

Amber Lovatos, RDH, BSDH, has been compassionately blazing trails personally and professionally for more than 10 years. As a clinician, educator, author, and champion for public health issues, she inspires industry colleagues with unique stories that include triumph over abuse and discovering her identity as “The Latina RDH.” Celebrated as her family's first college graduate, Amber holds a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene from The University of Texas School of Dentistry. Amber is the recipient of numerous national and state awards and academic scholarships, including being named ADEA's 2018 Crest Oral-B Dental Hygienists Pursuing Academic Careers, 2021's, Dimensions of Dental Hygiene Six Dental Hygienists You Want to Know and 2022's RDH Award of Distinction. Amber is also 2023's TIME Magazines' TIME 101. Amber has dedicated her dental hygiene career to organizing community outreach events throughout the United States. Amber has focused on bringing affordable and accessible preventative dental care to communities like hers. Amber currently volunteers for a nonprofit dental clinic providing care to survivors of abuse and human trafficking and people who are low-income and uninsured. A Latina leader in the dental hygiene community, her work has majorly consisted of bringing ethical care to her comunidad. Amber provides mentorship to other Latine dental hygienists through her group Latin RDH and provides free dental Spanish lessons to dental professionals. She has also provided care in rural parts of Texas through the use of portable dental equipment including bringing free dental care to children in title-one schools. Amber is the co-author of Smiles Por Vida a Spanish & Spanglish not for profit children's dental book. Her recent work includes partnering with Crest Oral-B on their Closing Americas' Smile Gap outreach initiative. Amber serves as a partner and consultant in providing education, resources, screenings, and products to communities in need.