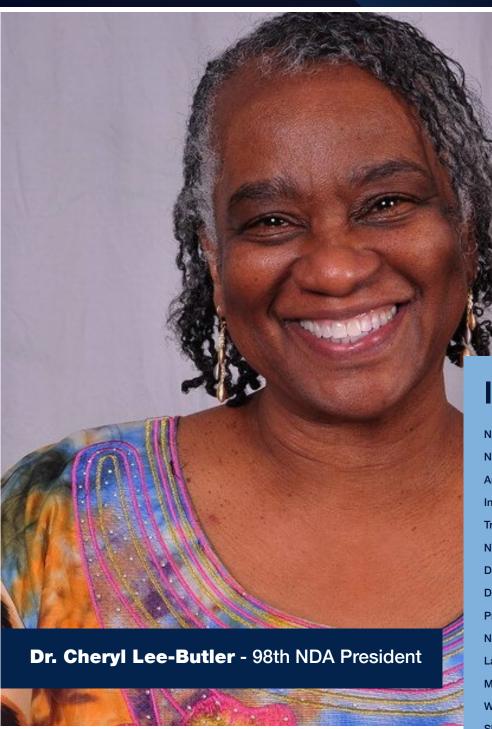


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## PRESIDENT'S **MESSAGE**

**Greetings National Dental** Association Family. As your 98th President, I would like to begin by saying how grateful I am that you allowed me to serve in this capacity this year. I am humbled by all of the love and support you have given me this year. What an incredible year it has been. Having the opportunity to see each other face to face has relieved some of the pain, suffering, distress, anxiety, and loneliness many of us felt during the COVID-19 pandemic. Will we ever return to the way things used to be? It remains to be seen. What I know for sure is. during this year, I took every opportunity to meet, greet and extend a warm hug if allowed, in person. In our culture and families, we are a people to people ecology and it is important to have that physical and spiritual connection. Zoom was essential in 2020, 2021 and continues out of necessity in some cases in 2022. When the opportunity for in person gatherings was presented, I made it a priority to be there by any means necessary.

The first half of 2022 was amazing, and the second half did not disappoint.

I failed to mention one of the first events that I was blessed to participate. On February 19th, I was a panelist for an event entitled "A Presidential Conversation: Black Health and Wellness in the Eye of the Storm" sponsored by, ASALH (Association for the Study

of African American Life and History, Inc.- The Founders of Black History Month



A PRESIDENTIAL CONVERSATION:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022 | 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. EST











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Let me take a moment to thank our local 2022 **Convention Co-chairs and** committee members who worked tirelessly to plan an unforgettable convention in Phoenix, AZ.

I want to send a special thank you to our Corporate Round Table Partners. Dr. Alvenia Rhea Albright, our phenomenal Chair, of the CRT, and the Exhibitors who continuously support us year after year, aiding us in advancing our mission which is:

- 1. To promote oral health equity among people of color by harnessing the collective power of its members,
- 2. To advocate for the needs of and mentor dental students of color,
- 3. To raise the profile of our profession in our communities.

Thank you to Drs. Hazel Harper and Nicole Cheek for an outstanding NDA HEALTH NOW event for the children in Phoenix. AZ











## Congratulations to the SNDA on their 50th Anniversary

A BIG shoutout and thank you to our resilient SNDA members and their sponsors





## Congratulations to our NDHA on their 60th Anniversary







John T. Daniels, II DDS - President



Loren D. Alves, DMD - Vice President



Madge Potts-Williams, DDS – Secretary



Jacinto W. Beard, D.D.S. - Treasurer

To the small in number but mighty, dedicated, and committed NDA staff:

Ms. LaVette Henderson, Director of Finance, Ms. Shelaine Stone, member, exhibitor specialist, Ms. Ebonei White, membership services coordinator, **WE THANK YOU!!** 







On July 26th, I participated as a panelist during the National Bar Association Health Law Section's continuing legal education session titled, "Health Care for All: Integrated Strategies for Combating Health Care Disparities Across Multiple Health Disciplines", moderated by Charise R. Frazier, Esq.



On August 2nd, I spoke at the National Medical Association Convention held at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, GA. Family Medicine Section. My topic was entitled, "What's The Mouth Got To Do with It?"

I was also invited to address their House of Delegates. My schedule did not allow me to, but Dr. Janet Southerland graciously presented on my behalf. This opportunity allowed the NDA to increase awareness about the oral-systemic link. Providing information to both organizations has the potential for continued collaboration and presenting the opportunity to bring our groups together, especially during our OSHEC (Oral Systemic Health Equity Consortium) program. We anticipate presenting this training in the next few months once our Executive Director adds the finishing touches.

Since January, I have participated in the ADA's Diversity Summit Presidents' Meeting. We met quarterly, via zoom and our final face-to-face meeting will take place at the Greater New York Dental Meeting on November 27th. It was an opportunity for the diverse dental groups to come together to discuss commonalities, disparities, and inequities in our communities. I have also been a director of the Diverse Dental Society (DDS) presided over by our very own Director of Finance, Ms. LaVette Henderson, President. This organization is comprised of the Hispanic Dental Association, the National Dental Association, and the Society of American Indian Dentists. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion are one, if not the most important, topics being discussed. The National Dental Association has experienced

it longer because we are the oldest of the three organizations. Our disparities and inequities have similarities; however, they are culture based.

Over the past two years, Mr. Jeff McFarland, Board Member for the Prince Georges Community College and husband of a colleague, Dr. Juanita Rhodes, and the National Dental Association have been working together to create a new Dental Assisting Program at the college. The National Dental Association and the Robert T. Freeman Dental Society have been instrumental in creating the curriculum and layout for the course. On June 27th, Dr. Nathan Fletcher, Dr. Nicole Cheek, Ms. LaVette Henderson, and I had the pleasure of touring the new state-of-the-art dental assistants clinic and lab which is quite impressive.

On August 19th, I brought special remarks and greetings to the freshman class and faculty during the Howard University College of Dentistry's (HUCD) opening convocation. It brought joy to my heart to see that at least one-third of the freshman class (Class of 2026) is comprised of African American males. Blessings to the HUCD faculty and staff, Dean Dr. Andrea Jackson, for not only talking the talk about diversity and inclusion but walking the walk. **HU? You Know!!** 



On September 20th, Frederick lasis, ED of Families USA, Marko Vujicic, PhD, Chief Economist, and Vice President, Healthy Policy Institute, ADA, and I were panelists discussing the topic, "Unlocking Access to Oral Health", sponsored by CareQuest Institute for Oral Health and Moderated by Mr. Bob Cusack, Editor in Chief, The Hill News publication







From October 12th-14th, I attended the ADA SmileCon Conference.

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On Wednesday, October 12th, we attended the American College of Dentists Fellows Forum entitled, "The Oral Health in America Report Pulling the Ethics Thread in Practice and Education". It was an intense discussion. I was delighted to have been given the opportunity to share comments and ask questions on behalf of the National Dental Association. As always, I was extremely proud of our very own Dr. Carlos Smith who represented the National Dental Association very well as a panelist.





# American College of Dentists Ceremony

On Thursday, October 13th, I along with many NDA members were inducted as Fellows in the American College of Dentists. Thank you Drs. Leo Rouse and Pamela Alston for the nomination.

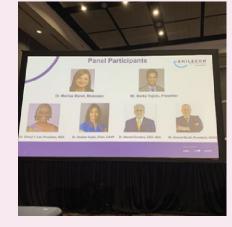


Pictured with Dr. Robert Gamble

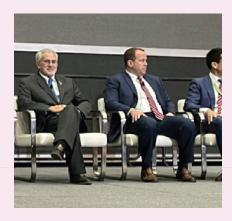


Pictured with Dr. Louis Hassell

On the evening of October 13th, during the ADA SmileCon, I along with representatives from HDA, SAID, ADA, and ASDO were panelists for the "ADA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Summit: Driving Change Together". The discussion focused on elevating dentistry to reduce disparities; what's next for organized dentistry and sharing insights on how our associations have been working to reduce disparities and improve the oral health of the public.







The event also recognized
Diversity and Equity
Champions and Institute for
Diversity in Leadership Alumni
of which I am a part.

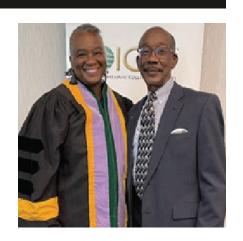




Best IDL Class ever 2019-2020 . Pictured with Drs Yanina Jouzy and Alex Barrera.

# International College of Dentists Ceremony

On Friday, October 14th, I along with many members of the National Dental Association were also blessed to be inducted as Fellows into the International College of Dentists with many members of the National Dental Association. Some of them are pictured below. Thank you, Dr. John Daniels, for the nomination.







What a blessing to be photographed with one of our dental heroes, Dr. Raymond F. Gist, a long-time National Dental Association member who received our Legends Award, the first, and currently the only African American President of the American Dental Association. He was honored today by the ICD as an "Outstanding Dental Leader." Indeed, he is!



Immediate NDA Past President Pamela Alston, NDA Treasurer Reginald Salter and 98th President Cheryl Y. Lee-Butler

On a lighter note, I was able to squeeze in at least one social, the fun event this year. My husband took me to the "Bridgerton Experience" here in Washington, D.C. I had no idea what Bridgerton was because I have not had the time to watch it. My children gave me a quick overview of what to expect that evening at the ball, how someone will be selected as the winner at the end, and a few things about Lady Whistledown. We attended and amazingly, WE WON!! What are the chances?





Paying tribute to three of the best former NDA employees who brought their expertise, skill, joy, and laughter to us all; those who we had the pleasure of meeting and knowing.



(Farewell to LaVette Henderson CMP, HMCC, FACD)

Dear NDA Family and Friends,

Our beloved LaVette Henderson, CMP, HMCC, FACD will be leaving the National Dental Association. Her last day as an employee is Monday, October 31, 2022. After more than twenty-four years of exemplary, dedicated, committed, unwavering service and support to our mission, Ms. Henderson submitted her resignation last week. As she embarks on the next chapter of her life, the two words. "Thank You" are not befitting or representative of the gratitude we have and will continue to have for the impact and the love Ms. Henderson has shared with the National Dental Association and its members. Her departure will leave an unfillable void in the National Office and within our hearts.

With that said, Ms. Henderson, please know that you are loved by our family of organizations, and you will be missed. You served this organization well in many capacities over the years. For all that you have done for all of us, we thank you, LaVette, for a "Job Well

Done!" Your NDA Family is just a telephone call away. You will always be a part of our family. Do not hesitate if you need us.

Godspeed and abundant blessings.



(Farewell to Shelaine Stone)

After twelve years of dedicated service to our beloved National Dental Association, Shelaine made the decision in September to focus on moving her career in a different direction. Shelaine was a key factor in Membership and Exhibitors for our organization her voice was a familiar voice we all became so accustomed to hearing. We were present when she gave birth to her beautiful baby girl. The NDA was so excited that we held a virtual baby shower for Shelaine, a first in the history of the NDA. Those of us who are local had the opportunity to see her regularly, but those who look to see her at our annual convention and transition meetings will definitely miss her great smile and warm caring spirit. Ms. Shelaine Stone, we want only the best for you but remember you are loved and will be missed. Please take care of yourself and your

family. Please do not become a stranger. You are welcome to come by for a visit anytime.

Stay well and be blessed,



(Farewell to Ebonei White)

Ebonei was only with the National Dental Association for about two years, but she always greeted you with a smile and kind words. Ebonei was ready and willing to assist with not only membership but with any task that was asked of her. LaVette, Shelaine, and Ebonei, made sure that I was taken care of throughout my presidency. I was really disappointed when she informed me after the convention, that she was not going to stay with the NDA. Ebonei is strong and resilient, and she will do great in her next endeavor. It does not make us miss her any less. What a blessing to have her touch our lives the way that only she can. You are missed, but we mention your name often.

Take good care of yourself and always go with your heart's desire. You are worthy.

As this will be the last time addressing you as President in the Flossline, I want to thank you again for this amazing, and one of the most unforgettable opportunities of my life. These memories will be cherished always. Dr. Marlon Henderson, I look forward to your presidency as you continue to guide this organization forward. It has been an honor and privilege to collaborate with you.

Executive Committee and Board of Trustees, thank you for your continued support this year.

To you, the loyal and resolute members of the National Dental Association, thank you for your commitment to this organization and for keeping its mission alive.

Dr. Jeanne C. Sinkford, Dean Emeritus HUCD, thank you for all of the encouraging words you shared with me this year.

A special thank you to you, Drs. Jeanne C. Sinkford, Sheila S. Price, and Marilyn P. Woolfolk for authoring

"Undaunted Trailblazers" Minority Women Leaders for Oral Health Lastly, I will close as I always have. Remember, you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think, and loved more than you know. If you could see yourselves through my eyes, then and only then will you know how loved you are and how special you are to me. I am grateful to have each of you in my life.

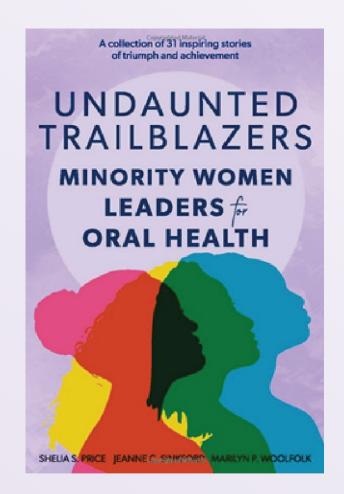
God, grant us the Serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the Courage to change the things we can, and the Wisdom to know the difference.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Be well, my friends. It has been a divine pleasure serving you.

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Cheryl Y. Lee-Butler D.D.S., FACD, FICD 98th President, National Dental Association



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The Who and The Why



As I represent the NDA at the many conferences, meetings, and dinners hosted by our allies in the promotion of oral health, I'm often asked how a lawyer ended up as Executive Director of the National Dental Association. It's understandable. A person with a background in law, politics, urban policy, and public administration is not necessarily the intuitive choice for a role like this. That is unless you understand my "why".

Following my undergraduate years at Morehouse College, where I was imbued with the history and ongoing relevance of the Civil Rights movement, I entered Howard University School of Law, where I was trained in the ways of the advocate and strongly influenced by the legendary Charles Hamilton Houston's admonition that "a lawyer is either a social engineer or a parasite on society."

There, spurred on by legacy,

I found my "why" and have been devoted to expanding equity and access for the disadvantaged, promoting civil rights and social justice, ever since. As a young attorney, I served as Legislative Counsel to the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene before my years of political activism earned me a DC Mayoral appointment to manage civil rights enforcement and minority contracting for the Government of the District of Columbia, for whom I administered community-based programs for severely disadvantaged communities. I later served in numerous executive and senior management roles in government, and politics, including as Chief of Staff to the Honorable Marion Barry during his last years in D.C. City Council. Following my government service. I entered the nonprofit, philanthropic. and association sectors. Over time, the "why" had become a manifestation of who I was.

My journey to NDA now seems inevitable when viewed through a lens of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. The American healthcare system is finally undergoing a critical examination of its record on these terms. But even as the moment now seems ripe for change, setbacks like the recent unsuccessful attempt to include a dental benefit in Medicare prove that enemies to fundamental human rights remain.

There's a lengthy history to these debates. Victories are rarely won in the first battle. Today, concepts like the social and political determinants of health are taken as standard in health equity discourse, when in my lifetime alone they were once advocated only by the most courageous of civil rights champions. In 1966, Dr. Martin Luther King famously said that "injustice in health is the most inhuman form of inequality because it often results in physical death." Dr. King was assassinated two years after uttering those words.

Since 1913, the National Dental Association has boldly led the fight for health equity. As Daniel Dawes, of Morehouse School of Medicine, reminds us in The Political Determinants of Health, health equity has been a central objective in the struggle for emancipation, civil rights, and human rights since the inception of this nation. So why aren't we there yet? Frankly, due to a well-funded, coordinated campaign of racial intolerance and economic exploitation. This is why we must find the will to continue this struggle. There is strength in purpose and when people connect their "who" to their "why", they find purpose.

The goals of the National Dental Association are to improve the delivery of oral health care in underserved communities and improve the educational opportunities of minorities underrepresented in the oral health field. This is health equity in action. However, in the end, we will only achieve it when NDA members, allies, and partners connect our collective "who" to our "why" and unify our purpose. In the fight to bring full access to healthcare to those long neglected, this is the only path to victory.

This is what the NDA does, but

we must work continuously to do it better. Change may be difficult but it is essential to survival. As I have said for over a year, the NDA is moving forward, and this newly redesigned Flossline is emblematic of that.

We need you! I ask that you become engaged in our committees, our public advocacy efforts, and our public service initiatives, as we work to advance our goals and objectives...and there is much in which to be engaged.

For the first time, we are planning an NDA-HEALTH NOW event during the Transition meeting in Shreveport, Louisiana as a celebration of 10 years of this remarkable NDA signature program. Also, after much anticipation, we are launching the Health Equity Call To Action (HECTA) - a summit of the leaders of national healthcare organizations, that will vigorously campaign for health equity around the country. In 2023, we will revive our celebrated and impactful NDA Day on the Hill and initiate new and innovative programming designed to positively impact the number of African American dentists entering dental schools. Indeed, it is an exciting time to be a member of the NDA, a great time to know your "why" and be a part of the action.

NDA Forward!

Keith Andrew Perry
Executive Director - National
Dental Association

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# Robert T. Freeman Dental Society October Meeting Dr. Reginald Salter

The National Dental Association's component society- Robert T. Freeman Dental Society (RTF) held its October meeting in conjunction with Howard University's chapter of the Student National Dental Association (HU SNDA). RTF and HU SNDA unveiled their pilot mentorship program- P.A.C.E. (Promote Advancement through Communication & Encouragement). The mission of the pilot mentorship program is to promote open communication between members of RTF and HU SNDA through, but not limited to, collaborative outreach events, fairs, continuing education, and the sharing of appropriate literature and other newsworthy correspondence. RTF members were able to meet their student mentee, door prizes were awarded, demonstrations on dental products were provided by Shofu Dental Corporation, and financial literacy information was shared by Sandy Spring Bank, and concluded with a continuing education presentation.







# Meharry Medical College's School of Dentistry Dr. Julie A. Gray

Oral Health Day has become an annual event at Meharry Medical College, School of Dentistry since 2017. Student Doctors and residents provide free dental care and are supervised by volunteer dentists (many of whom are faculty, alumni, and friends of the college). The free dental services rendered each year are extractions, fillings, and cleanings. To date, over 3,000 patients have received free services. In addition, through the support and funding of the Tennessee Department of Human Services, the Back to School Oral Health Day held on September 24, 2022, rendered care to 310 patients for a value of services provided of \$250,000. Plans are underway for our upcoming annual Spring Oral Health Day which will be held on March 4, 2023, where we welcome the participation of Alumni and Friends of the College.





#### HoloLens

Meharry Medical College continues to progress with innovative technology such as the Microsoft HoloLens. The use of virtual reality was once thought to be a concept of the future; however, today through the use of wearable computer "goggles," this future is now Meharry's School of Dentistry reality. The HoloLens technology supports students and faculty in ways such as: determining implant placement, evaluating bony lesions from cone beam computed tomography (CT) images, simulating injection techniques, and understanding anatomical structures of the head, neck, and body. Through the use of Microsoft's programming software, applications are already being developed to achieve these goals and many more!





#### **Pediatric Dentistry Residency**

As we continue to excel at MMCSOD we are excited to announce our Pediatric Dentistry graduate program. The Meharry School of Dentistry has been approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) to begin a Pediatric Dentistry Residency. The first cohort of four (4) residents will begin in July 2023. Residents will evaluate and provide comprehensive oral health care and education to a vast array of patients with racial, cultural, and economic diversity in a humanistic and supportive environment. Residents will treat patients in an ambulatory and outpatient setting utilizing the spectrum of behavior quidance techniques as well as render care utilizing sedation and general anesthesia for infants, children, adolescents, and those with special health care needs. Residents will have the unique opportunity to interact, treatment plan, and render care with members of the Craniofacial Anomalies team at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. As well as learn to enhance their ability to diagnose and manage an array of patients with orofacial pain and traumatic injuries. This program will allow the school to assist with increasing the number of pediatric dentists.



# **Protocol** Corner



Hello everyone!!! My name is Joshua B. Tyson DDS, MPH, your Speaker of the House. I am truly honored to serve the organization and move the needle forward toward a brighter future. I am excited to share a few changes to the NDA Bylaws with you today.

The first exciting change is the formation of the New Dentist Committee.

#### **New Dentist Committee**

- Composition. A reference committee, consisting of five (5) officially certified delegates, shall be appointed by the Speaker at least sixty (60) days before each annual session of the House of Delegates; the exception is that the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws of the NDA shall serve as the reference committee on the Constitution and Bylaws of the House of Delegates.
- Duties. The duties of the New Dentist Committee will be to assess and advise the Board of Trustees and Executive Director on member benefits and member experiences from

a new dentist perspective. The Committee will evaluate and make recommendations regarding NDA policies affecting new and younger dentists, promote the role of new and younger dentists, and encourage leadership development in national, state, and local societies. The Committee will be responsible for recommending new and younger dentists to serve as the New Dentist member on NDA committees; collaborate with the Executive Director and Board on the development and successful implementation of a new dentist program at the NDA convention. The Committee is expected to advise on and assist in the implementation of an effective NDA pipeline strategy, including joining the Vice President in oversight of the SNDA Signing Day and other activities. Finally, the Committee will provide a training ground for executive leadership coaching to groom and educate new dentists in preparation for taking on leadership roles within the organization.

#### **New Dentist Summit**

The Committee hosts the 40 Under 40 (Gala or Luncheon) at the NDA convention which will be used as an opportunity for new dentists to network, develop leadership skills, and participate in new dentist programming.

#### 40 Under 40

The NDA's 40 Under 40 Honors and Awards program recognizes the nation's top dentists under the age of 40 who demonstrate extrameritorious achievements. including a high standard of excellence in the profession, innovation, vision, leadership, commitment to the values of the NDA, and community involvement. The awardees will represent a broad range of dental professionals, including large practice, small practice, solo and industry practitioners, government dentists, military dentists, faculty members, corporate, other dentists, all of whom are using the dental profession in groundbreaking ways to advance the goals and objectives of the National Dental Association. Winners will be honored at the NDA Annual Convention. In addition to the New Dentist Committee, the Bylaws Committee will be reviewing the current Bylaws to determine if there is a need for revisions. The committee will be appointed by the Speaker of the House in January 2023.

The House, along with Dr. Pamela Alston created a position paper regarding silver diamine fluoride which states that: Our National Dental Association:

- 1. affirms bi-directional medical-dental integration within the practice scope of care;
- 2. supports the treatment of dental caries with silver diamine fluoride (SDF) 1 as indicated because it is clinically effective in non-invasively arresting established caries and prevented new carious lesions in various tooth types and across patient demographic groups

- whether used alone, with a sedative filling, or with a permanent restoration 2;
- 3. supports the treatment of dental caries with SDF because it is costeffective, safe, and efficient to apply, and portable to various settings;
- 4. supports SDF to be added to the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes which provide a uniform nomenclature for coding medical procedures and services;
- 5. supports a fee reimbursement scheme both for medical and dental teams applying therapeutic SDF applications;
- 6. is committed to strengthening the oral health workforce and improving oral health care access with the recognition that the application of SDF by medical teams where patients do not have access to oral health teams is a health equity measure;
- 7. urges that medical teams who treat visible cavitated lesions with SDF provide care coordination so that patients may be connected expeditiously, when possible, to dental homes where they will receive caries management by risk assessment (CAMBRA®) and continuity of oral health care.



#### Greetings NDA, NDAA, and All Family Organizations!!!

It was exciting and a blessing to see all of you at the NDAA's 58th convention in Phoenix, AZ. It was a great family reunion!!! We were happy to see all the faces in person, considering that we haven't seen each other since 2019.

Reuniting with the NDAA was so amazing. NDAA had fun times learning about different strategies in the Dental Office to be productive and effective. Thank you, Dr. Michael Boykins, for saying yes and for the lecture on Covid-19 and Dentistry Challenges and Opportunities.

The information was beneficial, and we all needed educational facts about the enduring horrific virus that we continue to fight. But, through it all, we enjoyed the extremely hot sun of Phoenix, AZ with such bright smiles!!!! It was an honor for President Sherry Madison to serve as a panelist reflecting on Transitioning to the Next Generation of Leaders and Innovators in Organized Dentistry, Academia research, and community services. Sherry stated, for her "to be able to voice her concerns and give suggestions for a positive change gave her hope that our

organization will continue to grow". We need each other to move forward. We will continue to grow and thrive to be the best Assistants, Managers, and Financial Coordinators. Our goal is to always be loyal to our patients and the interest of the practitioners we serve. Therefore, we challenge each dentist to register at least one assistant and allow them to come to the convention in New Orleans.

The National Dental Assistants Association is small but mighty. We have lost three phenomenal soldiers this year. God saw that he needed them to come home. Our golden girls Nellie Graves, Frances Hinton, and Shirley Gordon will always be in our hearts.

Their memories will live on. and the work is complete. Well done!!! Just a highlight below of the NDAA having fun in Arizona on our outing to the Aguarium and dinner.

Yours Truly,

**NDAA Family** 

Sherry Madison, President

Angela Bowens, Board of Trustee Claire Franklin, House of Delegates

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# Thank You, LaVette Henderson...Job Well Done!





























# **Meet Our New Team**



Seated (I-r): Erica Jackson (Membership Engagement Coordinator); Keith A. Perry, JD (Executive Director); Semiyah Sams (Executive Assistant);

Standing (I-r): Anthony Teat (CEO, Masai Interactive - Webmaster & Digital Communications); Chris Tinker (Partner, TSC Enterprise, LLC - Accounting & Finance); Edward "Scotty" Scott III (Database/ Salesforce Developer)



#### Semiyah (Sem)

I am a recent graduate from Howard University with a Master's in Public Health, focusing on health disparities.

I have always had a passion for

protecting and improving the health for people and their communities, especially underserved ones. So, it is to no surprise that I've interned and volunteered at renowned organizations, including Doctors Without Borders, The Ronald McDonald House, and Maryland's own African American Health Program. Since studying abroad to Switzerland, France and Italy in undergrad, I have yearned to see as much of the world as possible. Today, I have traveled to 10 different countries! Other than traveling, I love to read and learn new things. Given the history and mission of the National Dental Association, I am looking forward to opportunities to promote health equity, as well as developing new personal and professional skills as I begin my professional workforce journey.



#### Erica

I have recently joined the **National Dental Association** after serving 9 honorable years as a Staff Sergeant in the Marine Corps, as 0431 Embarkation Specialist. During my time in the Corps, I have developed a thrill in serving others, with a few motivational attributes that could benefit the organization's future. My amphibious travels in the Marine Corps have sparked an interest in travel and an appetite for physical fitness. I currently have an associate's Degree in Business Administration, while actively working on my bachelor's degree in Human Resources. Although I am still on my educational journey, I have hopes that the organization will encourage an understanding of what it takes to run a business and continue developing the people skills associated with my degree plan.

# Wolverine Dental Hygienists' Society 50th Anniversary Celebration

...When love and skill work together expect a masterpiece.

John Ruskin





**Albreta Merritt** 

**Deborah Leitner-Carter** 

Two trailblazing and inspirational members of the National Dental Hygienists' Association

2022, what a milestone year! Wolverine Dental Hygienists' Society (WDHS) founded by our past president, Albreta Merritt, (deceased) celebrates 50 years as an organization. The Wolverine Dental Hygienists' Society's goals are the development and preservation of dental hygiene as a profession and recruiting and encouraging African Americans to recognize dental hygiene as a career. The gala was held at Sindbad's Restaurant and Marina on the beautiful Detroit River.

More than 100 attendees enjoyed warm, encouraging, and interactive words from Debra Smith, President of WDHS and Keynote Speaker, along with Deborah Leitner, Founder of Wayne County Community College Dental Hygiene Program Carter. Dignitaries in attendance included the NDHA's House of Delegate Representative to the NDA, Barbara Seldon, the Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association President, the Associate Dean of Wayne County Community College, and the President of the Wolverine Dental Society.

#### A Little History:

In the fall of 1972, the Wolverine Dental Hygiene Society (WDHS) was organized by former NDHA president Albreta Merritt. Mrs. Merritt was dedicated to increasing the number of African American dental hygienists into the profession. Her vision was to support the National Dental Hygienists' Association by developing a professional component organization in Detroit, Michigan. Her goal was to identify and unite minority dental hygienists and to address the special problems faced by minority hygienists in the profession. Five members of the WDHS would serve as president of the NDHA. They are Albreta Merritt (1975-1977), Barbara Purifoy-Seldon (1993-1995 and 2017 -2019), Darchelle Strickland (1995-1997), Diane Scott (2001-2003), and Juana Gissendanner (2009 -2011). WDHS appears to be the first organization to

become a component organization of the NDHA. In 1982, Deborah Leitner Carter, a member and continuing education speaker for NDHA, recognized the reluctance of schools to admit African American students into dental hygiene schools. She recognized the lack of educational opportunities for African Americans during that time and was challenged to write a grant that resulted in the opening of the first dental hygiene program (Wayne County Community College Dental Hygiene Program) specifically developed to train African American students for a dental hygiene career.

As the most continuous member of both organizations since their inception, I am proud and honored to share this information with you. What parallelism, two great organizations, The National Dental Hygienists' Association (NDHA) celebrating 60 years and the Wolverine Dental Hygienists' Society (WDHS) celebrating 50 years as a professional component of NDHA. I feel so honored to have been asked to bring greetings from the NDHA. My greetings emphasized the words of former President Barack Obama who said "First and foremost, we must recognize that one day's commemoration, no matter how special, is not enough. Our work is never done." I hope his words resonate with all reading this message and that we all continue to give unwavering support to these two phenomenal organizations.

Barbara Seldon, RDH, BS M.Ed.

NDHA Representation to the NDA House of Delegates

## Meet our 2022-2023 Executive Board!

SUBMITTED BY: SHONTÉ REED, UMKC '24



#### **Let's Go Further Together!**

Since 1970, SNDA has been dedicated to increasing the presence of minorities in the dental field.

Hello Family!

My name is Kamal Smith and I am a fourth-year dental student at the University of North Carolina Adams School of Dentistry. I am honored to serve as your 2022-2023 National President of the Student National Dental Association (SNDA).

I was born and raised in the Washington, DC area, and I am a proud alumnus of Duke University. I have served SNDA on the local, regional, and national levels for the past 4 years. I am excited to use my experience, skillset, and vision to now lead on the national level. Our organization has a rich history of creating impactful programming, promoting diversity, and cultivating professional development within the dental community. My 2022-2023 strategic plan aims to build on this legacy and take SNDA to new heights.

As President, I work alongside our national executive team to implement my strategic plan for the 2022-23 year entitled: Go Further Together. This title originates from one of my favorite quotes, the African proverb "If you want to go fast go, alone. If you want to go far, go together." With this spirit of collaboration and intentionality, our core initiatives this year include implementing a national SNDA Mentor-Mentee Program, business-focussed office hour sessions for our members, regional continuing education styled courses, and a national SNDA database to help connect our members. Continuing to foster a collaborative professional relationship with the NDA and USNDA is also a core goal for this year. We will build upon our HBCU Connect Program and various professional development programming with the goal of increasing the presence of underrepresented minorities entering dental schools across the nation. Through consistent communication with our local chapter Presidents, we will design systems and programs that will create impactful learning spaces designed for the personal, social, and professional growth of our members. Our approach will be vision-oriented, strategic, and measurable, always keeping our core values of integrity, service, and excellence at the forefront.

#### **Kamal Smith**

SNDA National President UNC Adams School of Dentistry Class of 2023



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Hello Family!

I am Brandon Wallace, a third year dental student at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. It is both an honor and a privilege to serve as your Student National Dental Association President-Elect for the 2022-2023 academic year.

I am originally from the city J.Cole describes as "Dreamville" a.k.a. Fayetteville, NC. In this city I was raised with many dreams; dreams that eventually led me to pursue my bachelors degree at the illustrious North Carolina Agriculture & Technical State University better known as "A&T". Not too long afterwards, I also attended Hampton University, where I received my masters degree.

Being part of SNDA has always been at the forefront of my dental career. Serving as an active member, and executive board member locally, is what inspired me to pursue SNDA on a national level. I am honored to work with such an incredible group of individuals and hope that together, we continue to find ways to better serve you.

As President-Elect I intend to learn as much as I can from those currently serving on the executive board, while helping the current President fulfill his strategic plan. With the hands-on experience I will gain throughout the next year, my hope is that I will be able to develop our trajectory as an organization for the following academic year. I trust this will happen because I believe in the power of our people; both presently serving and soon-to-be serving.

Thank you for trusting me with this opportunity, and I look forward to serving you!

#### Brandon Wallace, MS

SNDA National President-Elect
Tufts University School of Dental Medicine



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Hello Family!

"One person can't help everyone, but everyone can help one person." -Unknown

I am Shonté Reed, a third-year dental student at the University of Missouri Kansas City School of Dentistry. I am beyond honored to serve as the 2022-2023 National Vice President of the Student National Dental Association!

I am a native of Kansas City, Missouri and received my bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences from the University of Missouri Columbia [MIZ-ZOU!]. I later received my master's in Biomedical Sciences from the Kansas City University of Medicine. Upon matriculating into UMKC, I began my service on my local SNDA's executive board immediately as Historian [D1], President [D2], and currently serving a second term as President [D3].

Our organization prides itself on creating spaces unique for minority students. SNDA provides access to resources that propel, educate, and expose minority students forward as we pursue opportunities along this dental journey. As Vice President, I will work closely with our National President, Kamal Smith, to carry out his strategic plan that will continue to propel our organization forward as we kick off the next 50 years of SNDA!

I will also take on the lead in coordinating the meeting schedule and agenda of our next annual convention. I'm excited to work with our current leadership to bring our general body another exciting year of programming!

#### **Shonté Reed, MS**

SNDA National Vice - President UMKC School of Dentistry Class of 2024

## **Meet our 2022-2023 Executive Board!**



My name is Dr. Reina Ransom, and I am a graduate of Hampton University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Adams School of Dentistry. It has been such an honor to serve as the 50th President of the Student National Dental Association, and I am so excited to transition into the role of immediate past president. In this role I will help to advise the executive board on SNDA operations and help to execute the plan of Student Dr. Kamal Smith.

Reina Ransom SNDA Immediate Past National President UNC Adams School of Dentistry Class of 2022



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Mariah Cason
CORPORATE ROUND TABLE 2

My name is Clarence Cochran II and I am a third year student at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. I am so honored to be serving on the National Executive Board as the 2022-2023 Treasurer. In my role I will do my best to manage and allocate funds for the organization to the best of my abilities. I also plan to be as involved as possible in helping to advance SNDA to make it the best that it can be for the future. I look forward to collaborating with the executive board through various committees as well. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions do not hesitate to reach out to me. Any feedback or input into furthering the organization is greatly appreciated and will be well received. I look forward to serving the SNDA community!

Clarence Cochran II SNDA National Treasurer University of Michigan School of Dentistry Class of 2024



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# **SDC-NDA Achievement Scholarship Awardees**



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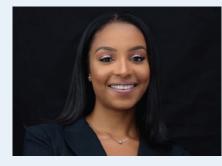
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3. Morgan Anderson- Howard University



4. Serena Brown- Texas A&M University



5. Ashlei Cameron- Howard University



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9. Morghan Gray- Howard University



10. Anh Huynh- UCLA



11. Sharyn Jean-Baptiste-Howard University



12. Madison Jenkins- Texas A&M University

# **SDC-NDA** Achievement Scholarship Awardees



13. Jeliah Jones- Howard University



14. Aubrey Kaale- Howard University



15. Nazira Lewis- UTHealth School of Dentistry



16. Huonna McCarthy-**Howard University** 



17. Fransisca Meralus-Meharry Medical College



18. Octavia Miller- East Carolina University



19. Quaston Murray- Howard University



20. Gianna Muse- Howard University



21. Tangwan Nganteh- Howard University



22. Balogun Oluwaferanmi-USC



23. Michael Opoku- Texas A&M University



24. Addisalem Teklu- Howard University



25. Jakara Thomas- Virginia Commonwealth University



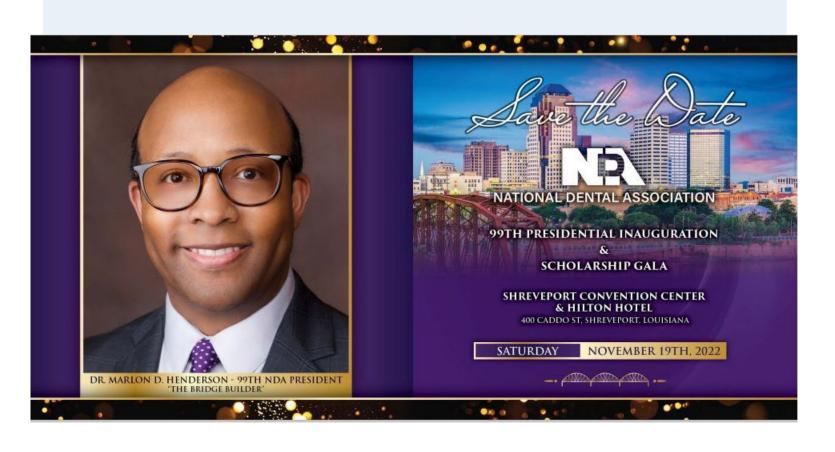
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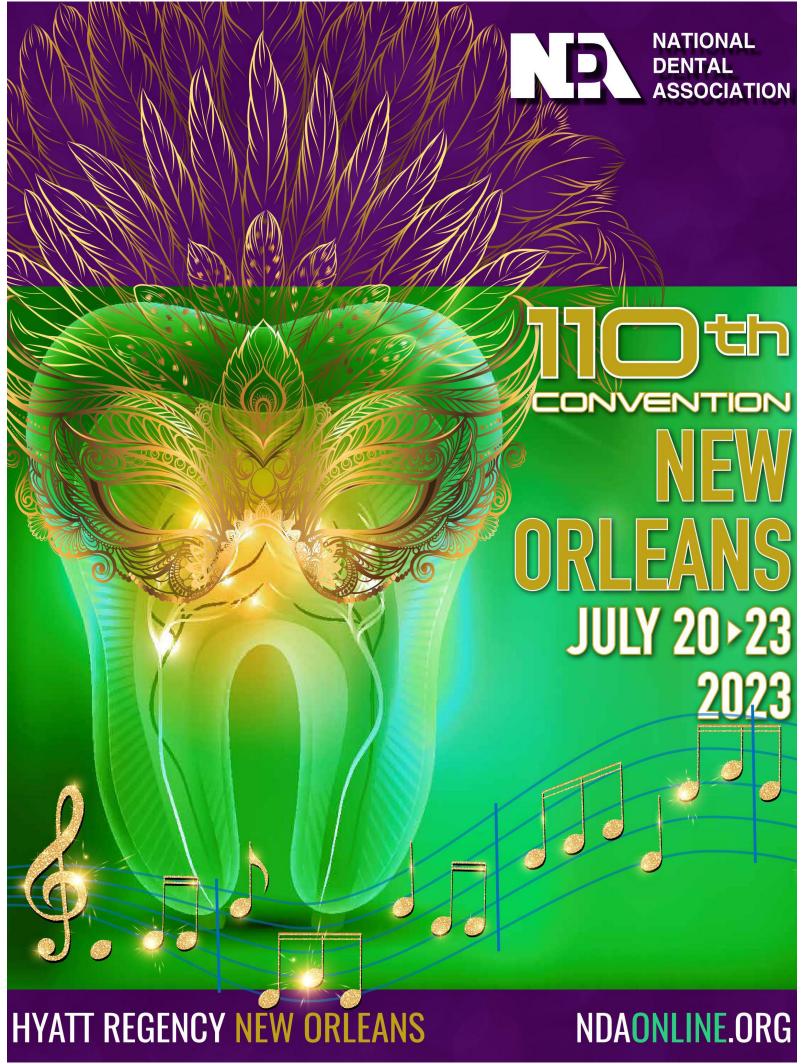


27. Urbi Tucker- Howard University



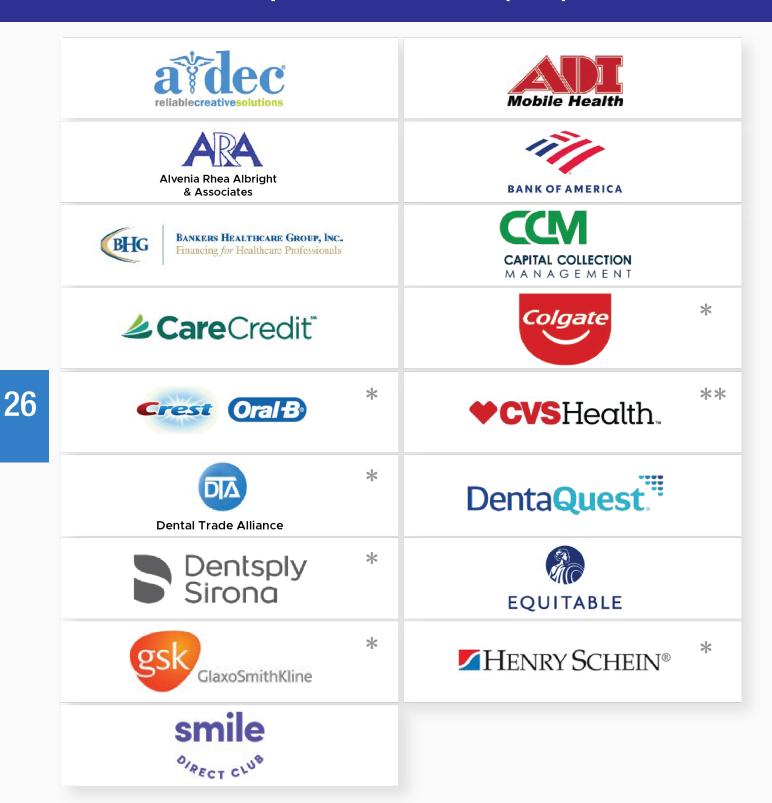
28. Brandon Williams- Howard University





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NDA MEMBER	□ \$ 550	□ \$ 600	□ \$ 650	□ \$ 750	DUES & REGISTRATION INFORMATION	
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One Day Rate	□ \$ 300	□ \$ 350	□ \$ 375	□ \$ 400	NOTE: Copy of DDS or DMD diploma or letter from school	
Non-Member	□ \$ 800	□ \$ 850	□ \$ 900	□ \$ 1150	confirming your degree date Is required for all Graduates (NO EXCEPTIONS). Residency Completion Certificates and Master	
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2021 Graduate	□ \$ 300	□ \$ 300	□ \$ 325	□ \$ 325	not be processed until required documentation is received.	
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GALA WHS Awards Luncheon	x \$ 100	x \$ 120	x \$ 130	x \$ 140 x \$ 90	confirming your program start and end dates are required for all residents (NO EXCEPTIONS). Resident dues and registration	
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