



Briarwood College

**HOUSE BILL 5630
AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LICENSURE FOR AN
ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE PRACTITIONER**

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**SOPHOMORE STUDENTS AT
BRIARWOOD COLLEGE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM**

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- We will be soft tissue management experts soon. Why not hard tissue specialists? We are young, intelligent, driven, and motivated to continue our education and experience.
- We will be licensed providers by this summer and have been working very hard toward being competent hygienists for 3 years now. Most of us would like to continue a career in public health, education, administration, to serve the profession of dental hygiene and serve the underprivileged. We want to be part of the solution and not stunted in our vision for the future. The population is growing in number with immigrants, geriatrics and children in need.
- The option of the Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner as a career ladder would be a great investment that Connecticut will benefit by soon after passing this bill. We are not only disease prevention specialists, we are health promoters. Therefore, Connecticut will be a healthier place to live with the advent of the Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner and will be able to do so at a lesser cost to the people we will serve.
- Thank you for your support with this landmark bill. Please call if you have questions.

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