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Ambassador Program Reaches the Worcester District

MDS Foundation Ambassadors and Worcester District Dental Society members Dr. Charles Gagne and Dr. James Morin partnered with the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) and its freshman dental assisting class to provide oral health education to first-grade students at the Memorial Elementary School in Upton and the Henry P. Clough Elementary School in Mendon.

In total, 17 BVT students and their dental assisting instructors Amy Fleisher and Rebecca Corda, along with MDS Foundation Ambassador Dr. James Morin, visited the two elementary schools during April and May of 2016. More than 155 first-grade students across eight classes participated in the Project S.M.I.L.E (Students Making Important Lasting Effects) events.

The Project S.M.I.L.E community service program was developed by BVT students and is geared toward providing oral health education through hands-on activities such as tooth-brushing and flossing demonstrations, proper nutrition instruction, and distribution of goody bags filled with toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss/flossers, stickers, and brochures/activity sheets. The kids were also sent home with a letter to their parents and guardians highlighting Project S.M.I.L.E and offering further information on the importance of dental care for children.

BVT high school dental assisting students also coordinated a similar project for middle-school-aged children called "Watch-Your-Mouth Middle-Schooler" and a program run by the senior dental assisting class called "Seniors for Seniors." Each program is designed to provide customized oral health education and resources to children and seniors in the communities throughout the Worcester District.

If you are interested in learning how you can be a Foundation Ambassador, please visit massdental.org/ambassador.



MDS Foundation Ambassador Dr. James Morin (center) teamed up with the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School's dental assisting class of 2019 to provide oral health education to first graders at the Henry P. Clough Elementary School in Mendon.

Blackstone Valley Technical High School Dental Assisting Class of 2019

Ashley Bruneau
Victoria Byrne
John Robert Doiron
Briana Fay
Alexandra Mathis
Kelley Muanya

Nancy Nguyen
Hannah Nicoletti
Elizabeth Parry
Megan Reilly
Benjamin Ruth

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Tessa Schollard
Braelyn Sessa
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