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WORD FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to the Fall issue of The Flossline Publication!

In every edition, we strive to bring you stories that inspire, inform, and ignite curiosity. This month is no exception. Our team has carefully curated a selection of features that speak to the hearts of the members of our NDA family, each offering fresh perspectives, insightful commentary, and captivating visuals.

In an ever-changing world, the need to stay connected to what truly matters—whether it's our passions, our communities, or ourselves—feels more important than ever. That's why, in this issue, we are exploring gatherings and community outreach programs held in June-September, our annual NDA convention, and highlighting our exceptional members from various districts. From inspiring the next generation through our S.M.I.L.E healthcare pathway program to partnering with local churches to provide dental education and care, we hope to spark conversations that resonate long after you turn the last page.

As always, we love hearing from you—our readers. Your feedback, ideas, and contributions continue to shape the future of this magazine, and we invite you to share your thoughts with us as we move forward together.

Thank you for being a part of our growing community. We hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as we enjoyed creating it!

Until next time,

Marissa Spruell
Marissa Spruell, DDS
Editor-in-Chief
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to our esteemed National Dental Association Family,

As we reach the midpoint of 2024, I am both humbled and exhilarated as I look back on the journey that we have traveled. Though the year seems to have rushed by in a whirlwind of activity, the milestones we have attained stand out with remarkable clarity.

Our most anticipated event of the year, the 2024 NDA Annual Convention at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV, was nothing less than a victory. It was a celebration of our collective efforts, a showcase of the advancements we've made in oral health, and a powerful reminder of the strength and unity within our organization. Each session, each interaction, and each new partnership formed at the convention underscored our commitment to excellence and innovation. The energy and enthusiasm that filled the convention halls was palpable, leaving us all inspired to push even further as we navigate the remainder of this year.

The theme I chose for this year, "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants, Launching into a Future Beyond Imagination," perfectly captured the spirit of our 111th Annual Convention. This theme is more than just inspiring words; it is a call to action. The dedicated professionals and passionate advocates of the NDA Family of Organizations remain united in a critical mission: achieving oral health equity for all. During the week spent together, we shared knowledge, built connections, and heard innovative solutions to bridging the oral health gap. We heard from phenomenal thought leaders through insightful presentations and engaged our fellow members in discussions. We want to thank all of the National Office staff, committee chairs, and members who worked tirelessly to bring us an incredible scientific program, beautiful awards luncheons, galas, ceremonies, and a buzzing exhibit hall. This year boasted another convention community outreach event, held at Whitney Recreation Center, with our customary Children's Program, Passport to Total Health™, and Interprofessional Oral Health Training™ program, "Oral Health for Nurses™". The highlight of the outreach was the unveiling of the mobile health unit bearing two NDA logos.



The 2024 NDA Annual Convention was more than just a gathering; it was an incredible opportunity to bring together the entire spectrum of our National Dental Association family. This event truly felt like a “family reunion,” where every branch of our expansive organization—NDHA (National Dental Hygienists’ Association), NDAA (National Dental Assistants Association), SNDA (Student National Dental Association), ANDA (Auxiliary to the National Dental Association), and NDAF (National Dental Association Foundation)—came together in a powerful show of unity and shared purpose.

The convention served as a platform where each of these organizations could not only showcase their unique contributions to the dental profession but also reaffirm their integral roles within the broader NDA community. It was a reminder that our strength lies in our diversity and the deep connections we have fostered across different facets of the dental field. Whether it was through collaborative sessions, joint initiatives, or simply the camaraderie shared during the event, the sense of family was ever-present.

Each of my fellow presidents has my deepest gratitude for their unwavering commitment to representing, supporting, and celebrating every member of this NDA Family. Your leadership played a crucial role in fostering an environment that valued and heard all voices. The way in which each organization came together, under a common banner, to advance our collective mission was truly inspiring.

Every contribution, from the seasoned professionals in NDA, NDHA, and NDAA who brought their wealth of experience to the passionate and energetic members of SNDA and ANDA, was essential to the success of



our convention. And of course, the invaluable support of the NDA Foundation ensured that our efforts were not only impactful in the present but also sustainable for the future.

This convention was more than an event; it was a testament to what we can achieve when we stand together as one family. It highlighted the strength of our bonds, the alignment of our goals, and the collective power we hold as we continue to champion oral health equity, education, and community service. As we move forward, the spirit of this “family reunion” will continue to guide us, reminding us that together, we are greater than the sum of our parts.

Thank you once again to each of my fellow Presidents and every member of our NDA Family. Your dedication and collaboration have set a powerful example, and I am confident that the unity we’ve



reinforced at this convention will propel us to even greater heights in the months and years to come.

As we reflect on these accomplishments, I want to emphasize that our members, partners, and supporters collectively build every step forward we take. As we look toward our Annual Convention in Las Vegas, let us remember these moments and celebrate the full spectrum of our achievements. Together, we are making a lasting impact on the future of oral health.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to our beloved organization.

Nicole Cheek
Dr. Nicole Cheek,
President, National Dental Association

NDA BOARD CHAIR

On behalf of President Cheek, the Board of Trustees, the House of Delegates, and the entire membership of the National Dental Association, I send a resounding Thank You to the Staff and Volunteers during the 111th annual convention for your exceptional dedication and hard work. Your stellar customer service and willingness to put in long hours made a significant impact on the convention's success.



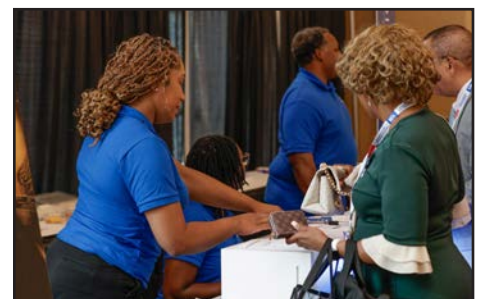
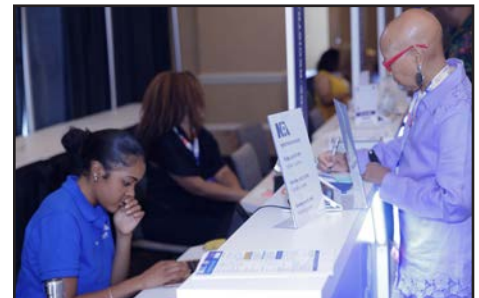
We understand how demanding this period has been, and we encourage each of you to take some much-needed rest and relaxation. Your well-being is important, and we want you to recharge fully. Looking ahead, we are excited about the upcoming 112th Convention in Kansas City and hope to see you there. Your continued enthusiasm and commitment to the values of NDA have inspired us to continue our mission to transform communities. I am more confident that TOGETHER we will make the next event another outstanding success. Rest up and see you in Kansas City!

Onward and Upward,

Reginald Salter
Reginald O. Salter, DDS, MBA, PhD, FICD
Chairman, NDA Board of Trustees

NDA 2024 National Office Staff and Volunteers

- **Caleb Smith** – exhibit coordination and management, speakers, onsite registration, badge scanning, processing registrations and overall convention support.
- **Ronnesha Nickens** – NDA office management, answering telephone calls, assisting members, processing registrations, Governance support, supporting the executive director, and overall convention support.
- **Semiyah Sams** – Corporate Round Table support and management, SMILE Program, onsite registration, badge scanning, special event check-in, assisting NDA with duties, and overall convention support.
- **Edward Scott** – registration reports, registration management, onsite registration, overall convention support, and onsite assistance.
- **Shelaine Stone** – onsite registration, VIP check-in for special events, assisted with WHS luncheon, badge scanning, and office support.





Student Interns

- **Cheyne Lam** – NDA office support, administrative support of WHS luncheon, administrative and onsite support of NDA Health NOW, onsite registration, and overall convention support.
- **Raheem Pierre** – onsite assistance and shadowing the President, Dr. Nicole Cheek.
- **Thomas Savage** - onsite assistance and shadowing the Chairman of the Board, Dr. Reginald Salter.

TLH Event Services Staff

- **Tonya Horsley** – event planning, logistics, assisted with exhibitor and speaker communications, housing management and overall conference management.
- **Nicole Cartwright** – marketing communications, slide show creation for Opening Session, Presidential Gala, and 40 Under Forty Gala.
- **Christian Taylor** – onsite event management and support.

Thank you to the following vendors who partnered with NDA on a successful convention.

- **Mr. Tony Teat and Masai Interactive, LLC** – graphic design and communications.
- **Cedric Harmon** – owner of Reliable Security and his team for providing security services for the NDA Convention.
- **GES** – the general services contractor who handled the set-up of the exhibit booths, furniture exhibitor kits, load-in and load-out.
- **Emagined Events** – décor company that provided décor for the Glidewell Guiding Leaders Presentation, Presidential Gala and 40 Under Forty Gala.
- **Caesars Hotel** – for their logistical, housing and audiovisual support.

FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE

Marcus Ware, J.D. Appointed Interim Executive Director of the National Dental Association



Bowie, MD – The National Dental Association (NDA) is proud to announce the appointment of Marcus Ware, J.D. as Interim Executive Director. With extensive experience in nonprofit leadership, fundraising, and fostering opportunities for individuals from historically marginalized communities, Mr. Ware is well-equipped to lead the NDA in advancing oral health equity and promoting diversity within the dental profession.

Mr. Ware brings over a decade of expertise in nonprofit management and higher education leadership, having held roles at nationally recognized organizations such as the United Negro College Fund and the Aspen Institute. Early in his career, he served on both the board and staff at Howard University, and has worked with several D.C.-based organizations, including Generation Hope and The George Washington University. He holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a Juris Doctor from

Howard University. In addition to his professional achievements, Mr. Ware is actively involved in civic and community service, serving as Vice Chair of the Board for Joan's House, Inc., and on the board of the Jeremiah Program - Baltimore as well as Thrive Scholars' National Law Advisory Board.

"We are thrilled to have Mr. Ware at the helm during this pivotal time for the National Dental Association. His experience advocating for equitable educational opportunities and his strategic vision make him an ideal leader to guide our efforts in addressing oral health disparities," said Dr. Reginald Salter, Chairman of the NDA Board.

About the National Dental Association

The National Dental Association (NDA) is dedicated to advancing the art and science of dentistry among people of color by improving the delivery of oral health care in underserved communities. Founded in 1913, the NDA is committed to promoting diversity within the dental profession and addressing health disparities through education, advocacy, and service.

PROTOCOL CORNER

Happy September!! As you all know, I am Dr. Joshua B. Tyson DDS, MPH, your Speaker of the House. I am truly honored to continue to serve the organization and move the needle forward toward a brighter future. I hope everyone who attended our annual convention in Las Vegas had a wonderful time and we are already planning for next year's convention so please stay tuned to what we have in store!!!

The first exciting change is that Dr. Roderick Adams has "retired" from the role of Vice Speaker of the House. Dr. Adams has been an amazing mentor and leader. I appreciate him for not only his wisdom but also the years of dedicated service to the National Dental Association he has rendered. Dr. Adams has promised he will not go far as he will oversee our By-Laws Committee. The Bylaws Committee will review the current Bylaws for revisions and at subsequent meetings bring any changes to the House of Delegates. With

the changing of the guard brings new energy and ideas and the National Dental Association is proud to welcome Dr. John Nelson as our new Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates. Dr. Nelson has served the NDA for multiple years as a delegate and assisting the New Dentist Committee with their annual gala event.

In Las Vegas, a third (3rd) reading of proposed changes to our bylaws was completed. The proposed changes were brought to the house by Mrs. Barbara Seldon.

- Amendment: Areas using the pronoun "he" should be modified to he/her
- Amendment: changing auxiliary Organizations to **Associate Organizations**.

As of July 27, 2024, The National Dental Association Foundation (NDAF) Student National Dental Association (SNDA), National Dental Hygienists Association (NDHA), National Dental Assistants Association (NDAA) and the Undergraduate Student Dental Association (USNDA) will now be considered as **Associate Organizations**.

The Auxiliary to the National Dental Association will remain the same and will be recognized still as an auxiliary organization.

Also in Las Vegas, the Committee on Policy Review, led by Drs. Dante Brown and Eleanor Flemming updated NDA's statement on amalgam which stated the following:

- **Summary:** NDA's draft Amalgam Position statement supports the safety of dental amalgam for most individuals while recommending alternatives for high-risk populations, endorsing global efforts to reduce mercury emissions.
- **Recommendations:**
 - » Add depth to statement: speak on how NDA's position on Amalgam aligns with its Agenda on minority health



The full text reads the following:

The National Dental Association (NDA) supports the findings and recommendations of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)¹, the International Association for Dental Research², and the American Dental Association affirming the safety of dental amalgam for most individuals while recommending the use of alternate filling materials for certain populations at high-risk for adverse effects associated with amalgam components. Furthermore, the NDA, in alignment with the aforementioned organizations and over 125 countries worldwide, supports the global agreement 3-5 adopted in 2013 to reduce the release and emissions of mercury and mercury compounds into the environment. Consistent with the recommendations of the treaty, the NDA supports its phase-down/phase-out strategies of mercury-containing products and processes while emphasizing the need, first, for increased oral disease prevention efforts to reduce the need for any kind of restorative material and, second, for further research on new biocompatible and environmentally friendly restorative materials and approaches that are proven to have equal or improved clinical longevity and cost-effectiveness when compared with amalgam restorations. The National Dental Association (NDA) seeks to provide continued advancement of the highest quality of oral health care and safety for the public. As a resource to key decision makers and the public on a variety of oral health issues, it is our goal to provide timely, evidenced and research-based perspectives. Position papers are reviewed periodically by our policy committee for reaffirmation, updating or expiration. An update concerning a specific recommendation in a paper is released when warranted.

As we turn the page and begin planning for not only the installation of Dr Cheryl Baptiste as our 101st president, I would like to remind our local societies of the vital role they play in moving our organization forward, but also keep our new dentists involved. For starters, they provide a sense of identity which allows groups to come together to address problems and needs that are valuable for shaping local actions and development; they also provide a sense of community power because every state has different dental needs and it is important that those voices are heard regardless of their income level, and lastly our local societies should be acting as feeder programs for future generations of NDA leadership.

It is my hope that next year every local society has a new dentist to nominate for our "40 Under Forty" award dinner and banquet next year. It is at the local level that change begins, and I am challenging our local societies to become more involved and be the change we all want to see!!!

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Joshua B. Tyson
NDA Speaker of the House of Delegates

NDA FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS



The Auxiliary to the National Dental Society

It was wonderful seeing everyone this past July in Las Vegas for the NDA 111th Annual Convention.

Overall, the convention was a very rewarding experience. I thoroughly enjoyed the programs, the classes, the social gatherings, and the friendships.

ANANDA hosted a couple of very productive business meetings. We updated our Constitution and By-laws, worked through some operational issues, and attended the Opening Session, President's Symposium, and Board of Trustees meetings. ANDA and Friends met at Vanderpump Wine Garden for Happy Hour for some relaxation, restoration, and socializing with friends.



2025 will get us to Kansas City, Missouri. For some it will be a first; for others a return. In any case, we are looking forward to another year with ANDA. 2025 will be ANDA's 89th year of supporting the NDA, dental students, providing scholarships and community service, as well as forging lifetime connections. Our priorities for the next year include re-establishing the ANDA Dental Student Scholarship; helping NDA Health Now as part of our community service project; and gathering for fresh experiences as we keep striving for higher membership by means of a meaningful convention.

NDA FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS



Starting in October, we cordially welcome ANDA members to join in the forthcoming planning sessions. Your voice, thoughts, and interests matter; ANDA is an important component of the NDA family; so, we are open to new ideas and embrace opportunities that boost our efficacy as an auxiliary in order to thrive, evolve, and grow. Mark your calendars to join us for the October convention planning meeting. Details will be sent to members by email.



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NDA FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS



National Dental Association Foundation

We hope everyone had a fabulous time in the Entertainment Capital, Las Vegas, during the NDA's 111th Annual Convention. Many of us had the opportunity to explore the stunning Greek and Roman architecture of the hotel, and we also visited the locations where Caesars Palace filmed some of our favorite movies. We enjoyed the continuing education sessions, reuniting with colleagues, meeting new friends, and supporting our dental students' goals.



During the convention this past July, the NDA Foundation Board of Directors held its annual meeting. During the meeting, we conducted the 2025 officer elections, which resulted in the appointment of the following individuals to their new positions, effective January 1, 2025:

President: Dr. John Maupin, Vice President: Dr. Albert Granger, Secretary: Dr. Daphne Ferguson Young, Treasurer: Ms. Angela Bowen & Assistant Treasurer: Dr. Lawrence Bailey

It has been a true honor to serve as President of the NDA Foundation. I share a Huge Thank You to my Board of Directors for their continued support to enhance our mission. The Foundation will continue to seek out and provide a broader range of professional opportunities for all of our African Americans and other underrepresented dental students and awardees.

On behalf of the NDAF Board of Directors, congratulations to all the awardees at the convention. Thank you to all the sponsors and exhibitors for their support.

Sincerely,

John T. Daniels II, DDS, FICOI, FICD, and FACD
President, National Dental Association Foundation



Dr. John T. Daniels, II, NDAF President and Dr. Nicole Cheek, NDA Present, presenting gift to Mr. David Wilson of Colgate



Left to right, Dr. Lawrence (Larry) Bailey, Assistant Treasurer; Mrs. Angela Bowen, Treasurer; Dr. John Maupin, President; Dr. Daphne Ferguson Young, Secretary; Dr. Albert Granger, Vice President.

NDA FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS



National Dental Hygienists' Association



Thursday July 25, 2024
Common Missteps in Infection Control
By Erica Smith, MBA
Sponsored by Henry Schein

The Common Missteps in Infection Control course provided healthcare professionals with a comprehensive understanding of typical mistakes usually used in infection control strategies. Examining actual case studies and examples helped attendees understand the underlying reasons for these mistakes and investigate the best techniques for avoidance.



Friday July 26, 2024
Caries Management by Risk Assessment
By Diane Peterson, RDH, MS
Sponsored by Colgate



Friday July 26, 2024
Panel Discussion: Dental Hygiene at the Crossroads
By Anthony Lum, Dr. Tracye A Moore, Marvelyn Navarro, RDH and Barbara Tritz, RDH, BS, MSB.
Facilitated by Barbara Seldon, RDH, MS

The Dental Hygiene at the Crossroads panel discussion offered an in-depth exploration of the evolving landscape of dental hygiene practice, examining the intersection of traditional oral care and practices with emerging trends, technologies, and patient needs. A comprehensive understanding of the challenges, opportunities, and ethical considerations present in a rapidly changing healthcare environment were reviewed.



Friday July 26, 2024
Biological Hygiene
By Barbara Tritz, RDH, BS, MSB, HIAOMT



The audience holding hands in a Powerful Circle of One.
Song: The Power of One by Donna Summer

The Biological Hygiene course investigated the oral microbiome's direct link to gut health and overall well-being, focusing on oral dysbiosis, gut dysbiosis, and their involvement in dental disease development. Attendees discovered deeper systemic issues, such as dental decay and periodontal (gum) disease, and learned new techniques to help them improve their professional skills.

NDA FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS



Melanie Bonner, RDH (pictured 2nd from the left) was the 2024 Gennette Robinson's Past-President's Legacy Winner. She was a first-time convention attendee as a member. **Congratulations Melanie!!!**



**Thank you,
Dr. Cheryl Lee-Butler for the
beautiful gifts of inspiration.**



Briony Green, RDH was the winner of the NDHA 50/50 convention raffle. **Congratulations Briony!!!**



Elisabeth Beard (pictured 3rd from the left) was the 2024 Gennette Robinson's Past-President **Student Legacy winner**. She was a first-time attendee as a student.



Barbara Seldon, RDH, MS, MEd (pictured on the left) was presented with the 2024 Legend Award from Tonia L. Tolbert-Moore Baillargeon, MBA, MHA, BSDH, RDH, ICP, President of NDHA. **Congratulations Barb!!! You are a true LEGEND!!!**



Saturday July 27, 2024
**Ergonomics in Healthcare:
Enhancing Wellness &
Performance**
By Natasha Smet, OTR/L

This course, Ergonomics in Healthcare: Enhancing Wellness & Performance, equipped oral health practitioners with the knowledge and practical skills necessary to create ergonomic, safe, and efficient work environments using an occupational therapy lens. The course provided participants with an understanding of ergonomic principles and their applications in healthcare settings and dental practice.

NDA FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS



Saturday July 27, 2024

Battling Periodontal Disease with Visual Precision

By Marvelyn Navarro, RDH and Katie Benavides, RDH

The Battling Periodontal Disease with Visual Precision course taught participants how to effectively combat periodontal disease using endoscopy, with an emphasis on visual precision. Attendees studied the most recent AAP guidelines, investigated modern treatment options, and evaluated the efficacy of re-treatment.

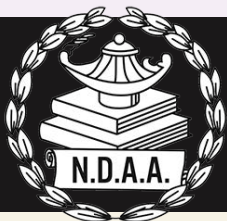


Sunday July 28, 2024

The Dental Professional's Role in Providing Culturally Compassionate Care

By Cherae Farmer-Dixon, MSPH, MBA and Tracye A. Moore, RDH, MS

In *The Dental Professional's Role in Providing Culturally Compassionate Care* course, a combination of interactive discussions, case studies, and practical exercises were implemented. Participants explored various aspects of cultural sensitivity, cultural understanding, and cultural humility for application in the dental setting.



National Dental Assistant Association



OUTREACH

NDA Global Oral Healthcare Outreach Committee - Dr. Nicholas Gordon

Committee Members: Dr. Brian Swann (Co-Chair), Dr. Nicholas Gordon (Co-Chair), Dr. Israel Adeloye, Dr. Donna Jones, Dr. Susan Stukes, Dr. Roy Irons.

The NDA Committee on Global Outreach supports the NDA's mission to increase access to quality health care for vulnerable populations, both domestically and internationally.

The NDA and Henry Schein Cares partnered to support Zion Cares International, providing supplies and dental materials. Zion Cares International is a non-profit organization that provides emergency dental treatment and preventive education to clinics on the North Coast and Kingston, Jamaica's capital city. This year, Committee Co-Chair Dr. Brian Swann, Committee member Dr. Israel Adeloye, Dr. Reginald Salter, Howard University Faculty, and NDA members Dr. Travis Kimble and Dr. Richard Long served as supervisors for the Howard University team that provided care in Westmoreland,



NDA Committee on Global Outreach Co-Chairs Dr. Brian Swann and Dr. Nicholas Gordon with Dr. Hazel Harper, NDA Past President and RAM Board Member, and Mrs. Mary Brown, Volunteer Manager for Remote Area Medical (RAM). Dr. Swann also serves on the RAM Board.



Dr. Swann leading morning huddle with Howard Dental students



Dr. Nicholas Gordon presenting on the Haiti Outreach



Dr. Swann and Dr. Salter with one of the mission's student leader- Mr. Henny Shelton (D4).



Attending Dentists for Jamaica mission Dr. Richard Long, U.S.V.I.; Dr. Brian Swann, NDA Global Outreach Chairman; Dr. Reginald Salter, Professor Howard University; Dr. Travis Kimble, Atlanta, Ga.



Howard student, Shelton, providing care during Jamaica mission.



Howard students with Dr. Craig Brown, CEO Zion Care International.

RAM/NDA Mobile Unit Makes A Debut in Las Vegas, NV



National Dental Association (NDA) paid a visit to ADI Mobile Health, a leading manufacturer of mobile health clinics, located in Tualatin, Oregon. The NDA group was able to view a variety of units designed to provide mobile oral health services. The final outcome was the delivery of a mobile unit for Remote Area Medical (RAM) in collaboration with NDA, which will provide oral healthcare to populations with access constraints. During the 111th Annual Convention in Las Vegas, NDA members and conventioners had the opportunity to explore the mobile unit at the NDA HEALTH NOW expo.



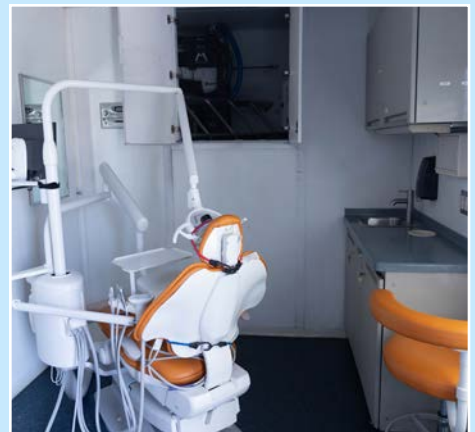
Dr. Nicole Cheek, NDA President; Dr. Reginald Salter, Board Chairman; and Dr. Hazel Harper, Corporate, Round Table Consultant



Mr. and Mrs. Kitch with Dr. Hazel Harper, Consultant to NDA Corporate Roundtable



Mr. Kitch with Dr. Salter, NDA Board Chairman



NDA members and Remote Area Medical team with Amy Kitch-Bowen, CEO of ADI Mobile, and her husband.



Mr. Tim Kitch, Founder ADI Mobile Health providing a tour of a van in progress with NDA President Dr. Nicole Cheek in Portland, Oregon

NDA Community Outreach at New Bethel Church

The Family Reunion continues...

Thank you to Ms. Horsley, the 2024 NDA Convention Meeting Manager, for inviting the National Dental Association to take part in the New Bethel Baptist Church's Community Day on Saturday, August 24.

New Bethel Baptist Church is a prominent African American church with an extensive history. Pastor Dexter U. Nutall is a pillar of the Shaw community in Washington, DC. He is a DC native who participates in numerous community activities. Pastor Nutall's daughter attends Howard University, and he serves as the football team's Chaplain. HU—You know! Reverend Walter Fauntroy was New Bethel's pastor for many years. Everyone should know Reverend Walter Fauntroy's history and contributions to the Civil Rights Movement. New Bethel is near Howard University and serves as a second home for many students.



NDA was a vendor that provided oral health care education and homecare items to children and adults. Dr. Nicole Cheek, the 100th President; Dr. Chanel Roberts, Chairperson of the New Dentist Committed; Howard SNDA students and NDA interns Caleb Smith, Thomas Savage, and Raheem Pierre; and Dr. Reginald Salter, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, were all onsite to serve the community and have a good time!

The National Dental Association looks forward to working with New Bethel Baptist Church on future endeavors. Together, we hope to continue serving the community and making a positive impact.



S.M.I.L.E. Healthcare Pathway Pilot Program Update

Student Mentoring with Immersive Learning and Enrichment

Written By **LaVette Henderson, CMP, HMCC, FACD**
S.M.I.L.E. Program Manager

The National Dental Association (NDA), Henry Schein, Inc. (Nasdaq: HSIC), and the Schattner Foundation recently completed the 2024 S.M.I.L.E. (Student Mentoring with Immersive Learning and Enrichment) Healthcare Pathway Program, the second year in a three-year pilot program. The 2024 program was held at Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry in Nashville, Tennessee this summer. Ninth and tenth-grade students participated in the summer enrichment experience which introduced ninth and tenth-graders to a variety of career opportunities. The program is designed to advance oral health equity by inspiring and mentoring students from historically underrepresented backgrounds to enter the dental profession.

This year, NDA and Henry Schein partnered with other diverse professional organizations, including the Hispanic Dental Association, the Society of American Indian Dentists, and A.T. Still University. Over 100 applications were received, with the majority of the applicants being African American! After an extensive selection process, 40 high school students entering 9th and 10th grade were selected. Demographics were 34% male, 66% female and 73% African American/Black descent.

Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry prepared an awesome academic schedule that provided a variety of experiences for the students that included mentorship, hands-on practical skills, FQHC, Nashville historical landmarks, oral health career pathway options and closed with the students' group capstones presentation.



The students enjoyed not only the lectures but also some of the following hands-on lab activities:

- Impression Making
- Dental Model Pouring
- Digital Dentistry
- Restoring Teeth to Health
- Tooth Extraction and Suturing

This year's survey revealed overwhelming potential and excitement. The students reported they are now considering healthcare as a career path. Of those interested in healthcare, 50% are interested in oral healthcare delivery. We received other positive comments like; they will share the program with peers, the program changed their perspective in dentistry, rated the program 10/10, and would like to attend future programs.

We would like to send a Special Thank You to the Meharry team leads, Dean, Dr. Cherae Farmer-Dixon, Dr. Valencia McShan, Dr. James Tyus, and Ms. Brianne Alexander for volunteering their time and support.



Henry Schein, Inc. presents commendation to Meharry Medical College for hosting the second SMILE Pathway summer program. Pictured- Dr. Reginald Salter, NDA Chairman; Mr. David Kochman, Vice President of Corporate Affairs; Dr. Carol Summerhayes, Director SMILE Pathway Program; Ms. Sydney Young, program participant. Dr. James Tyus, Vice Dean Meharry Dental, Dean Cherae Farmer-Dixon, Meharry Dental; NDA President, Dr. Nicole Cheek.



Dr. Cheek and Dr. Salter, both Howard Dental Alumni, accept commendation from Henry Schein, Inc. on behalf of Dean Andrea Jackson, Howard University, for hosting the first cohort of the SMILE Pathway summer program in 2023.



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MEMBERS' SPOTLIGHT

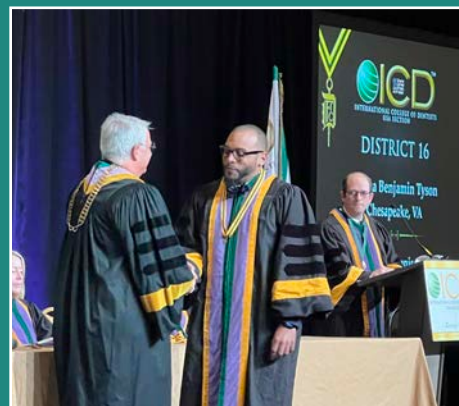
2024 ICD Fellows Inducted

Members of NDA who are also Fellows in the International College of Dentists (ICD) were on hand to welcome to ICD. ICD is a prestigious organization that honors outstanding dentists worldwide since 1920. ICD boasts a global network of over 12,000 Fellows who support oral health initiatives and projects in over 140 countries.



Seated L to R: Dr. Dorianne Taylor-Bishop, Dr. Aliya Kasam, Dr. Hazel Harper-Johns, Dr. Joy Jordan

Standing L to R: Dr. Wallace Bellamy, Dr. Roderick Adams, Jr, Dr. Joshua Tyson, Dr. James Tyus, Dr. Marlon Henderson, Dr. Gail Cherry-Peppers, Dr. Reginald Salter



MEMBERS' SPOTLIGHT

NDA at ADEA

National Dental Association members were all recently selected to participate in the Leadership Institute for the American Dental Education Association (ADEA). The ADEA Leadership Institute is a yearlong program designed to develop the most promising individuals at academic dental institutions to become future leaders in dental higher education.

Dr. Burch is a full-time Clinical Associate Professor, Director of the Advanced General Dentistry Fellowship in Special Care Dentistry and Chief of Community & Hospital Dentistry at Texas A&M School of Dentistry (TAMSOD).

Dr. Gray is the Associate Dean of External Affairs, Associate Professor in Restorative Dentistry and Course Director for the Expanded Function Auxiliary Course in Restorative Function at Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry (Meharry SOD).

Dr. Benton is the Director of the Pacific Health Care Collaborative (PHCC) and Sacramento Programs at the University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni, School of Dentistry.

Dr. Salter is an Associate Professor and Director of Admissions and Student Activities at Howard University College of Dentistry in Washington DC



Dr. Dan Burch, District 5; Dr. Julie Grey, District 4; Dr. Kim Benton, District 6; and Dr. Reginald Salter, District 3

MEMBERS' SPOTLIGHT

District 1: RAM, Philadelphia, PA

Dr. Bryant Jones, NDA Board of Trustees, Secretary, and President of the New Era Dental Society, visited a RAM (Remote Area Medical) clinic in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The clinic provided medical, dental, and vision treatments. Dental professionals from all over the country gathered to impart their expertise and services to the community of Philadelphia and neighboring areas. Dental services rendered approx. \$148,000 with 325 patients registered!



Dr. Bryant Jones, NDA Secretary with fellow Philadelphia dentists Dr. Erik Williams and Dr. Eugene Ruggico from Long Island, New York



Dr. Jones posing with a statue of former Heavyweight boxing champion and Philadelphia Legend Joe Frazier



Dr. Jones with Portia Ackridge, CEO, Dental/Med Inc. Ms. Ackridge was the liaison for RAM that arranged the clinic in Philadelphia.

MEMBERS' SPOTLIGHT

District 3

Congratulations to Dr. Hazel Harper-Johns on being a recipient of a 2024 Shils Award. The Shils Annual Awards Program recognizes organizations, programs, clinicians, executives, and other healthcare leaders for their significant positive impacts on the oral health of the public. Dr. Harper will be presented the Cohen-Volpe Award which honors Dr. D. Walter Cohen and Dr. Anthony Volpe and is given to those who made great innovative strides in the health care space.



Dr. Cheek participating in the Howard University College of Dentistry's Opening Ceremony to welcome the Class of 2028



MEMBERS' SPOTLIGHT

District 3

MDS/RTF Joint Society Meeting

Maryland Dental Society and Robert T. Freeman Dental Society held a joint meeting at the Dr. Samuel Harris Museum of Dentistry in Baltimore, MD. Members enjoyed fellowship, dinner, and door prizes. NDA Board Chairman- Dr. Reginald Salter- shared updates on NDA programs and encouraged participation in the 111th Annual Convention. The C.E. Session was led by Dr. Cheryl Baptiste, NDA President-Elect and Dr. Larry Bryant. The topic was the effects of cannabis on dental treatment.



Dr. Winifred Booker presents MDS President Dr. Tracy King with a gift from the Children's Oral Health Institute



Dr. Cheryl Baptiste, NDA President-Elect, shares a moment with Past NDA Presidents- Dr. Nate Fletcher and Dr. Stanley Boucree



Past Presidents in attendance- Dr. Nate Fletcher, Dr. Cheryl Baptiste, Dr. Stanley Boucree, Dr. Ed Chappelle



Scene from dinner/lecture

MEMBERS' SPOTLIGHT

District 4



Congratulations to Dr. Janet Southerland on being a recipient of a 2024 Health Equity Heroes Award. The Health Equity Heroes Annual Awards Program recognizes individuals for their role improving oral health in the community. Dr. Southerland is being recognized for "outstanding contributions to the field of dentistry and her unwavering commitment to improving oral health".

District 5



Mound City Dental Society members and student mentees

MEMBERS' SPOTLIGHT

District 6

Grand Canyon Dental Society Chartered

The National Dental Association welcomed a new Society into the family! A charter was granted to the Grand Canyon Dental Society in the state of Arizona. The Charter Members are Dr. Tinisha Notice, Dr. Denise Mills, Dr. Kelley Brooks, Dr. Sharon Lister, Dr. Vanessa Dawson, Dr. Courtney Walker, Dr. Ahmad Collins, Dr. Jessica Peterkin, Dr. Bria Young, Dr. Kim Perry, Dr. Laila Hishaw, Dr. Orville Diggs, and Dr. Kevin Givens.

Charter members received the citation from NDA Speaker of the House- Dr. Joshua Tyson and Vice Speaker of the House- Dr. Roderick Adams- during the 111th Annual Convention.



HEALTH NOW® has “boots on the ground” in Oakland CA

By Pamela Alston, DDS, MPP, FACD, 97th NDA President

It is widely recognized that frequent consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages (SSB) such as soft drinks, energy drinks, and fruit juices has been linked to an increased risk of dental decay. HEALTH NOW® has had a substantial local impact in Oakland, California, by mobilizing members of the Greater Bay Area Dental Society (GBADS) to volunteer for the tax proposal approved by Oakland voters in 2016 and by providing resources

for volunteers participating in community outreach events. Companies that supply SSB to Oakland establishments must pay an excise tax that generates millions of dollars in revenue. The SSB Tax Community Advisory Board advises the Oakland City Council on the most cost-effective way to address health risk factors and improve oral and overall health outcomes.

As a resident of Oakland, I have

witnessed firsthand the relentless exposure of racial and ethnic minorities living in low-income neighborhoods, as well as vulnerable, socially marginalized groups in other communities, to the commercial determinants of health, specifically the strategies and approaches used by sugar-sweetened beverage distributors to promote products and choices that are detrimental to health. As a long-time dental director and clinician working in deep East

MEMBERS' SPOTLIGHT

District 6

Oakland, where inequities of all kinds are at their highest not only in the city but also in the county, I did my best to address the epidemic of dental caries in my patient population. The most challenging task was convincing my patients to reduce or even eliminate their consumption of sugary, sweetened beverages. But I was no match for "Big Soda."

In 2016, NDA HEALTH NOW® inspired and mobilized me to play an important local role beyond my Federally Qualified Health Center. I collaborated with other GBADS and Alameda County Dental Society members to pass a measure.

After the initiative passed and an opening became available on the City of Oakland SSB Distributors Tax Community Advisory Board (CAB), GBADS members stepped up to serve. I worked on the CAB, and Dr. Lesley Latham is now on board. Board members advise and make recommendations to the City Council on how to establish and/or fund programs to prevent or reduce the health consequences of SSB consumption in Oakland communities; assess the impact of the tax on beverage prices, consumer



behavior, and public health impacts; and advise and make recommendations to the City Council on the SSB tax's effectiveness. CAB members make recommendations that have the potential to influence larger socioeconomic determinants of health, such as neighborhood assets and the availability of healthier food choices, as SSB distributors produce millions of dollars in taxes annually. To date, reports on the tax's effectiveness show a reduction in damaged, missing, and filled teeth, an increase in diabetes and obesity prevention, and fewer SSB servings ingested by Oakland residents.



At community gatherings, HEALTH NOW® volunteers provide culturally competent education and motivational interviewing about people's beverage preferences and education. Until recently, dental students were unable to participate because GBADS could not identify a dental faculty member. Dr. Enihomo Obadan-Udoh, a UCSF dentistry school researcher and faculty member, has offered to accompany SNDA members when they volunteer with GBADS members at community activities.

This local NDA HEALTH NOW® activity aligns with the NDA JEDI standpoint. We are motivated to strongly seek opportunities to advocate for the underserved and their ongoing fight for health equity. We are eager to develop ways to promote justice in our local communities.

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Meeting Manager Extraordinaire



The National Dental Association would like to thank Ms. Tonya Horsley for doing a fantastic job planning the 111th Convention. Ms. Horsley resides in Washington D.C. and serves as the Chief Experience Officer for TLH Event Services.

She has over thirty years of experience in event planning and has had the privilege of working on events ranging from 5 to 20,000 attendees. At TLH Event Services, her team places a strong emphasis on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) and Sustainability by continuously striving to incorporate these values into every event we manage.

Ms. Horsley reflected on the past months by saying, "It has been a pleasure working alongside the NDA staff, committee chairs, Board of Trustees, Family Organizations, exhibitors, sponsors, and members. My team has consistently remarked about the warm and welcoming atmosphere we felt onsite."

Dr. Reginald Salter, NDA Board Chairman commented, "In March of 2024, the National Dental Association entrusted Ms. Horsley with the responsibility of providing event planning services for our 111th Annual Convention. She has done that with such class and ingenuity while truly embracing our mission and values. I have no hesitation in bringing her into the NDA family permanently".

During this year's convention, members quickly recognized and appreciated the number of small enhancements to the Opening Session and Presidential Gala to make them more entertaining and the introduction of welcome videos from leadership to elevate the family atmosphere that is a staple of the NDA convention. "Although we have only been working with the NDA for less than five months, I believe we successfully came together with NDA staff and key stakeholders to plan a memorable conference", said Ms. Horsley.

She has expressed that members' feedback is incredibly valuable to her. The NDA staff has already sent out a convention survey, and if you have not had the chance to complete it yet, she kindly encourages you to do so at your earliest convenience. According to Ms. Horsley, "Your insight will help us continue to improve and create even better experiences in the future. Thank you once again for the opportunity to collaborate on this event".



NDA CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Opening Ceremony



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President's Gala



Special Recognition Award

Presented to Dr. Nicole McGrath-Barnes



President's Award

Presented to Dr. Cheryle Baptiste



Presented to Dr. Reginald Salter



Scientific Sessions Chairman Award of Appreciation



Legacy Award

Presented to Dr. Hazel Harper-Johns



Past President Award

Dr. Marlon D. Henderson



SNDA members attend "Rights of Passage" Gala



Award Ceremony Guests



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President's Gala



NDA CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

40 UNDER 40

Congratulations to the recipients of the prestigious 40 Under Forty Award! This honor recognizes dentists under 40 who excel in their profession, demonstrate innovation and leadership, embody the NDA's values, and actively serve their communities.

Their nomination showcased these qualities, and the New Dentist Committee acknowledged their outstanding contributions. Their dedication to patients and dentistry is truly inspiring.

The 40 Under Forty Awardees were celebrated at the 40 Under Forty, "The Winners' Circle" Awards Gala. The celebratory event was sponsored by Wells Fargo and Colgate Palmolive.

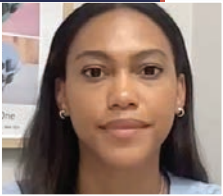
The attendees had a great time and there was a special performance by Trey Songz.



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40 UNDER 40

District 1



Dr. Lorel Burns
New York, NY



Dr. Jason Cummins
Braintree, MA



Dr. Neda Hovaizi
Quincy, MA



Dr. Bryant Ukaigwe
New York, NY

District 2



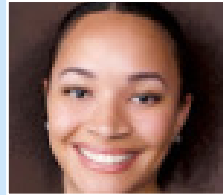
Dr. Dante Brown
Indianapolis IN



Dr. Brittney Hill
Chicago, IL



Dr. Taylor Jackson
Chicago, IL



Dr. Brooke Scott
Indianapolis, IN

District 3



Dr. Siraj Al-Mahdi
Columbia, SC



Dr. Albert Coombs, III
Washington DC



Dr. Brandi Hair
Columbia, SC



Dr. James Jenkins
Washington DC



Dr. Chanel Roberts
Washington DC



Dr. Jamine Ifedi
Charlotte, NC



Dr. Octavia Miller
Charlotte, NC

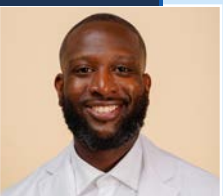


Dr. Monica Wheeler
Raleigh, NC



Dr. Daniel Young
Washington DC

District 4



Dr. Martin Curry II
Atlanta, GA



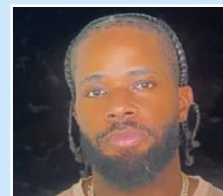
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Nashville, TN



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District 4



Dr. Kamal Smith
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Dr. Kandis Williams
Kailua, HI



Dr. Ifunanya Okeke
San Francisco, CA

**Joshua Raiffe: not pictured*

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40 UNDER 40

NDA/Colgate New Dentist Leadership Award Recipient: Dr. Daniel L. Young

The NDA/Colgate New Dentists Leadership Award is presented to a 40 Under 40 award recipient who presents a program that leads, supports, and enhances community oral health. The awardee will receive \$5,000, collaborate with the NDA's New Dentist Committee to implement the program the following year, and return to the next annual NDA Dental Conference to submit the project's major outcomes to NDA leadership.

Dr. Daniel Young, who proposed the Brush Up on Special Smiles program, was awarded this year. NDA members and other healthcare institutions can participate in webinars about behavioral management and healthcare trends for children with special needs. The program culminates with the Special Smile Olympics, an interprofessional initiative including nurses and nutritionists to target obesity, nutrition, and oral health. Dr. Young is a pediatric dentist based in St. Louis, Missouri.



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Classes/Exhibitors



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Dr. C.O. Simpkins Social Justice Luncheon



Mr. Quentin Savvoir

The Dr. C.O. Simpkins Social Justice Luncheon's orator was Mr. Quentin Savvoir, President of Las Vegas' chapter of the NAACP.

His civic and professional associations have been informed by his commitment to changing the world. He has been described as "an unrelenting advocate for measurably improving the lives of those in his community and families that look like his".



Social Justice Chair Dr. K. Bernard Chase



Social Justice Award Recipient :Councilman Cedric Crear, Las Vegas City Councilman Ward 5



Drum Major for Justice Award: Quentin Michael Savvoir President, NAACP, Las Vegas



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NDA-HEALTH NOW® -Las Vegas 2024 at the Whitney Center

The National Dental Association (NDA)—HEALTH NOW® hosted a community health event for adults and children during the 111th NDA Annual Convention at the Whitney Recreation and Senior Center. The event was a collaboration between NDA-HEALTH NOW® and the Clark County Whitney Center. The presenter's sponsor was United Concordia Dental. Other major sponsors were AARP, Care Credit, Colgate, CVS Health, DentaQuest, and the National Dental Association Foundation. The event was a unique family affair for children, adults, and seniors. Many parents accompanied their children through the educational passport circuit.



A vast network of national partners and volunteers, including the American Diabetes Association, Columbia Dentoforms, Crest Oral B*, the Henry Schein Cares Foundation*, Links, Inc., the National Dental Hygienists' Association, the NIH Office of Research on Women's Health, Remote Area Medical (RAM), the Student National Dental Association, and VOCO, supports NDA-HEALTH NOW® programs in Las Vegas and across the country throughout the year. Community partners supporting the Las Vegas event were the City of Lights Dental Society, GENESIS at Roseman University College of Medicine, Las Vegas Chapter of the Links, Incorporated, Liberty Dental Plan, Pacific Dental Services, Puentes Las Vegas, Solutions of Change, United Health Care Health Plan of Nevada-Medicaid, and the YMCA of Southern Nevada.



NDA-HEALTH NOW® (Health. Equity. Access. Literacy. Technology. Hope National Outreach on Wheels.) In 2013, NDA launched its signature project to offer services, education, access, and resources to underserved communities. The children's program, "Passport to Total Health," is a fun-filled dental field trip that makes learning fun! The Whitney Center passport circuit featured eight (8) educational stations, including a Brush-a-Thon. The educational stations at Happy Smiles include Oral Hygiene Instructions, Safety First and

Injury Prevention, Nutrition: Healthy Smiles = Healthy Bodies, Step-Up-to-STEM, Sports, Smiles & Dentistry, and the Colgate Fun Zone. The newest addition to the Passport Circuit is "Sports, Dentistry & Smiles," created and led by Dr. Camesia Matthews, NDA's Sports Dentistry specialist. Another addition to the Passport Circuit is the "Train-the-Trainer Program for the NDA Nurses Oral Health Training Program," which is currently in its ninth year. Dental students, who are members of the Student National Dental Association, develop and lead Step-Up-to-STEM®, an age-

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appropriate children's program with an oral health focus. Role modeling, mentoring, and creating oral health career interests are fundamental to this program.

The adult health program featured the CVS Project Health mobile unit at the Whitney Center's Senior Center. The project typically conducts seven (7) free health screenings, including Dental Screenings and Referrals, and includes a Resource Center with tables containing handouts from national partners and community organizations. The NDA-HEALTH NOW® Team is extremely grateful for this year's overwhelming support from NDA Leaders, corporate sponsors, national and local partners, and volunteers from all over the country.



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Minority Faculty, Administrators, and Practitioners Luncheon

The National Dental Association (NDA) and Colgate-Palmolive present a Faculty Awards Program to recognize individuals who excel in professional development and assist others in their pursuit of knowledge and advancement.

NDA/Colgate Faculty Awards



Teaching-Dr. Reginald Taylor,
Texas A&M University



Administration/Service:
Dr. Dan Burch, Texas A&M
University



Research- Dr. Reginald Salter,
Howard University

American College of Dentists Fellows



Dr. Marlon Henderson, Immediate Past President NDA
Dr. Pamela Alston, 97th President NDA, ACD Regent At Large
Mr. Michael Graham, ACD Executive Director



Dr. Kenneth Minority Faculty Forum Chairman



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Women's Health Symposium Luncheon



Phenomenal Woman Award of Excellence

Dr. Lenise N. Yarber



Phenomenal Woman Award of Excellence

Dr. Lailah B. Hishaw



Phenomenal Woman Community Leadership Award

Ms. Chanel T. Smith



Phenomenal Woman Award of Excellence

Dr. Alvenia Rhea Albright



Phenomenal Leadership Award

Dr. Shonte' D. Reed

Poster Competition Awards

1. Ray J Jackson - \$3000 prize
2. Brittany Quainoo - \$2500 prize
3. Princess Stark - \$1500 prize
4. James Bennett, III - \$1000 prize

NDA MEMORIALS



Dr. Richardson- Past NDA President

(from the Obituary of Dr. Richardson, written by Lewis and Wright Funeral Directors)

We remember Dr. Elisha Richardson, past president of the National Dental Association. Rich, as he was known to many, received his Bachelor of Science degree from Southern University before attending dental school at Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry in Nashville, TN. Upon completion, Elisha joined the United States Air Force and was stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany. He became the first African American Air Force Captain to be appointed Chief of Dental Services at the USAF Dental Clinic. In addition to becoming one of the first seven African American Orthodontists in the country, Elisha committed his professional career to Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry and researching craniofacial growth and development in African Americans.

Elisha held several noteworthy positions throughout his career, including Dean of the Dental School at Meharry Medical College, Kappa Sigma Pi Honorary Scientific Society, Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Honor Society, and Life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. The NDA expresses its condolences to the Richardson family.



Dr. Fabian Desborde

Dr. Fabian Desbordes graduated from Howard University in 1957 and the HU College of Dentistry in 1963. He was a member of the Maryland Dental Society for nearly 55 years.

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- **Membership Perks:** Enjoy discounts on continuing education, events and NDA apparel.