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NDA Family and Friends Volunteer to Celebrate NDA-HEALTH NOW NDA® 10th Anniversary at New Orleans Milne Center (cover story Pg.8)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings to our faithful and fearless National Dental Association Family.

It remains an honor and a glorious privilege to serve as the 99th President of our historic, transcendent, and legendary organization. After well over 110 years, the mission of the National Dental Association is still impactful and relevant. As I have previously stated, we have been divinely chosen to carry the torch of the NDA valiantly into the future – our future is now. In 2023, we are intentionally “Bridging the Generational Gap: Back to the Future of Advancing Oral Health Equity, Student Mentorship, and Raising our Profile.”



Dr. Marlon Henderson and NDA Past Presidents posed with Dr. Calvin Mackie (Keynote Speaker, Center) at Civil Rights Luncheon

Speaking of intention, our administration selected the three following tactics from our 2021-2024 NDA Strategic Plan upon which to focus to keep us “fit for the future”: mentorship, membership, and leadership development. The successful launch of the S.M.I.L.E. Healthcare Pathway Program this summer in Washington DC is truly a testament to the impact of the

NDA mission (“advocating for the needs of and mentoring dental students of color”). Our “call to action” is to improve from the 3.8% of African American dentists in the United States towards representation in dentistry that mirrors that of society. By increasing the number of providers in underrepresented and underserved populations, we aim to directly improve access to care and to advance oral health equity. Additionally, removing systemic barriers to care in the workforce will result in a potential increase in the pool of diverse dental educators which goes a long way in the recruitment and retention of minority dental students. Based on the quality of the capstone projects presented by the participants, the Student Mentoring with Immersive Learning and Enrichment (S.M.I.L.E.) Program exceeded the high expectations set at Nasdaq with Henry Schein earlier this year. And, I am truly thankful to ALL responsible for making our launch a success.



Dr. Cheryl Lee-Butler receives the Immediate Past President Award for Her Outstanding Leadership



Dr. Hazel Harper Johns recognized for her vision and dedication to the NDA-HEALTH NOW® program as the Founding Director.

With enthusiasm, purpose, and effective leadership in place, the S.M.I.L.E. program is poised to grow and to potentially become a signature effort of the NDA.

In regards to the membership experience, our 110th Annual National Dental Association Convention/Extravaganza was simply AMAZING! In our effort to significantly "bridge the generational gap," our entire NDA Family (SNDA, NDHA, NDAA, ANDA, NDAF, USNDA, NDA-CRT) convened together this summer in New Orleans for the first time since 2019. From the start, our convention offered a "back to the future" like experience for me. When attending my first NDA Annual Convention in Atlanta as a member of the SNDA in 1999, I was drawn to the NDA by a strong sense of family, support/concern, networking, and encouragement. I felt the same palpable synergy, togetherness, and unity this year in New Orleans. I saw the familiar sight of all generations celebrating the mighty National Dental Association together – which was a goal of those who started this organization in the summer of 1913. From the Opening Session, Minority Faculty & Research Forum/Luncheon, Dr. Eddie G. Smith Leadership Institute, 10th Anniversary NDA-HEALTH NOW® Community Outreach Event, President's Luncheon, President's Gala, President's Symposium, Dr. Allison Riddle-Fletcher Women's Health Symposium/Luncheon, New Dentists/40 Under 40 Awards Dinner, SNDA Rites of Passage Ceremony, Scientific Sessions, Exhibit Hall, Alumni Receptions, to the Simpkins-Smith Commemorative Civil Rights Luncheon, our theme became more than just a moment – it became



Ms. LaVette Henderson and Dr. Reginald Salter received the President's Award for their Valuable Contributions and Devotion to the Profession of Dentistry and the Mission of the NDA

a "bridging the generational gap" movement. While being interviewed by a local news station regarding the 10 Year Anniversary of NDA-HEALTH NOW®, which spectacularly took place at the Milne Center, I once again felt the overwhelming honor and responsibility of being our beloved organization's leader. And, I am truly grateful to ALL responsible for making our convention an undeniable success (Convention Co-Chairs Dr. Stephen Brisco and Dr. Romell Madison, Sponsors/Corporate Roundtable, NDA Committees/Chairs and Founding Directors, National Office Team and Meeting Planners, Past President's Council, Pelican State Dental Association/New Orleans Dental Society, Sister Organizations, NDA Members and Family Organizations).

On a more personal note, as a lifelong resident of Louisiana, I never miss an opportunity to promote and showcase the richness of our culture, the rhythm of our humanity, and the greatness of our heritage. And, I consider it a blessing to have been able to preside over our convention in a city that has been instrumental in my professional training and personal development. I am humbled



Dr. Henderson enjoys the President's Gala with First Lady Nikki and First Son Maxwell

and grateful that my alma mater, Louisiana State University School of Dentistry, held a reception and tour at the dental school for the NDA Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, and House of Delegates. It meant a lot for me to share that experience with our supportive NDA Leaders and Family. Furthermore, leading the Opening Session Second Line with Zulu Mardi Gras Indians and Young Fellaz Brass Band is a memory that I will cherish. To borrow from the incomparable poet Langston Hughes, "My soul has grown deep like the rivers."

As it relates to leadership, I am thrilled that the Eddie G. Smith Leadership Institute presented during our recent annual convention. On behalf of the American College of Dentists, Dr. Steven Chan offered wonderful wisdom, insight, and advice regarding the need and purpose of effective leadership in our profession. With great eagerness and gratitude, I look forward to our Dr. Eddie G. Smith Leadership Institute receiving the 2023 American College of Dentists Ethic and Professional Award in October. I, also, look forward to being inducted as a Fellow in the ACD.



Dr. Stephen Brisco received an award in Recognition and Appreciation of His Tireless Efforts as Co-Chair of the 110th Annual Convention



Following our convention, your National Dental Association participated in a National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research Stakeholders Collaborative Meeting at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting was to gather individual views on enriching the pathway of Oral Health Science Researchers including priorities and innovative approaches. Other dental organizations present included: ADEA, AADOCR, HDA, SAID, DDS, and the ADA. In collaboration with NDA BOT Chair Dr. Kim Perry and Principal Consultant Ms. LaVette Henderson, we presented the many ways that the NDA is presently answering our aforementioned “call to action” and addressing the current “crisis” with so few African American males choosing dentistry/healthcare.

Lastly, congratulations to the Old Dominion Dental Society on being inducted into the 2023 BayShore Beach Hall of Fame in Hampton, Virginia. I was honored to have been asked to be a part of the induction ceremony. Since the Tri-State Dental Association (which eventually became the NDA) was formed at BayShore Hotel in the summer of 1913, I am thrilled to have had the opportunity to absorb and to personally be a part of the rich history of the Old Dominion Dental Society and of the BayShore Beach Experience. Thank you, Old Dominion Dental Society, for being a well-respected and influential jewel of the National Dental Association. Also, thank you to NDA President-Elect Dr. Nicole Cheek, NDA Speaker of the House of Delegates Dr. Joshua Tyson, and NDA Delegate/ODDS Member Dr. Jon Scott for your attendance/support.

Let's continue to “build bridges,” because “Today, and every day, is a great day to be in the family of the NDA”

Healthy regards,

Dr. Marlon D. Henderson
99th President, National Dental Association
 “The Bridge Builder”



LSU Health New Orleans School of Dentistry, Dean, Angelo J. Mariotti, DDS, PhD, honors Dr. Henderson with a reception



CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE

NDA Members: The Boots on The Ground, Rolling Up Our Sleeves with A Solid History of Giving Back.

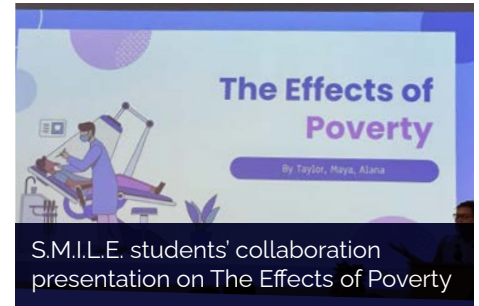
Dear NDA Members,

I trust this message finds you in good health and high spirits. It is with profound gratitude and immense pride that I address each of you today, extending my heartfelt appreciation for your presence at the illustrious 2023 NDA Annual Conference held in the vibrant city of New Orleans. This year's turnout was nothing short of exceptional, and it filled our hearts with joy to witness such strong representation from our extended NDA dental family.

Among the attendees were dedicated dental hygienists, dental assistants, enthusiastic students, and esteemed dental colleagues like yourselves. The 2023 NDA Annual Conference can only be described as a resounding success. Our

Continuing Education (CE) sessions proved to be both insightful and enlightening, further enriching the knowledge and skills of our members. The President's Symposium, where we discussed critical health disparities, left a deep and meaningful impact, reminding us of the importance of our mission. Beyond the professional growth, it was heartwarming to witness the bonds of camaraderie and connection formed among our colleagues.

This year has been nothing short of exciting and eventful for NDA. We faced our fair share of challenges, but through unwavering determination and collective effort, we triumphed and achieved significant milestones. These successes include the triumphant execution of our annual conference and the



launch of our groundbreaking S.M.I.L.E. (Student Mentoring Immersive Learning and Enrichment) Healthcare Pathway Program, a collaborative effort with Henry Schein the Robert I. Schattner Foundation, Howard University, University of Maryland School of Dentistry, and the Mary Center. This visionary initiative aims to inspire underserved rising 9th and 10th graders to become oral health ambassadors and explore careers in oral health through mentoring and guidance.

Furthermore, NDA takes immense pride that nearly 400+ SNDA and USNDA students attended our conference, a testament to our commitment to nurturing the next generation of dental professionals. The "40 over 40" awards were an outstanding success, recognizing new dentists' remarkable contributions to their communities and the dental profession, improving lives through their dedicated work. Our commitment to giving back remains unwavering. We opened the conference with our community outreach



Dr. Kim Perry with summer camp children at the NDA-HEALTHNOW® Milne Center event.

program, celebrating the 10th Anniversary of NDA-HEALTH NOW® and conducting our interprofessional nurse's educational program. These initiatives were carried out in collaboration with the Milne Center, reflecting our belief in the power of collective effort in making a positive impact.



SNDA recipients of the Heartland Dental Scholarship

We are profoundly grateful for the support of our Corporate Round Table and sponsors, who have played an instrumental role in elevating NDA's profile among our colleagues and NDA Families in our communities.

As we look to the future, I want to outline three essential next steps that require your continued support:

1. **Identify a new Executive Director.** Our organization's leadership is essential for its continued growth and success. The search for a new Executive Director is underway, and your involvement and insights are invaluable.
2. **Advocacy Priorities:** We will continue to advocate passionately for our members, students, and the communities we serve. Key focus areas include enhancing specialty CE opportunities for 2024, advocating for increased Medicaid and insurance reimbursement rates, ensuring a respectful and equitable educational environment for our SNDA students, and pushing for student loan repayment reform. We also aim to promote meaningful national Adult Medicaid comprehensive oral healthcare benefits and advocate for oral healthcare for the Medicare population.
3. **Prepare for the 2023 Presidential Inauguration of Dr. Nicole Cheek.** Dr. Cheek's inauguration is an important event on our horizon, and your presence and support will be crucial in making it a success.

This year presented NDA with its fair share of hurdles. Still, with the dedication and resilience of our Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, House of Delegates, NDA National Office, Past-

President's Council, NDA Oral Health Professional Family (assistants and hygienist), and spouses, we successfully navigated the challenges the 110th time with our 99th President. I sincerely thank you for your invaluable contributions to the 2023 NDA Annual Conference and our organization. Your presence and participation make our endeavors all the more meaningful. **As we continue to advance our mission, let us renew our commitment to NDA by remitting your 2023 and 2024 dues.** Together, we will continue to profoundly impact the field of dentistry, the lives of our students, and the communities we serve.

"We are reminded that in the fleeting time we have on this Earth, what matters is not wealth, or status, or power, or fame, but rather how well we have loved and what small part we have played in making the lives of other people better." - Barack Obama

As we approach year-end, join us in collectively recognizing, thanking, and applauding our 99th President, Dr. Marlon Henderson, for his outstanding leadership and bridging us onto this successful path he has set us on. Here's to a bright and promising future for the NDA.

With gratitude and warm regards,
KP

Kim Perry, DDS, MSCS, FACD
93rd Past-President, National Dental Association
NDA, Chairman of Board of Trustee, 2023



Greetings from the National Office

It is hard to believe that fall is here and the 110th NDA Annual Convention is over. While the convention has come and gone, the excitement remains present. Our members, supporters and guests continue to share how much they enjoyed the convention.

The NDA conventions are truly like no other annual conventions. We asked that you make the most of the convention, and you did just that and we THANK YOU for that! Seeing family enjoy the networking opportunities, continuing education sessions and catching up with friends, family, colleagues, and supporters at the social events was awesome. The sessions and hallways were filled with open dialogue, peer to peer learning that provided a unique, comfortable, and safe environment to share and ask those sensitive/hard questions that our members and affiliates are experiencing in the oral health arena. Attendees supported our exhibitors by making purchases and learning about their products and services. NDA provides content and experiences that help attendees enhance their knowledge, provide business opportunities, personal/professional growth, and advocate for oral health equity to meet our goals and mission. We are so delighted to know that most attendees had a wonderful experience during this year's convention that took place July 20 – 23, 2023 at the Hyatt Regency in New Orleans where bridges were built.

Following the convention, the Board and Personnel Committee was committed to hiring an Executive Director to continue the NDA's mission and take us to new heights. We anticipate the announcement in late October or early November. To assist in a smooth transition and acclimate the new Executive Director to members, committees, and our societies, ***we kindly ask that you share the following information by October 31, 2023.***

- Join and participate on National House Committees – You do not have to be a delegate to serve on committees. We have diverse talent in our membership and there is room for you to share your expertise and talents.
- Societies' Presidents/Secretaries please share your 2023/2024 Society Profiles
- Share your society activities and meetings with the National Office
- Share your community outreach events with an article for Flossline and NDA's social media outlets
- Recruit and embrace New Dentists and SNDA Members
- Engage the local SNDA members in society events and sessions

We are change agents, especially when we pull together. With your help and support, we increase access and provide quality care. Continuing the path of transforming the mindset of other health professionals and increasing communities' oral health literacy together we increase overall health.

Over the past several months, the National Office, as short-staffed as we are, has been working diligently with national leaders, the convention planning team, members, supporters, and our family organizations to enhance the organization's visibility. By doing so, we simultaneously executed a successful convention and launched the S.M.I.L.E. Healthcare Pathway Pilot Program (a 2-week-long overnight program that introduces 9th and 10th graders to the field of dentistry). See page 16 for more information. Stay and purchase tickets for the 100th NDA's Presidential Inauguration & Scholarship Sneaker Ball, on December 9, 2023, in Washington DC.

I close with a humbled heart and say thank you to our convention supporters, sponsors, exhibitors, presenters, volunteers, staff, attendees, and convention committee for your commitment to the organization's mission! Thank you for making this year's annual convention a fun and joyous reunion amongst family and friends. Enjoy some of the highlights in this edition.

Sincerely,

LaVette Henderson, CMP, HMCC, FACD
NDA, Principal Consultant



New Orleans Milne Rec Center Hosts NDA-HEALTH NOW® 10th Anniversary Event

Hazel J. Johns, DDS, MPH, FACD and Nicole Cheek, DDS

NDA-HEALTH NOW-New Orleans® held its 10th Anniversary community outreach event on July 21, 2023, at the Milne Recreation Center in New Orleans, Louisiana. Two hundred 5–12-year-old summer campers attended the children's event which took place from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. during the NDA annual convention. The CVS Health Mobile was also on-site to provide free health screenings. Support for the event was provided by Colgate, Crest Oral-B, CVS Health, Henry Schein Cares Foundation, DentaQuest, Diverse Dental Society, the Links, Incorporated, Listerine, the National Dental Association Foundation, the National Dental Hygienists Association, the Student National Dental Association and VOCCO.

The New Orleans Recreation Development Commission (NORDC) is a longstanding partner of NDA-HEALTH NOW®, our award-winning signature program. The NORDC summer camps that participated were the Milne Center, Cut-Off and Tremé. Several community organizations provided volunteer support including EXCELth FQHC, New Orleans Chapter of the Links, Incorporated, New Orleans Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association, LSU Health Sciences Dental School and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Popular local dentists, Drs. Wanda and Terrence Augillard, were team leaders who spoke to parents at the summer camps' orientation sessions about the program, the importance of prevention and the benefits of fluoride varnish. The event also featured an oral health training program for nurses conducted by Drs. Nicole Cheek and Jennel Osborne (Nurse Planner). Immediately following the training, the nurses engaged with the children in all of their activities.

NDA-HEALTH NOW® (Health Equity. Access. Literacy. Technology. Hope. National Outreach on Wheels) was launched in 2013 to provide services, education, access, and resources to underserved communities. The New Orleans program, "Summer Smiles for Summer Campers" is a fun-filled dental field trip for summer campers from four local summer camps. The "Passport to Total Health" makes learning fun! This educational journey included seven (7) stations: a Brush-a-Thon, Screening and Fluoride varnish application; Oral Health Videos; Happy Smiles are Healthy Smiles; Oral Hygiene Instructions; Safety First and Injury Prevention; Nutrition: Healthy Smiles=Healthy Bodies; and Step-Up-to-STEM®. Step-Up-to-STEM® is an age-appropriate children's program

with an oral health focus. This program was developed by dental students and members of the Student National Dental Association.

NDA President, Dr. Marlon D. Henderson, a private practitioner in Shreveport, LA, a graduate of the Louisiana State University School of Dentistry, and an alumnus of the General Practice Residency at the Medical Center of Louisiana, both in New Orleans, was interviewed by WDSU Channel 6 News after the event. The event also included dental screenings and referrals, and fluoride varnish applications. All participants, volunteers and guests registered to attend and parental consent forms were required for participation.

The NDA-HEALTH NOW® community outreach event is a component of the NDA Annual Convention. It is popular with the convention attendees including dentists, students, spouses, dental assistants, hygienists and corporate partners who mobilize as volunteers to support the program.





About NDA-HEALTH NOW®

Launched in 2013 the project goals are to 1) increase health care access; 2) eliminate disparities; 3) increase health literacy; and 4) promote prevention. NDA-HN also features and promotes the interests of interprofessional health teams. In 2016, NDA-HN won an award from the American Society of Association Executives, and since its inception has implemented and/or supported 165 programs in 16 cities and 11 countries. The results include 75,000 direct beneficiaries including children and adults and more than 1.5 mass media and social media exposures. In recent years, NDA-HN has also mobilized volunteers and provided care packages for victims of Hurricane Harvey (Houston) and Hurricane Dorian (Bahamas). In 2020, personal protective equipment and supplies (PPE) were donated to COVID pandemic community centers. NDA-HEALTH NOW® relies on corporate and foundation donations, in-kind support and volunteerism. www.ndaonline.org/healthnow



NDA-HEALTH NOW®

10th Anniversary Honorees

NDA President, Dr. Marlon D. Henderson, celebrated NDA-HEALTH NOW® 10 Anniversary by honoring the individuals who were instrumental in the Project's success. He presented the 10th Anniversary Awards at the Opening Session, the Dr. Alison P. Riddle-Fletcher Women Dentists' Awards Luncheon and the President's Gala. Dr. Henderson, a practitioner in Shreveport, LA, is a graduate of the Louisiana State University Health School of Dentistry, and an alum of the General Practice Residency at the Medical Center of Louisiana, both in New Orleans. Before the convention, he said, "I am so excited to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of our signature, award-winning community outreach program, NDA-HEALTH NOW® in a city so instrumental to my growth and education. I am proud that the NDA will provide the students at the Milne Center the opportunity to receive oral health and educational benefits during our convention activities where we will bridge the generational gap."

During the Opening Session, video introductions highlighted the contributions of the recipients of President Henderson's Special Recognition Awards. Honored were the three visionaries, transformational leaders and bridge builders who helped lay the foundation for the NDA's award-winning signature program – Steve Kess (Hery Schein, Inc.), Robert "Bob" Edwab (former Executive Director, Greater New York Dental Meeting) and Marsha Butler (former VP Global, Colgate Palmolive).



Dr. Marsha Butler receives President's Special Recognition Award



Dr. Robert Edwab receives President's Special Recognition Award



Steve Kess receives President's Special Recognition Award



The Links, Incorporated receives President's Special Recognition Award. Accepted by Links National President, Ethel Isaacs Williams

At the President's Gala, Dr. Henderson presented the inaugural President's Community Bridge Builder Award to NDA-HEALTH NOW®'s most outstanding national partner, the Links, Incorporated. Links National President, Ethel Isaacs Williams, accepted the award on behalf of the organization. He also presented an award to Dr. Hazel Harper Johns, Founding Director of NDA-HEALTH NOW®.

The 2023 Women's Health Symposium Awards Luncheon, named in honor of the late NDA President, Dr. Alison P. Riddle-Fletcher, was dedicated to the 10th Anniversary of NDA-HEALTH NOW®. The Phenomenal Leadership Awards were presented by Dr. Hazel Harper Johns to the five (5) NDA leaders who served as the Founding Local Directors of NDA-HEALTH NOW®. They were Drs. Sheila Brown (Chicago), Jocelyn Kidd (Dallas), Dennis Mitchell (New York), Romell Madison (New Orleans) and Pamela Alston (San Francisco/Oakland). The 2023 Phenomenal Corporate Woman Award was presented to Beth Jordan.



Chicago - **Sheila R. Brown, DDS, MEd FACD**



Dallas - **Jocelyn Kidd, DDS**



New York - **Dennis A. Mitchell, DDS, MPH**



New Orleans - **Romell J. Madison, PharmD, DDS**



San Francisco/Oakland - **Pamela S. Alston, DDS, MPP, FACD**



Beth A. Jordan, RDH, MS, Crest Oral-B

Pictured below, flanked by Drs. Harper Johns on far left and Marlon Henderson, far right, were recipients of the NDA-HEALTH NOW® Trailblazer Awards, from L-R: Drs. Kim Perry, Jennel Osborne (NDA-HN Fellow and Nurse Planner), LaVette Henderson and Dr. Nicole Cheek.



All members of the NDA-HEALTH NOW-New Orleans® Advisory Committee merited awards for Excellence in Community Service. The group received well-deserved accolades not only from the National Dental Association but also from the city's elected officials - Congressman Troy Carter, State Representative, Delisha Boyd and Councilman Freddie King III. The recipients are pictured below with Dr. Harper Johns, from L-R: Drs. Terrence Augillard, Wanda Augillard, Stephen Brisco, Romell Madison, Douglas Cross, Ms. Djuana Johnson, Dr. Marlon Henderson (NDA President), Ms. Alice Craft Kerney, Ms. Celeste Terry, Dr. Patricia Wright, and Mr. Gilbert Crowden.

NDA-HEALTH NOW® Honor Roll of Academic Partners

- Columbia University College of Dental Medicine
- Howard University College of Dentistry
- Louisiana State University School of Dentistry
- Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry
- Morehouse School of Medicine
- New York University Rory Meyers College of Nursing
- Texas A & M University School of Dentistry
- University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry
- University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
- Xavier of Louisiana College of Pharmacy



NDA HOSTS SUMMER SESSION OF IPSLCS AT THE NEW ORLEANS CONVENTION



The summer session of the NDA Interprofessional Student Leaders Colloquium and Summit (IPSLCS) took place July 21-22, 2023 during the NDA Convention. The theme of the program was “Health Equity, Advocacy and Reform in Louisiana: The Role of Future Leaders”. The event was supported by a grant from the CareQuest Oral Health Institute to Strengthen Community Voice and State Advocacy. The grant initiative is for a 12-month program targeting the state of Louisiana. Other sponsors were Participants including attendees from Louisiana institutions, LSU, Southern, Xavier, ???, and the New Orleans Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association. All expenses for selected students and training faculty were covered by the grant. All expenses for selected students and training faculty were covered by the grant.

Now in its 7th year, the IPSLCS program is grounded in the concept that leadership training for students in all disciplines is essential for achieving optimal health because, despite significant progress made in clinical care,

research and technology, new products and materials, innovative techniques and delivery systems, and other advances, America is still falling short of achieving health goals for all. The project’s purpose is to promote advocacy, justice, equity, diversity and inclusion to improve health and oral health outcomes in the nation’s underserved communities. This initiative focuses on providing transformational leaders of tomorrow with the skill sets they will need over the span of their careers, to become change agents and to achieve goals that will impact systemic, social and behavioral change for improved population health.

Dr. Marlon Henderson, NDA President and a native of Shreveport, LA stated, “The NDA is intentional in our efforts to enhance access to care. In our quest for oral health equity, it has long been important to the NDA to build a diverse pipeline and a pathway for future healthcare professionals. By advancing oral health equity, and strengthening community voices, there will be an increased likelihood of new state policies that will increase

access to dental care in Louisiana’s most underserved communities. I am proud to begin this important initiative by training student leaders in my home state!”

Although onsite sessions took place on July 21-22nd, there were mandatory pre-convention assignments that were assigned to the students, including reading the Louisiana State Oral Health Plan 2018-2023, viewing of 1) Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD) U.S. Senate Oral Health Hearing; and 2) mandatory webinar, “*Why Dental Health Is Medically Necessary*”.

Day 1 consisted of Leadership Training sessions at the Hyatt Regency from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. World class trainers for the session were 1) Alvenia Rhea Albright, Executive Leadership Coach-Development Specialist and Founder and Executive Director of Rhea of Hope Foundation, Inc. Topic: “Transformational Leadership. Examine the “Face in the Mirror”- ‘How’ You Lead is the Question”; 2) Dr. Judy Greenlea-Taylor, Dental Director for CareSource, CEO of her practice in Union City, GA, public health Consultant

to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Past President of the NDA. Topic: "Social Determinants and Implicit Bias in Health"; and 3) Dr. Brian Swann, Assistant Professor of Oral Health Policy and Epidemiology and mentor at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, former Interim Assistant Dean of Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging and current co-chair for the National Dental Association's Global Oral Outreach Committee. Topic: "Oral Health Advocacy to Build Bridges that Increase Health Capacity".

Day 2 was a three-part, action-packed event! From 7:30 a.m. –9:00 a.m., attendees participated in the NDA's hands-on, sensory immersive oral health training session at the Milne Rec Center, "Oral Health for Nurses: A Team Approach to Population Health". The session was led by Drs. Nicole Cheek, NDA-President-elect and Jennel Osborne, Head of Nurse Faculty Development at Long Island University Nursing School. The Milne Center IP nurses' event sponsors were Remote Area Medical, Crest Oral B, CVS, Listerine and VOCO. Immediately following the training, the attendees engaged with 200 summer campers, aged 5-12 years old at the NDA-HEALTH NOW 10th Anniversary Milne Center community outreach event. The IPSLCS participants learned first-hand about community outreach education for children. After lunch, attendees returned to the Hyatt where they toured the NDA Convention Exhibit Hall, and interacted with corporate vendors about advances in dental technology, procedures, and materials. A highlight of the tour was receiving volunteer orientation in the Remote Area Medica (RAM) pop-up, OSHA-compliant dental treatment tent.

**National Dental Association
Inter-Professional Student Leaders
Colloquium and Summit**

**"HEALTH EQUITY, ADVOCACY AND REFORM IN LOUISIANA:
THE ROLE OF FUTURE LEADERS"**

JULY 20-21-2023
8:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

HOSTED BY THE NATIONAL DENTAL ASSOCIATION
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FEATURING

Judy Greenlea-Taylor
DDS, MPH, FACD, FICD
GUEST FACULTY
"Social Determinants
and Implicit Bias in Health"
10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

Alvenia Rhea Albright
President and CEO
GUEST FACULTY
"Transformational Leadership
Examine the "Face in the Mirror"
"How" You Lead is the Question"
9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

Brian J. Swann
DDS, MPH
GUEST FACULTY
"Oral Health Advocacy to Build Bridges
That Increase Health Capacity"
11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

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Milne Recreation Center| 5420 Franklin Ave.| New Orleans, LA

The next phase of the 2023 IPSLCS program will include student group assignments to prepare presentations and legislative testimony to achieve the goals of the Louisiana State Oral Health Plan.



At the end of the 12-month CareQuest Oral Health Institute grant cycle, results from the IPSLCS needs assessment surveys will determine the level of awareness about oral health as integral to overall health and the impact of the short-term program interventions. Survey results and data analysis in the first year will be used for continued program development that will advance the goals of the program and provide opportunities for the NDA and its partners to speak with a unified, amplified voice for Advocacy, Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and to address oral-systemic health as a driver for whole-body health.

About the CareQuest Institute for Oral Health®

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health® is a national nonprofit championing a more equitable future where every person can reach their full potential through excellent health. We do this through our work in grantmaking, research, health improvement programs, policy and advocacy, and education as well as our leadership in dental benefits and innovation advancements. We collaborate with thought leaders, health care providers, patients, and local, state, and federal stakeholders, to accelerate oral health care transformation and create a system designed for everyone. To learn more, visit carequest.org and follow us on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).

40 Under 40 Award

The National Dental Association (NDA) New Dentist Committee presented its 2nd annual 40 Under 40 Awards program this past summer. The 40 Under 40 Award recognizes the nation's top dentists under the age of 40 who demonstrate extra-meritorious achievements, including a high standard of excellence in the profession, innovation, vision, leadership, commitment to the values of the NDA and an exemplary level of community involvement. The New Dentist Committee presented 40 awardees with awards.

The honorees represented a broad range of dental professionals, including large and small practice, solo, government, military, faculty, and corporate practitioners, all of whom are using the dental profession in groundbreaking ways to promote the art and science of dentistry. The 2023 dentists' awardees were nominated by members of the National Dental Association from across the country.

The honorees were celebrated during the NDA's 110th National Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana during the 40 Under Forty Black Masquerade Awards Dinner. The NDA President, Dr. Marlon Henderson, brought greetings to all in attendance while NDA members, friends and family filled the ballroom at the Hyatt Regency, enjoying dinner, dancing, and a custom 360 photo studio experience. Each awardee that attended had the opportunity to take a photo with our National President and President-Elect, Dr. Nicole Cheek.

The evening's events were sponsored by Wells Fargo and Colgate. Wells Fargo's Senior Vice President & Business Growth Strategy Executive, Bob Marshall, brought congratulatory words to our 40 honorees.

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New Dentist Committee Co-Chair

Dr. Joshua Tyson
New Dentist Committee Chair



NDA Speaker of the House, Dr. Joshua Tyson and
NDA Assistant Treasurer, Dr. Lenise Yarber



Wells Fargo Senior VP & Business Growth
Strategy Executive, Bob Marshall

40 Under 40

Awardees



Bianca Adams, DMD

Franklyn Aguebor, DMD

Akeadra Bell, DMD

Danielle Brown, DDS

Michelle Brown, DDS

Zerita Buchanan, DDS, MPH

Christopher Butler, DDS, MSD, MHS

Terrence Campbell, DMD, MS

Christopher Cathey, DMD

India Collier, DMD

Kari Cunningham, DMD, FAAPD

Raymond Dawkins II, DMD

Simone Ellis, DMD

Caylin Frye, DDS

Joshua Golden, DDS

Selena Gray, DDS

Ryan Grier, DDS, MBA, FACD

Darius Halliday, DDS, MPH

Mia Harrison, DDS, MPH

Aliya Kassam, DDS

Erika King, DDS

Elom Kwame, DDS

Celia Mimms, DDS

Leke Olowokere, DDS, FICOI

Tofunmi Osundeko, DMD

Da'Kandryia Peters, DDS

Tera Poole, DDS

Demarcio Reed, DMD, MHA, MAGD

Marcus Rhodes, DDS

Sterling Roberts, DDS

Halle Robinson, DMD

Irwine Sainvil, DDS

Awa Seck, DDS,

MBS Rubin Sorrell II, DDS, MPH

Trevor Thomas, DDS

Jacqueline Thrower, DMD, MS

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NDA S.M.I.L.E. Program Launches!

By Nicole Cheek, DDS and Kim Perry, DDS, MSCS, FACD

The S.M.I.L.E. (Student Mentoring with Immersive Learning and Enrichment) Healthcare Pathway Program is a partnership between the National Dental Association, Henry Schein, Inc., the Robert I. Schattner Foundation, Inc., and other professional associations. This program aims to help mentor future healthcare professionals, enhance health literacy, expand diversity in the healthcare workforce, and ultimately improve health and overall outcomes in underserved communities nationwide. In this inaugural year, the program accepted forty rising 9th and 10th-grade students from several areas around the country who spent a week living on-campus at Howard University. The students engaged in daily visits to institutions of higher learning (Howard University College of Dentistry, University of Maryland School of Dentistry) and a healthcare facility (Mary's Center) to submerge themselves in various aspects of oral health while working in groups on their Capstone Projects, which were presented at the closing ceremony at the end of the program.

The S.M.I.L.E. Healthcare Pathway Program is designed to create a pathway for aspiring healthcare professionals by providing mentorship, educational resources, and hands-on experiences. Through this program, students engage with experienced healthcare professionals who guide and support them in their journey. They also participate in workshops, hands-on activities in the dental simulation labs and

clinical operatories, capstone presentations, and networking events allowing them to learn from industry experts and build valuable connections.

One of the key objectives of the program is mentorship. Each student completing the program is matched with a mentor to continue a year-round engagement; furthermore, students and parents or guardians have continued access to all of the mentors volunteering with the program. Additionally, resources have been identified and pledged to support any work of the students who return home to their communities to share what they have learned as "S.M.I.L.E. Ambassadors" or Oral Health Ambassadors.

Another key objective of the program is to enhance health literacy among participants. By providing educational resources and workshops on various healthcare topics, we aim to equip them with the knowledge and skills needed to understand the complex healthcare system better and make informed decisions about their potential careers in health and their personal and family wellness. Furthermore, the S.M.I.L.E.

Healthcare Pathway Program seeks to address the lack of diversity in the healthcare workforce. By actively recruiting participants from underrepresented communities, we aim to create a more inclusive and representative healthcare workforce that better reflects the diverse patient populations it serves, raising the percentage of African-American dentists above the current 3.8%.

Lastly, the program aims to improve access to quality healthcare for underserved communities. By connecting participants with community organizations and healthcare facilities, we hope to empower them to become advocates for their communities and work towards reducing healthcare disparities.

The S.M.I.L.E. Healthcare Pathway Program is an exciting initiative that brings together the expertise and resources of various organizations to mentor and support future healthcare professionals. By providing them with the guidance, knowledge, and experiences necessary for success, we believe this program will have a positive and lasting impact on the participants and the communities they serve.



S.M.I.L.E. students posed with NDA and Henry Schein, Inc. representatives.



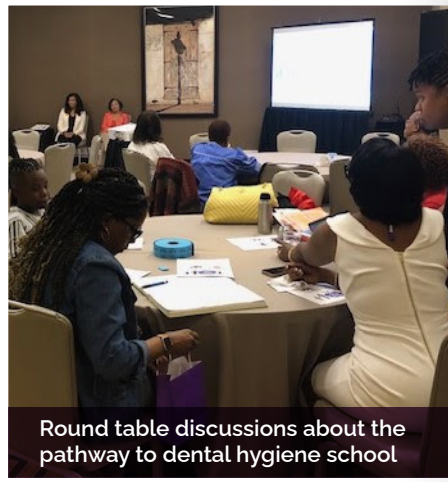
NDHA SHARES A FEW NEW ORLEANS HIGHLIGHTS



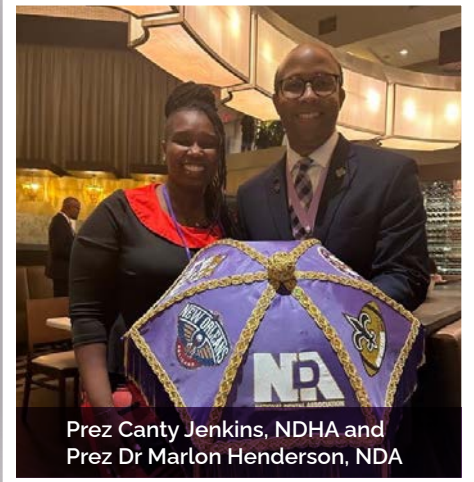
NDHA Thanking Colgate for their continued sponsorship



Prez Canty Jenkins is awarded a lab coat



Round table discussions about the pathway to dental hygiene school



Prez Canty Jenkins, NDHA and Prez Dr Marlon Henderson, NDA





Thank you to all who attended the NDA 110th Annual Convention in New Orleans this past July. It was good to see old friends and meet new ones.

ANDA's Registration opened starting Thursday morning, where members and guests were met with the colorful beads of New Orleans. Our Executive Board Meeting and General Business Meeting were held on Friday, July 21st. Once again, this year the Board members brought grab-bag gifts for the members in attendance, it's always nice to receive something special. We also shared a

slice of King Cake, a tradition of New Orleans.

Our Happy Hour with ANDA and Friends was held at Vitascope Hall located in the Hyatt. We had a lovely time and drew the winning tickets for the raffles. ANDA hosted 2 raffles, The New Orleans Basket was filled with scrumptious flavors original to N.O. in the way of seasonings, sauces and coffees, prepared by Mrs. Kathy Brisco. The winner of the basket was Dr. Joe O'Neal.



The 50-50 Raffle winner was Dr. Alves, the prize was collected by Mrs. Phyllis Alves.

Following our Executive Board and General Business Meetings, an impromptu gathering of some of the members took us on the streetcar down to the Riverwalk Mall. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all and a few bargains were found. Much was accomplished during our meetings, we agreed to work on re-establishing our dental student scholarship program for 2024. Our annual community service donation went to Hagar House, a sanctuary in New Orleans for displaced women and children. Hagar House offers a clean and safe space to rest and call home. This year's schedule prevented us from participating in the Dental Health Now program, however, it is already on our 2024 agenda.



We are pleased to share that three new Board members will be joining us this year. Mrs. Marsha Hassell as Vice President, Mrs. Trina Walker as Chaplin and Mrs. Diann Jackson as Historian. Welcome ladies, we know that your willingness to take responsibility for your role on the Board is not only greatly appreciated but will bring new ideas and growth to the organization.

Mrs. Lenora Peters Gant has served as Vice President of ANDA for the past several years and as President prior to that; while Dr. Gant is stepping away from her position as V.P. she is continuing to serve on the Board for the NDAF and will represent ANDA in that position. We are honored to have had the benefit of her expertise and professionalism. Dr. Gant has recently received the Distinguished

Achievement Honor from Harvard University. Dr. Gant was competitively selected from among several alumni for this award. This award recognizes alums who have demonstrated distinction in their career field over a long period of time. Dr. Gant has made significant contributions in the arenas of national security and academics. We applaud Dr. Gant for her achievements. The full article can be found in the June 29, 2023 issue of The Port St. Joe Star.

ANDA's purpose has been the

same for the past 87 years, to support the NDA in the areas of scholarship, public health, education, the legislative process and community service. As a vital part of the NDA family, we regularly review the options available to increase our effectiveness as an Auxiliary to thrive, evolve and grow. Our annual conventions have included a variety of activities for spouses, families and guests, scholarship fundraisers and community service projects, we are looking forward to continuing to fulfill this mission. Looking ahead, ANDA will

begin planning for the 2024 Annual Convention to be held at Ceasars Place in Las Vegas. All ANDA members are invited to join in the planning meetings, notices will be emailed at the appropriate time. So, watch for our next convention planning meeting scheduled for January 2024.



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2023 Convention Highlights

Opening Session



2022 NDA Delegate of the Year:
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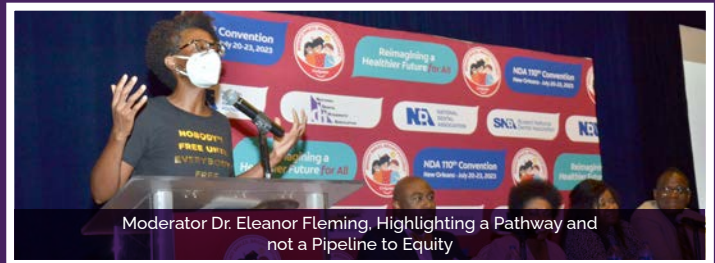


2023 Life Membership Awards:
Pamela S. Alston, DDS, MPP, FACD,
FICD pictured; Marilyn P. Woolfolk,
MS, DDS, MPH, FACD unable to attend



2023 NDA-SNDA COLGATE Student Dentist Leadership Award Presented to Student Dr. Shonté Reed (3rd from left) Also pictured L-R, Student Dr. Shonte' Reed, Also pictured Ram Raghavan, Colgate President, Enterprise Oral Care; Dr. Gillian Barclay Colgate SVP, Global Public Health & Scientific Affairs and Dr. Marlon Henderson, NDA President

President's Symposium



Moderator Dr. Eleanor Fleming, Highlighting a Pathway and not a Pipeline to Equity



40 Under 40 Awards Night



Oral Health Organizations Building Bridges During the NDA's President's Gala



Civil Rights Luncheon

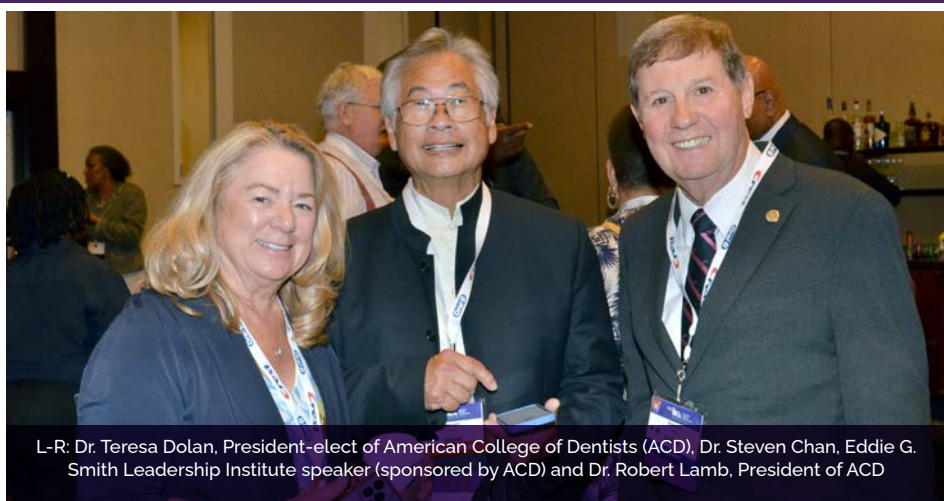


Keynote Speaker Dr. Calvin Mackie



Dr. Hugh McKnight Sr. walking to receive Civil Rights Award

VIP Reception



L-R: Dr. Teresa Dolan, President-elect of American College of Dentists (ACD), Dr. Steven Chan, Eddie G. Smith Leadership Institute speaker (sponsored by ACD) and Dr. Robert Lamb, President of ACD



Gold Level and Event Sponsor DentaQuest, Mr. Steven J. Brady, Associate Vice President of Client Engagement, gives greetings

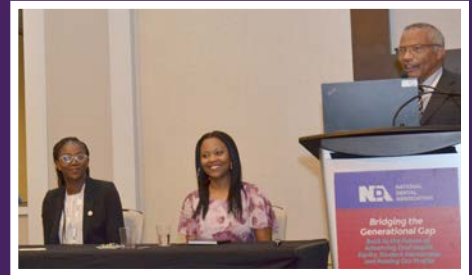


Dr. Henderson pictured with his mother, Martha; son, Maxwell; and Wife, Nikki

Minority Faculty and Research Forums



L-R Dr. Todd Ester, Ram Raghavan (President, Colgate Enterprise Oral Care), Dr. John Daniels, Student Dr. Marsha Kay Hutchinson (one of the 2023 Audacity to Dream scholars), Dr. Abimbola Oladayo (Recipient of the 2023 NDAF/Colgate Torch Award), Dr. Gillian Barclay (SVP, Colgate Global Public Health & Scientific Affairs), Dr. Jacinto Beard, and Dr. Marlon Henderson



Drs. Edmond Hewlett, Ryan Grier, and Beverly Crawford (not pictured) receives the NDA - Colgate/ NDAF Faculty Recognition Award in Administrative/Service Category
Also pictured L-R Dr. Todd Ester, Ram Raghavan (President, Colgate Enterprise Oral Care), Dr. John Daniels, Dr. Gillian Barclay (SVP, Colgate Global Public Health & Scientific Affairs), Dr. Marlon Henderson and Dr. Reginald Salter

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SNDA Highlights



SNDA group photo



2022- 2023 National SNDA E-Board



The annual Women-to-Women Panel hosted by Dr. Octavia Miller



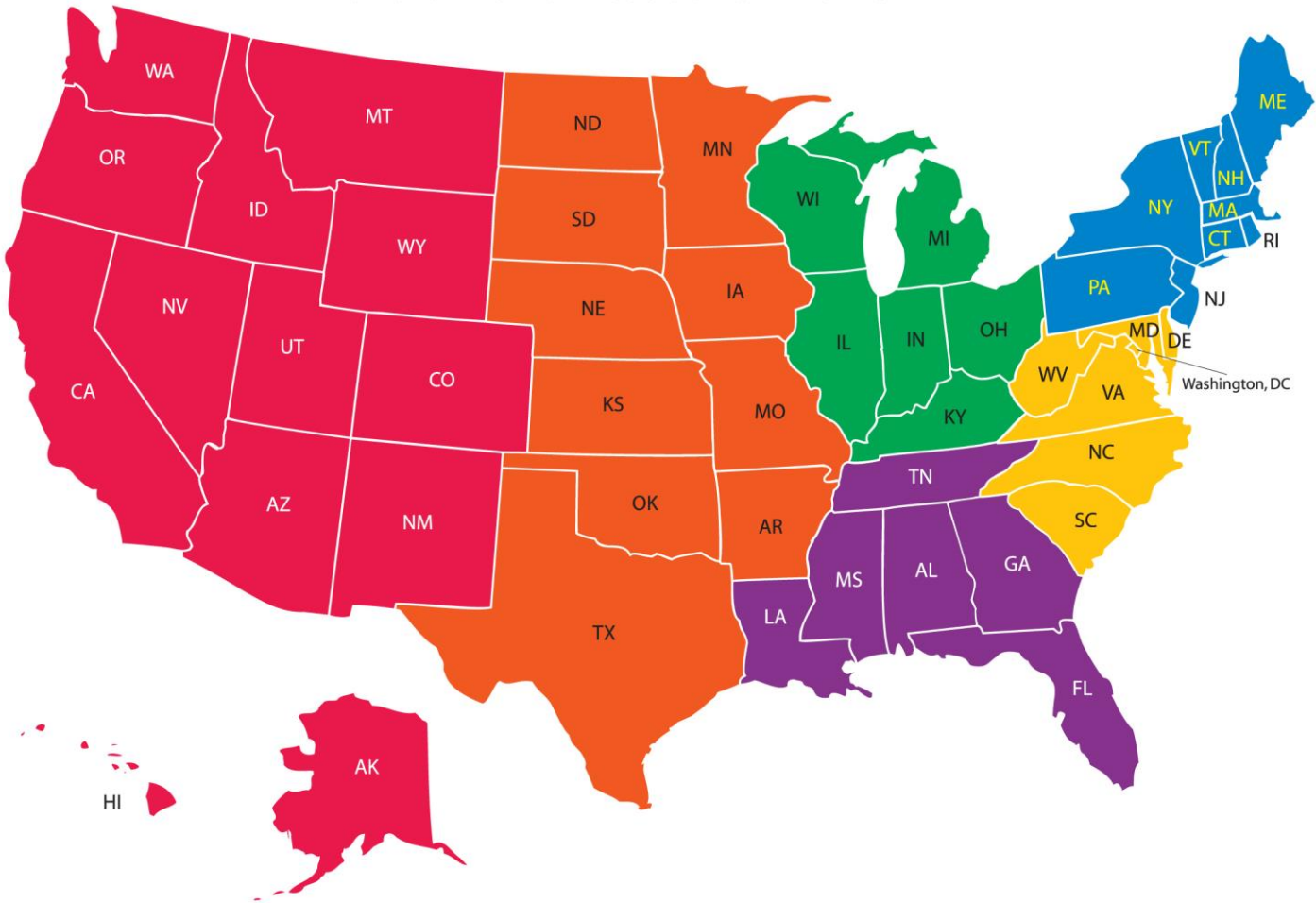
Men-to-Men panel

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