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## Dental Champions Corner

Congratulations to  
Junetta Everett (Class  
II) on her appointment  
to the [Kansas Health  
Foundation Board of](#)

## OHK Award Nominations are Open

Oral Health Kansas announces that nominations now are being accepted for the 2014 Excellence in Oral Health Awards. Each year, we honor outstanding individuals and organizations who are dedicated to improving oral health in Kansas. Award categories include:



- Outstanding Community Leader
- Outstanding Dentist
- Outstanding Dental Hygienist
- Outstanding Organization
- Outstanding Volunteer
- Outstanding Dental Champion
- Bob Bethell Award for Outstanding Policy Maker

A full list of past award recipients is available on the [Oral Health Kansas website](#).

Nominations can be made with the electronic forms in the links below. All nominations must be submitted by **Monday, September 29**. Please call 785-235-6039 or

[Directors!](#) Junetta is the Vice President of Professional Relations for Delta Dental of Kansas and previously served on the Dental Champions Advisory Board.



## Save the Date...

The 2014 Oral Health Kansas Conference will be November 6-8 at Wichita State University.



[Sponsorships](#) and [exhibit space](#) are available. Learn more about the opportunities to participate on the Oral Health Kansas [website](#) or by sending an [email](#).

**OHK Staff**

email [info@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:info@oralhealthkansas.org) with any questions about the awards nominations.

[2014 Excellence in Oral Health Awards Nomination Form](#)  
[2014 Outstanding Dental Champion Award Nomination Form](#)

## Proposed Excise Tax on Sugary Beverages



Congressional Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) introduced legislation this week to tax added sugars in beverages. Dubbed the SWEET Act, the bill would place a penny-per-ounce of sugar excise tax on sweetened drinks such as soda, sports drinks, and fruit juices. The change to the IRS code would require importers or manufacturers to pay the tax, which would likely be passed on to retail consumers. The tax revenue would go into the Public Health and Prevention Fund to be spent on programs and research "designed to reduce the human end economic costs of diabetes, obesity, dental caries, and other diet-related health conditions" among vulnerable populations.

To read the legislation, click [here](#). For a visual representation of the amount of added sugar some drinks contain, request [Oral Health Kansas' Drink Display](#).

## Regulations on Pediatric Dental Benefits Still Unsettled

The Children's Dental Health Project published a blog post by Senior Policy Analyst Colin Reusch regarding the recent court decisions about the Affordable Care Act's insurance marketplace policy subsidies. In the post, Reusch points out that, though the courts have addressed the marketplace subsidies for health policies, questions linger about the proper implementation of the pediatric dental benefit, which is one of the 10 Essential Health



## Presenting

Megan Foreman,  
Policy Manager for Oral  
Health Kansas, will be  
presenting on tobacco  
and oral health for the  
Tobacco Free Kansas  
Coalition August 13th.  
For more information  
email [Misty Jimerson](mailto:Misty.Jimerson).



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Benefits required by the ACA. Read Reusch's post on the [Children's Dental Health Project website](#).

## Traveling Sugary Drink Display



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Drink Display for your  
business or event! Displays  
are available throughout the  
year, and reservations are  
made for one month at a time.  
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Oral Health Kansas. [E-mail  
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to make a reservation.

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