENISTS'  
ASSOCIATION



2025 Special Olympics Special Smiles Public Health Opportunity to Volunteer as Dental Hygienists & Dental Hygiene Students a Success







The Special Olympics of New Jersey welcomed the New Jersey Dental Hygienists' Association and the dental hygiene schools to their Healthy Athletes Special Smiles Program for the 2025 Summer Games that took place in June and was another success. Many dental hygienists stepped forward donating their services and time to athletes to provide oral health screenings. The event included visits to the athletes and volunteers by the friendly tooth and bags of oral hygiene products were provided to the athletes.

Spend a moment to review photos from the Summer 2025 Special Smiles Event, showcasing dental hygienists and dental hygiene students with instructors from Eastern International College. NJDHA volunteer members included President Dr. Stacy L Onofrietti, EIC Clinic Coordinator Evelyn Garcia, and Public Health Issues Director Giovanna Onofrietti, all volunteering their time to support this crucial annual oral healthcare initiative. Dental hygiene students showing up to donate their time providing oral hygiene instruction and mouthguards helped enhance the lives of many athletes and increased their knowledge and experiences working with various populations in the community.

If you are interested in making a difference and wish to volunteer for the Special Smiles event as a dental hygienist or dental hygiene student, please watch for the Fall 2025 link from NJDHA coming soon to help provide services like prophylaxis and radiographs to the athletes at their headquarters in Lawrenceville, NJ. If you have any questions about these events, please contact President Stacy at [stacyonofriettirdhphd@gmail.com](mailto:stacyonofriettirdhphd@gmail.com)

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