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Professional Activity:

- Practicing dental hygienist for two dental practices (one in Illinois, the other in Missouri)
- Executive director and co-founder of Illumident, Inc., a 501(c)(3) that promotes preventive oral care and offers oral-cancer screenings for people age 60 and above
- Lecturer for the Multi-Disciplinary Program in Geriatrics for Non-Physicians, as well as the Illinois Department of Public Health. Subjects have included oral health as it affects total health, oral-health problems of older adults, and the mouth as portal to wellness as we age.
- Coordinated the efforts of dentists and hygienists to provide oral care to children in Missouri, through AmeriCorps/VISTA
- Served as a Lab instructor at Loyola University Dental School for five years
- Illinois program coordinator for the National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped (NFDH)
- Assistant professor of dental hygiene at Saint Louis Community College

Licensure:

- Registered Dental Hygienist License

Education:

- Drury University, Springfield, MO, Bachelor of Science, Psychology
- Loyola University, Maywood, IL, Certificate in Dental Hygiene
- Ongoing continuing-education courses, to stay current within the field

Professional and Community Affiliations:

- American Dental Hygienists Association
- Missouri Dental Hygienists Association (past president)
- Greater Springfield/Branson Dental Hygienist Association (past president)
- American Association of Public Health Dentistry
- Illumident, Inc. (co-founder, board member and executive director)
- Loyola Alumni Dental Hygiene Association (helped create the organization and served as its first president)
- Age Options – Advisory Council Member
- Morton Junior College Advisory Board
- Worth, Illinois, Historical Society – Member

Recognition:

- Elected to Women's Leadership Exchange, through the University of Missouri's Extension Service, for work in Thailand and China
- Appointed by Missouri's governor to the Missouri Dental Board, to oversee and regulate the practice of oral hygiene in the state