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# President's Message

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Greetings!

In the 14th century, this time of year was called “springing time” referencing plants “springing” from the ground. During the 15th century it was shortened to “spring-time” and finally in the 16th century changed to “spring.”

New leaves, new flowers and longer days tell us that spring is here. Spring signifies growth. We are happy to report significant growth in our organization.

Women continue to choose oral health as a profession impacting and improving total health. Five new AAWD chapters have been added to our roster.

What growth! Across the country, women continue to seek support and leadership direction from women with vision and experience. Build up!

We had an overwhelming response to our membership survey in January. Once again you shared your wants and needs. We heard you and we are working for you. We have developed new membership values that you requested. Stay involved with our social media extension (Facebook, Twitter). Build out!

As the face of health care changes, know that we continue to be guided by our core values-PRISMATIC

Passion  
Respect  
Integrity  
Service  
Mentoring  
Advancement  
Teamwork  
Inclusiveness  
Collegiality

As we reinforce our infrastructure, supporting women in dentistry legislatively, we are fighting for oral health for all. We can accomplish any task without re-inventing the wheel.

For women, about women, for health.

Build Up, Build Out!

ONWARD!

Karyl Patten, DDS, MPH, JM

## Want to contribute to *The Chronicle*?

Our section “Tales from the Dentist’s Chair” is your chance to share unique case studies, personal essays and stories of challenges and triumphs in your career and practice.

To be considered, please submit your story or essay (500 words or less) to us by the deadlines noted in our Chronicle Datelines. (Jan 2, Apr 1, Jul 1 and Oct 1, respectively)

Please include a high-resolution, color headshot and photos.

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## Smiles for Success

The Smiles for Success program offers cost-free dental care for women graduates of accredited job readiness and placement programs, thus helping those who are helping themselves. The dental care offered is meant to be a short-term solution for those who need treatment as they move from public assistance to the working world. A beautiful smile is truly an asset when interviewing for a job. Many women are self-conscious and embarrassed as they attempt to hide decayed, missing and damaged teeth on job interviews.

Smiles for Success provides an opportunity for the dental community to effectively assist women in reaching their goal to obtain employment by giving them a competitive edge in the job market by enhancing their appearance and self-esteem.

Volunteer dentists around the country participate by helping to restore oral health and a confident smile.

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# 2017 Board of Directors

Each quarter, the Chronicle will highlight the 2017 AAWD Board Members



**Suzie (Kay) Beavers, DDS**  
**Director of Academic Affairs**  
**Baylor College of Dentistry, 1990**

Kay S. Beavers is currently a Professor with the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry. She left private practice in 1991 to join the USPHS Indian Health Service and served as a Lt. Commander for several years in IHS dental clinics in Arizona, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. Dr. Beavers has been with the OU College of Dentistry for the past 18 years and works with both dental hygiene and dental students in both didactic and clinical courses. She has certificates in Geriatrics/Gerontology and the Legal Assistant Education (Paralegal) Program.

To the Class of 2017  
*Enjoy your life and do your best!*

**Tamara Berg, DDS**  
**President Elect**  
**The University of Oklahoma, College of Dentistry, 1995**

Tamara Berg maintains a private practice in Yukon, Oklahoma outside of the Oklahoma City area. She is a past President of the Oklahoma Dental Association 2010-2011 and serves currently as alternate delegate to the American Dental Association. Dr. Berg is active in the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy project serving as Chair in 2011 and enjoys speaking to classes in the community and mentoring future dentists.



To the Class of 2017  
*Keep a balance of career and family. Set time aside to be active in organized dentistry and mentor others.*



**Brittany Bergeron, DDS**  
**Vice-President**  
**University of Maryland, School of Dentistry, 2013**

Brittany Bergeron is in private practice in downtown Baltimore where she enjoys focusing on restorative and cosmetic dentistry. Dr. Bergeron has been on the AAWD Board of Directors since 2012 in addition to being part of numerous other national and local organizations. Dr. Bergeron enjoys mentoring dental students at the University of Maryland and through AAWD.

To the Class of 2017  
*Do what makes you happy and don't ever think your first job has to be your last. Find a practice that makes you happy and focus on what you love.*

**Mojdeh Dehghan, DDS**  
**Director of Health Awareness**  
**Baylor College of Dentistry, 1990**

Mojdeh Dehghan is an Associate Professor and Associate Director Division of Esthetics in the Restorative Dentistry Department at the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry. Dr. Dehghan has been in private practice/faculty practice for over 25 years and is the Course Director for Complex Restoration and Introduction to CAD/CAM technology courses. Her research interests are in the areas tooth erosion resulting from systemic conditions such as eating disorders and incorporating dental technology into the current dental school curriculum.



To the Class of 2017  
*Seek the help and advice of mentors early on and develop collaborations with colleagues in the dental and medical fields*



**Daphne C. Ferguson-Young, DDS, MSPH**  
**Director of Federal Services**  
**Meharry Medical College, School of Dentistry, 1979**

Daphne C. Ferguson-Young is the Director of the General Practice Residency Program at Meharry Medical College. She is a United States Army Reserves veteran serving two tours, one in Iraq in 2003-2004. Her dental experiences range from community dental health to dental academia. Dr. Ferguson-Young's community outreach activities involve mission trips including an annual Jamaica trip she leads with 3rd year dental students.

To the Class of 2017  
*Always aspire to inspire and strive for excellence, as you give your best. For professional happiness and reward, be passionate about dentistry and making a difference in your community.*

**Tanya M. Gibson, DDS**  
**Treasurer**  
**Meharry Medical College, School of Dentistry, 2001**

Tanya Gibson is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, a Fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and a full-time faculty member at the University of Missouri, Kansas City. Her teaching responsibilities include providing the general, systemic and oral pathology curriculum to pre-doctoral students, advanced education dental residents and allied dental health students. Dr. Gibson also maintains an active practice in diagnostic surgical and clinical oral pathology and provides oral and maxillofacial pathology continuing education programs on a local, regional and national level.



To the Class of 2017  
*Stay engaged and connected with your colleagues and community and always reach back to help someone else on their journey.*





Are you looking for something  
to read this summer?

Here are a few recommendations on *leadership*:

*Frankenstein*  
by Mary Shelley

*Good Self, Bad Self: Transforming your worst qualities  
into your biggest assets*  
by Judy Smith

*Lean In: Women, work, and the will to lead*  
by Sheryl Sandberg

*Lift: Becoming a positive force in any situation*  
by Ryan W. Quinn and Robert E. Quinn

*Originals: How non-conformists move the world*  
by Adam Grant

*Thinking, Fast and Slow*  
by Daniel Kahneman

## 2018 Board Nominations Open! (Effective May 1)

The American Association of Women Dentists is calling for nominations for officers and directors. Nominations are now being accepted for several directorships for this voluntary organization whose mission is “AAWD – the leading resource for advancing, connecting and enriching the lives of women dentists.”

The candidate must be a current AAWD member in good standing with the desire to lead the organization into its next phase of growth and policy leadership.

Prior leadership experience would be beneficial, but is not a necessity. Time commitments vary by position, with a minimum of 10 hours a month in most positions. All positions must contribute uncompensated travel to national meetings.

Self-nominations are encouraged. The nomination form will be available online. Please complete a nomination form and send with your resume to the American Association of Women Dentists via e-mail to [info@aawd.org](mailto:info@aawd.org) or by mail no later than June 30, 2017.

For more information, please contact the National Office at 800.920.2293 or visit [www.aawd.org](http://www.aawd.org) for additional information. The 2018 Slate of Officers will be announced in September at the AAWD 96th Annual Conference in Fernandina Beach, FL.

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by more than 300 new members!**

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# AAWD's Exquisite Heritage

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**In Memoriam:  
Dr. Geraldine T. Morrow  
1930-2017**

Dr. Geraldine Morrow died March 20th at the age of 86 and as a resident of Wasilla, Alaska. While Dr. Morrow accumulated many accolades during her long career as a dentist—including service to the American Dental Association in 1991-1992 as its first female president—the American Association of Women Dentists has its own memories from her years as a member of the organization. Despite the barriers that her residing in Alaska posed in getting to AAWD meetings in the lower 48 states, she and AAWD found ways to communicate.

In 1985, Dr. Morrow was the third recipient (preceded by the first recipient, the late Dr. Jane Selbe, and by Dr. Marie Nylen) of AAWD's highest honor, the Lucy Hobbs Taylor award.

In 1990, in the campaign that would take her to presidency of the ADA, AAWD members who were savvy in the ways of downtown Boston answered her call to help at the ADA convention being held in the city that year. Dr. Morrow acknowledged the campaign support she received from AAWD by mentioning the organization by name during an interview published on Youtube.com in 2015.

In that interview she noted that AAWD itself had no vote in the ADA election process. However, she remembers AAWD's support fondly and in talking about it, quoted June Warren Lee [the late Dr. Lee was an AAWD past president and a Lucy Hobbs Taylor recipient]. Dr. Lee had indicated to Dr. Morrow that a valuable outcome of Dr. Morrow's candidacy and term was inspiration to those dentists who desired to participate in organized dentistry on their own terms. The corporate model of having a life's goal of doing whatever is necessary to defeat opponents aspiring to the top of an organization became passé with Dr. Morrow's example. Dr. Morrow tended to view the promotion of the idea that there was a place in organized dentistry for dentists who wanted to put boundaries on their time and energies toward the cause of organized dentistry as worthy of her efforts.

Dr. Morrow's campaign was fueled by her passion for keeping dentistry in the private sector and keeping the middleman at bay. In the late 1980s and early 1990s there was a view gaining prevalence that the government had the ability to run healthcare in the United States. Dr. Morrow viewed the idea of a government takeover of dentistry as being incompatible with professionalism. Prior to her campaign, Dr. Morrow had achieved notable accomplishments in Alaska keeping dentistry as a private sector endeavor and credits the ability to join together with other members of organized dentistry in working toward common goals as key to those accomplishments.

In the early 2000's, Dr. Morrow contributed to an Annual Meeting program that was held in Chicago by a taped presentation designed for the AAWD meeting audience.

To read more of her tribute from the ADA, click [here](#)

For her memorial from the *Alaska Dispatch News*, click [here](#)

For the YouTube.com video of reflections on her time at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, click [here](#)



Dr. Mary Licking attended her first AAWD meeting in 1974 and has contributed articles to *The Chronicle* since the mid 1980s.



# Tales From the Dentist's Chair

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## Dental 911

**A**pril 1, 2007 was a Sunday. Our elderly dog, Mandy, was slowly coming into our house and the door closed on the last 1/2 inch of her tail, severing an artery. There was blood spurting everywhere and my kids were panicked. I put the dog and the kids in the car and rushed to the nearest emergency vet clinic. I was most happy to hand over my credit card and have them take care of her. I also notice that the waiting room was very crowded.

**T**he next day, I started inquiring about Sunday afternoon dental service in the Denver area and found that none existed other than hospital emergency rooms. My husband and I had purchased a 2-story commercial building for our practice—with room for tenants—and the rents were not yet covering all of our costs. I realized that there was a need for after-hour dental care and that I could maximize the use of my office space for extra rent income.

**W**e opened Dental 911 on Memorial Day weekend. The first few patients were not even from Denver. One drove five hours from Casper, Wyoming and two came from other cities in Colorado. I was the only dentist for the first few months, then slowly other dentists came on board. There are currently 10 dentists who pick up shifts each month in order of seniority. One has two young boys at home, another works part-time for the Indian Health Service and others just need extra income for student loan payments. We have two employees who run the desk and assist.

**I** have learned a lot about advertising, social media and dental insurance. In 2013, I was riding my bike to work and was hit by a car. Fortunately, the only injury was some compression fractures to two vertebrae, but I am hesitant to get back on a bike. I purchased a solar-powered covered tricycle—or ELF—so that I could still ride but feel a bit more protected and also haul more “stuff”. Dental 911 paid for the ELF and we use it for marketing, including the annual Park Hill July 4th Parade. It is fun to ride and it makes people smile.



**K**ate Hakala has been a member of AAWD since 1988. She received a B.S. in Dental Hygiene and a DDS, both from the University of Colorado, and has practiced at Hakala Family Dentistry since 1989. Her father, Joe Hakala, who retired last year at age 85 and still likes to do lab work, started the practice. Kate also owns Dental 911, an after-hours urgent care service that utilizes the same office space as her regular practice. Kate and her husband Dirk have 2 children: Colin attends the University of Colorado, Boulder, and Maura will be attending Tulane University this fall.



# Every Day is Ladies' Day At AAWD!



105th Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting, March 23-25, 2017, Atlanta, GA



An evening of elegance, AAWD members celebrate dental education at the ADEA Gies Awards in Long Beach, CA. (L-R) Shruthi Chandna (D3, Meharry Medical College), Dr. Elizabeth Ramos, Dr. Tawana Ware, Dr. Cherae Farmer-Dixon, Dr. Daphne Ferguson-Young



Gary Kirkus (Atlanta Dental), Dr. Patten, Cornelia Otten (Dental Advocacy Group), Michele Lee (DDS Staffing and Avery Partners), Dr. Margaret Scarlett (AAED Director, Corporate Relations) and Tom Richardson (Atlanta Dental) "strike a pose" at Hinman Meeting in Atlanta.



During the AAWD February Board Meeting in Atlanta, GA, Dr. Karyl Patten, honored Dr. Mary Martin, Immediate Past President, for her dedication and commitment to the AAWD



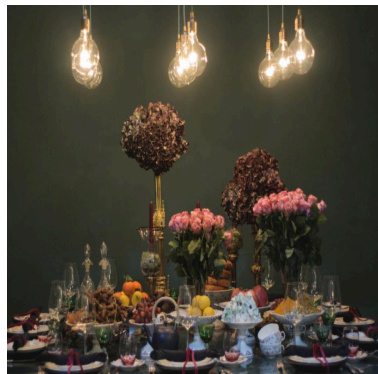
At the Oral Health Gala in Chicago, Dr. Patten and Ms. Dean met with the leadership of FDI World Dental Federation, President-elect, Dr. Kathy Kell (USA) and President, Dr. Patrick Hescot (France)



Happy hour after a day of workshops and meetings at the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session in Long Beach, CA in March. Dr. Jodie Wing Lee, Dr. Marsha Pyle, Dr. Melanie Mayberry, Dr. Tanya Wright, Dr. Deirdre Young, Dr. Tawana Ware, and Dr. Sherece Thompson.



Dr. Karyl Patten, Dr. Gary Roberts (Colgate) and Ms. Donna Dean (AAWD Executive Director) at the Oral Health Gala during the 152nd Chicago Midwinter Meeting in February



Dr. Jodie Wing Lee (AAWD Director, Student Chapters) greets attendees at the AAWD booth during the Chicago Midwinter Meeting.



# AAWD Represented in Washington D.C. on “Lobby Day”



Dr. Mary Martin attended Lobby Day as AAWD's representative



The Tooth Party!



From left: Evanthia Vranas (AAWD student member, Tufts University), Margaree Lachowicz (Southern Illinois University), **Dr. Barbara Mousel** and Katie Rothas (New York University)

The ADA Dentist and Student Lobby Day was held in Washington, DC on March 27 – 28, 2017. For the first time, the American Dental Association (ADA) and the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) conducted their advocacy efforts together and included representation from the American Association of Women Dentists.

AAWD Past President (1995, 2016) Dr. Mary Martin attended as a representative for AAWD. With more than 900 attendees, it was the largest dental Lobby Day ever held. The attendees were divided according to their states and Dr. Martin sat with the Oklahoma delegation.

On the first day, participants had a morning training session which provided an update on the current issues affecting dentistry and tips about meeting with members of Congress. In the afternoon, several political correspondents addressed the group.

Nathan Gonzales—editor and publisher of Inside Elections—provided an overview of Congressional activities. Eugene Robinson, a columnist for *The Washington Post* and Fred Barnes, co-founder and executive director of *The Weekly Standard*, shared different perspectives on issues and events surrounding policies and agendas on Capitol Hill.

Day Two began with a breakfast and an awards ceremony followed by a full day of appointments on the Hill. The delegations from each state, comprised of dentists and dental students, were briefed on three key issues:

1. “The Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act” (H.R. 372)
2. Student Loan Programs under the Higher Education Act
3. Health Care Reform and Oral Health Services



## Lobby Day (continued)



University of Oklahoma students Sarah Gregg and Stephanie Sugg with **Dr. Mary Martin**



Dr. Carol Summerhays (ADA Immediate Past President), Dr. Robert Hanlon (California Dental Association ADPAC Chair), **Dr. Lilia Larin** and Dr. Harriet Seldin, with dental students from California

“All three of the issues affect women dentists as well as men,” stated Dr. Martin. She continued, “Visiting the Congressional offices with Sarah and Stephanie [University of Oklahoma dental students] was definitely a highlight of the trip. They were extremely well-prepared to speak on the student loan crisis. I believe the members of Congress listened to the students on this issue much more than they would have to me or someone not currently in their position. As dentists, we were able to offer additional perspectives on the issues.”

Dr. Barbara Mousel (AAWD Past President, 1994) accompanied three students from her home state of Illinois and added, “[The students] were exceptionally well versed in the student loan legislation. Their involvement through ASDA prepared them to speak on the subject with great confidence. Their individual personal stories highlighted the dilemmas that they face in the future in determining practice choices.”

As part of the San Diego constituency, Dr. Lilia Larin (AAWD Past President, 2008) participated with colleagues and students further demonstrating the importance of grassroots events such as this to create opportunities to inform policymakers about how their decisions impact the care provided to patients served by the dental profession.

Dr. Martin described the day as “An incredible experience to see that many people all working towards the same goals. We were not Republicans or Democrats. We were all members of the Tooth Party!”

For more information about ADA Dentist and Student Lobby Day and the issues, click [here](#)



The 2017 AAWD Board met in Atlanta, GA for the February Board Meeting



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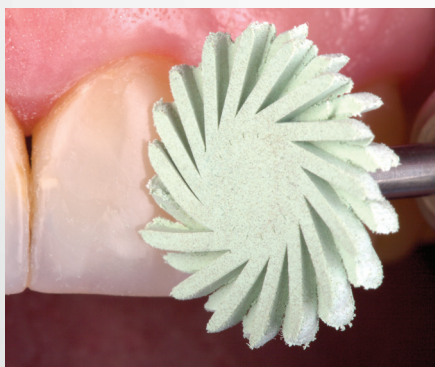


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# Member News

## Excellence in Dental Education

In March 2017, three AAWD members were recognized with awards at the 2017 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session in Long Beach, California.



### **ADEA/ADEA Gies Foundation Drs. Connie L. and Richard R. Drisko Scholar in the ADEA Leadership Institute**

Dr. Deborah Dilbone  
Clinical Associate Professor, Restorative Dental Sciences  
University of Florida College of Dentistry

### **ADEA/Colgate-Palmolive Co./National Dental Association/Dr. Jeanne C. Sinkford Scholar in the ADEA Leadership Institute**

Dr. Tanya Gibson  
Assistant Professor, Oral Pathology, Radiology & Medicine  
University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Dentistry



### **ADEA/AAL Faculty of Color Tuition Scholarships for Professional Development: ADEA Summer Program for Emerging Academic Leaders**

Dr. Tawana Ware  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Pediatric Dentistry  
Indiana University School of Dentistry

## ASDA's Paragon Award



*Photograph by ASDA/Caught in the Moment Photography*

On February 25, 2017, AAWD's 63rd President, Linda C. Niessen, was named the first female recipient of the Paragon Award at the American Dental Student Association Annual Session (ASDA) in Orlando, Florida.

This is the highest award presented by ASDA to honor an individual who has made significant contributions to dental education through a commitment to excellence and has positively impacted dental students.

Dr. Niessen is currently the Dean of Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine. Deeva Bhatt, Nova Southeastern, Class of 2018, said, "Dean Niessen is known as the students' dean. She really takes the time to listen to concerns and problems that the students are having and tries to find a constructive solution. One of my favorite things about Dean Niessen is the way she can lighten the mood with laughter."

Dr. Niessen served as AAWD President in 1984. "I have had the privilege of having Dr. Linda Niessen as a colleague, professional mentor and friend for over 30 years as she preceded me as President of the American Association of Women Dentists in the '80's. She was truly an influential role model for me encouraging me to aspire without limits," shared Dr. Eva C. Dahl, AAWD Past President (1985). "[She] defines leadership: brilliant, charming, assertive, resourceful, and passionate about dentistry. Her presence and leadership in dentistry in academic, corporate, and organizational dentistry have impacted and influenced thousands of students and dentists during her career."

To read more about the ASDA Paragon Award, click [here](#)



# Chapter News

## South Florida Welcomes New AAWD Chapter

Dr. Beatriz Terry (left) and Dr. Annika Marschall (right) have connected the women in dentistry in the sunny city of Miami. On February 16, 2017, the inaugural event for the AAWD South Florida Chapter was an opportunity for an evening of camaraderie. Morgan Stanley sponsored the dinner and program, providing the members with financial advice including helpful tips on retirement.

The Chapter welcomed nine new members who are looking forward to begin working with each other and the community. The women shared ideas on how to give back to their community with outreach programs. They plan to identify local organizations that are geared specifically towards women's health, volunteer at area free clinics, as well as participate in upcoming walk-a-thons.

The Chapter also decided to contact the senior dental class at Nova Southeastern University to coordinate a brunch and establish a mentoring program for the women working hard on earning their degrees. They agreed this would be a great way to get to know the future of dentistry and give guidance to potential AAWD members.

Dr. Terry enthused, "Each new member has a special piece to offer to our new chapter and we could not be more excited. We encourage anyone who was not able to attend our inaugural meeting and is practicing in the Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe areas to please send us an email at [aawdsoflo@gmail.com](mailto:aawdsoflo@gmail.com) because we would love to have you join us!"



### Network. Collaborate. Grow. Refresh.

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Dean Isabel Garcia addresses the Girl Scouts



D4 student Eva Dupay demonstrating oral hygiene to the girls

## University of Florida College of Dentistry Student Chapter Hosts Girl Scouts Dental Health Patch Day

On March 18, 2017, the UFCD AAWD Student Chapter hosted its 3rd Annual Girl Scouts Dental Health Patch Day in Gainesville, Florida. AAWD Dental Students presented a program to instruct Girl Scouts, ages 7-9 years old, about dental health through a series of fun activities.

Dean Isabel Garcia opened the program by welcoming participants from across the state. She is an active advocate for oral health, as well as a role model for courageous and confident women of character.

The dental students had a wonderful time coloring, playing games, beading bracelets and providing oral hygiene instructions with the enthusiastic Scouts. In addition to their Dental Health Patches, participants received goodie bags with additional oral hygiene supplies and printed information for their parents and troop leaders. A fun time was had by all!

According to an [article published on www.ADA.org](http://www.ADA.org), only 15.9% of first-year dental students in 1978 were women. By 2014, that number soared to 47.7%!



### SUMMERTIME

“My policy is out of sight out of mind. We *all* know dental school is a busy juggling act, but it is possible to find time for school and socializing. After the graduation of the D4, the summer can seem a little quiet. The best way to address this is to have 1-2 low key activities.

One of our favorites is a movie night with some of our closest AAWD gal pals. We bring wine and snacks and spend the next few hours unwinding and spending time together. This helps keep AAWD on people’s minds and at that same time provides an atmosphere to relax.”

- Deeva Bhatt, National Student Representative

Check out  
**this** comedy classic  
that everyone—from Baby  
Boomers to Millennials—will  
LOL over:  
Legendary comedian Tim  
Conway as “The Dentist”  
from *The Carol  
Burnett Show*

To the DDS/DMD  
class of 2017:  
For inspiration from the AAWD  
Board as you begin your  
careers, see page (4).

*Congratulations!*

# AAWD Welcomes Its Newest Members

## West

Yvette Carrillo	Colton, CA	Student	Shannon Wailes	San Francisco, CA	Student
Julie Jenks	Los Angeles, CA	Faculty	Leah Wilensky	San Francisco, CA	Student
Vida Bao	San Francisco, CA	Student	Karisa Yamamoto	San Francisco, CA	Student
Sophie Ballard	San Francisco, CA	Student	Karen Matsumura-Lem	Torrance, CA	Faculty
Corissa Chang	San Francisco, CA	Student	Stephanie Gutierrez	Upland, CA	Student
Kathryn Hemstreet	San Francisco, CA	Student	Amanpreet Bath	Henderson, NV	Student
Isabela Riemer	San Francisco, CA	Student			

## Southwest

Gilda P. Ferguson	Cave Creek, AZ	Federal Services	Chaitra Shanthagowda	Spring, TX	Active
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## Midwest

Jessica Noreen	Council Bluffs, IA	Student	Emily Williams	Ann Arbor, MI	Student
Rebecca Baer	Chicago, IL	Student	Shirley Ye	Ann Arbor, MI	Student
Tracy Boldry	Lenexa, KS	Active	Emily Van Heukelom	Grand Rapids, MI	Active
Emily Brons-Piche	Ann Arbor, MI	Student	Ashley Green	Troy, MI	Student
Hsiao Hsin Sung Hsieh	Ann Arbor, MI	Faculty	Marianne Day	Lincoln, NE	Faculty
Sophie Moon	Ann Arbor, MI	Student			

## Northeast

Sarita Arteaga	Farmington, CT	Federal	Emily Steele	Baltimore, MD	Student
Erin Anderson	Washington, D.C.	Student	Janine Taira	Baltimore, MD	Student
Jordan Crowe	Washington, D.C.	Student	Alyssa Wolfe	Baltimore, MD	Student
Cherise Hardiman	Washington, D.C.	Student	Anum Zaidi	Baltimore, MD	Student
Taylor Jackson	Washington, D.C.	Student	Sarah Bach	Bel Air, MD	Student
Kelsey Lewis	Washington, D.C.	Student	Georgia Rogers	Bel Air, MD	Federal
Kiah Zaremba	Washington, D.C.	Student	Faranak Asli	Cockeysville, MD	Student
Sara Samaha	Boston, MA	Post Graduate	Harima Miam	Damascus, MD	Student
Meena Al-Talib	Baltimore, MD	Student	Stephanie Spitznagel	Glen Burnie, MD	Student
Michelle Ayoroa-Perez	Baltimore, MD	Student	Whitney Giles	Hyattsville, MD	Student
Maria Barsoum	Baltimore, MD	Student	Erin Norcross	North Potomac, MD	Student
Klejda Bejleri	Baltimore, MD	Student	Kristina Ramirez	Olney, MD	Student
Taylor Bury	Baltimore, MD	Student	Hye Eun Park	Owings Mills, MD	Student
Brandy Carullo	Baltimore, MD	Student	Carissa Sprinkle	Owings Mills, MD	Student
Suji Cha	Baltimore, MD	Student	Katie Bell	Rockville, MD	Student
Krystal Donaldson	Baltimore, MD	Student	Anusri V Patel	Rosedale, MD	Student
Katie Garrett	Baltimore, MD	Student	Amanda Amaro	Silver Spring, MD	Student
Tanya Guinto	Baltimore, MD	Student	Anuja Chumble	Portland, ME	Student
Azita Halary	Baltimore, MD	Student	Lindsey Cunningham	Portland, ME	Student
Melineh Issayans	Baltimore, MD	Student	Maeve Daly	Portland, ME	Student
Monica Lobo	Baltimore, MD	Student	Jacquelyn McWilliams	Portland, ME	Student
Nicole Lozon	Baltimore, MD	Student	Caroline Moore Watts	Portland, ME	Student
Joan Marshall	Baltimore, MD	Student	Natasha Sareen	Portland, ME	Student
Melissa Mertely	Baltimore, MD	Student	Arina Sorokina	Portland, ME	Student
Alenna Monet	Baltimore, MD	Student	Francesca Vargas	Portland, ME	Student
Tess Moran	Baltimore, MD	Student	Kailee Williams	Portland, ME	Student
Kendall Murphy	Baltimore, MD	Student	Kirston Barrett	South Portland, ME	Student
Kritika Paudel	Baltimore, MD	Student	Christina Wang	South Portland, ME	Student
Boshra Peyvori	Baltimore, MD	Student	Colleen Ahern	Westbrook, ME	Student
Kayla Robben	Baltimore, MD	Student	Shawna H. Huffman	Westbrook, ME	Student
Ariana Rosa-Alberty	Baltimore, MD	Student	Sheila Trangchiu	Westbrook, ME	Student
Aislinn Scully	Baltimore, MD	Student	Carla Dersarkissian	New York, NY	Active

### Fun Facts By The Numbers:

Did you know that AAWD is in 27 of U.S. dental schools?

Check out the new student chapters in the  
2016-2017 academic year!

University of New England, College of Dental Medicine  
Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC (University of Southern California)  
Indiana University School of Dentistry



# AAWD Welcomes Its Newest Members (continued)

## Southeast

Eileen Lujan	Coral Gables, FL	Active	Claire Sayoc	Gainesville, FL	Student
Christine Adams	Gainesville, FL	Student	Greta Smidt	Gainesville, FL	Student
Beeta Akhauan	Gainesville, FL	Student	Dixie Smith	Gainesville, FL	Student
Carolyn Allen	Gainesville, FL	Student	Aishwarya Subramanian	Gainesville, FL	Student
Lisset Arenas	Gainesville, FL	Student	Nicole Swanson	Gainesville, FL	Student
Lauren Arguelles	Gainesville, FL	Student	Emily Tan	Gainesville, FL	Student
Jessica Artille	Gainesville, FL	Student	Tiffany Tang	Gainesville, FL	Student
Michelle Bargfrede	Gainesville, FL	Student	Michelle Thomas	Gainesville, FL	Student
Robin Blackman	Gainesville, FL	Student	Lauryn Weir	Gainesville, FL	Student
Katie Brattebo	Gainesville, FL	Student	Elizabeth Zogaib	Gainesville, FL	Student
Alyssa Brown	Gainesville, FL	Student	Dimple Patel	Leesburg, FL	Student
Hieu Chau	Gainesville, FL	Student	Alicia Carroll	Miami, FL	Active
Christina Choe	Gainesville, FL	Student	Sofia Fontecilla	Miami, FL	Active
Erika Cuarezma	Gainesville, FL	Student	Lauren Triana	Miami, FL	Active
Alex Davila	Gainesville, FL	Student	Linda Yusman Wirdt	Miami, FL	Active
Emma Domingues	Gainesville, FL	Student	Tina HoangTruc Vo	Orlando, FL	Student
Galia Fakhri-Medrano	Gainesville, FL	Student	Rachel Jollie	Pensacola, FL	Federal
Yesenia Fernandez	Gainesville, FL	Student	Roz Aghaaliandastjerdi	Plantation, FL	Student
Elizabeth Ganse	Gainesville, FL	Student	Mykhue Nguyen-Tran	Vero Beach, FL	Student
Victoria Gonzalez	Gainesville, FL	Student	Justina Boles	Jackson, MS	Student
Kristiana Kalibat	Gainesville, FL	Student	Ali Bounds	Jackson, MS	Student
Gabrielle Klatt	Gainesville, FL	Student	Sarah Breland	Jackson, MS	Student
Catherin Koubek	Gainesville, FL	Student	Mary Caskey Ousley	Jackson, MS	Student
Morgan Kubis	Gainesville, FL	Student	Molly Edmonson	Jackson, MS	Student
Violet Laurey	Gainesville, FL	Student	Jennybeth Hendrick	Jackson, MS	Student
Isarelys Lazo	Gainesville, FL	Student	Mimi Hoang	Jackson, MS	Student
Daniela Lemoine	Gainesville, FL	Student	Meredith Lucas	Jackson, MS	Student
Alina Lenz	Gainesville, FL	Student	Loggan Malone	Jackson, MS	Student
Courtney Lombardo	Gainesville, FL	Student	Kylie Mitchell	Jackson, MS	Student
Carolina Londono	Gainesville, FL	Student	Maggie Parker	Jackson, MS	Student
Amanda Mullersman	Gainesville, FL	Student	Kinnara Vasamsetti	Jackson, MS	Student
Neila Nicholson	Gainesville, FL	Student	Caitlyn Nelson	Asheville, NC	Post Graduate
Amanda Panousis	Gainesville, FL	Student	Amandip Kamoh	Cary, NC	Active
Trupti Patel	Gainesville, FL	Student	Maggie Pafford	Greenville, NC	Active
Christina Pham	Gainesville, FL	Student	Misha Lockey	Beaufort, SC	Federal
Evelyn Pereda	Gainesville, FL	Student	Amy Smith	Parkersburg, WV	Active
Katelyn Radner	Gainesville, FL	Student			

*According to [www.DataUSA.io](http://www.DataUSA.io), the average age of female dentists in the United States is 42 years old!*

## Top Reasons to Become a Part of AAWD

Founded in 1921, AAWD dedicates itself to enhancing and promoting unique participation and leadership for women in dentistry by seeking to mentor and support women dentist professionals academically and personally.

Members can enjoy discounts on services and products through our Corporate Partner Members as well as:

- Access to the online membership directory with patient locator for women dentists
- Awards and scholarship programs
- Assistance with local chapter start-up
- AAWD's quarterly newsletter *The Chronicle*
- Speaker's Bureau - AAWD actively promotes women speakers on a variety of topics
- Opportunities throughout the year to connect with and learn from women dentists all over the United States
- Educational programs - Annual meeting and regional seminars
- Strength in numbers - Become part of the growing community of women dentists that is helping to shape the future of dentistry.

Be part of AAWD! Join today!

Questions? Visit [www.aawd.org](http://www.aawd.org) or contact the National Office at 800.920.2293



# Student Recruitment Tips



By Katherine Sage, AAWD National Student Representative

## Step 1: Make sure you and your e-board are on the same page

Set up a meeting specifically geared towards engaging the incoming class and planning interesting/fun events that would draw them in. Discuss PR opportunities with the chapter members and have each class pick some events with the incoming students where they can talk about AAWD upcoming activities and ways to join!

## Step 2: Plan welcome week events or initiations that make members feel special

A lot of unique ideas have been introduced at my chapter's past meetings, including: a wine and cheese party, a white dress and rose initiation, a faculty brunch, and big/little pairing for mentorship. These are all excellent ways to engage your members and show how great going through dental school with like-minded women can be.

## Step 3: Keep your members engaged and excited about AAWD after recruitment and beyond

In order to have your members really enjoy their time in AAWD, try to strike a nice balance between work and play. You want your members to feel the social and fun aspect of AAWD, while also reaping the benefits of scholarships, mentorship, annual session, and advice from upper classmen.



### PHILANTHROPY

LECOM School of Dental Medicine women inspire girls from area Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County at the Girls in (Formational) Summit



### GIRLS NIGHT OUT

University of California San Francisco women at the California Academy of Science Museum at Golden Gate Park



### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

D4 women had an early morning for “Croissants and Conversation” with Attorney Julianna Plawecki at Indiana University

Try holding two events each month: one educational and one social. If this proves to be too much, try alternating each month. Another great way to bring people together is through stress relief. We all know dental school can be super hectic and we all need a break. Organize a yoga class, meditation, group run or even take a hike at the local park and stop to see the sunset.

All of these components are part of having a vital and thriving chapter! Each chapter is unique so stay tuned this year for different ways AAWD chapters all over the U.S. share their ideas and success stories!

# AAWD Federal Services Award

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The American Association of Women Dentists is pleased to announce the AAWD Federal Services Award, which recognizes the lifetime achievements made by an AAWD member dentist in the Federal Services arena.

Each year, the AAWD Federal Services Award is presented to a woman dentist who:

- Has made outstanding achievements in the Federal Services arena as an advocate or dental officer
- Exhibits role model qualities that positively reflect the image of women dentists and commitment to the profession

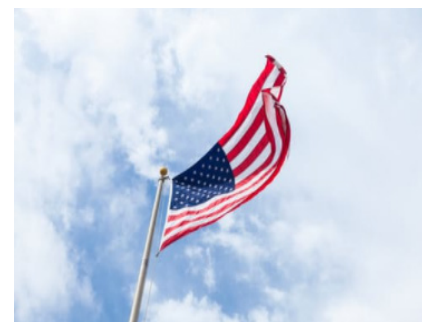
The award will be presented during the AAWD 96th Annual Conference in September 2017.

We invite nominations for a woman dentist who exemplifies the outstanding traits of women in the Federal Service. A nominator must submit the application on behalf of the nominee. Please contact the National Office at 800.920.2293 or visit [www.aawd.org](http://www.aawd.org) for additional [information](#) and the award application.

The deadline to submit a completed application is **August 1, 2017**.



Looking for a new opportunity  
or a chance to network with peers  
and mentors? Visit us at  
[www.aawd.org](http://www.aawd.org)!



## 2017 Lucy Hobbs Taylor Award

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Dr. Lucy Hobbs Taylor was the first woman to earn a doctorate in dentistry. In 1859, Lucy Hobbs, a schoolteacher in Brooklyn, Michigan, moved to Cincinnati, Ohio to pursue a medical degree. After being refused admission based on her gender, a professor at the medical college encouraged her to apply to the Ohio College of Dentistry. Once again, because of her gender, she was not admitted. She studied dentistry as an apprentice in Cincinnati and she eventually started her own practice.

After a year, Ms. Hobbs relocated to Iowa. She gained professional recognition in 1865, when she was allowed a membership in the Iowa State Dental Society and served as a delegate at the American Dental Association convention. Later that year, she enrolled in the Ohio College of Dental Surgery as a senior student. In 1866, a doctorate in dentistry was conferred to her and she practiced in Chicago, Illinois. It was there she married her husband. After teaching him dentistry, Dr. Lucy Hobbs Taylor and her husband practiced together in Lawrence, Kansas.

When her husband died in 1886, she retired from dentistry. She engaged in philanthropic activities and was an advocate for women's rights. In 1895, Dr. Lucy Hobbs Taylor returned to the practice of dentistry until she died in 1910.

In her honor, each year AAWD presents the [Lucy Hobbs Taylor Award](#) to a woman dentist who:

- Has made outstanding individual achievements in civic, cultural, academic and professional areas
- Exhibits role model qualities that positively reflect the image of women dentists and commitment to the profession
- Is an AAWD member in good standing

The award will be presented in September during AAWD 96th Annual Conference in Fernandina Beach, FL.

If interested in submitting a nomination for an AAWD member deserving of this award, please contact the National Office at 800.920.2293 or visit [www.aawd.org](http://www.aawd.org). You can also download the award application [here](#).

**The deadline to submit a completed application is June 1, 2017.**



## COMPANY PROFILE: BRASSELER USA



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## Corporate Partners

Are you thinking about becoming a partner of AAWD but haven't made the commitment yet? NOW is the time! Women dentists are the future of dentistry and AAWD is growing – join us now and show women dentists your support. Contact AAWD HQ at [info@aawd.org](mailto:info@aawd.org) for more information or click [here](#) for info on partnering with us.

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# Calendar of Events

## May 2017

National Osteoporosis Month

Pre-eclampsia Awareness Month

### May 4-6

California Dental Association: CDA  
Presents the Art and Science of Dentistry  
Anaheim, CA

### May 4-6

Texas Dental Association Meeting  
San Antonio, TX

**May 4** Women in Texas Dentistry Leadership Symposium

### May 10-12

Connecticut State Dental Association: Charter Oak Dental Meeting  
Uncasville, CT

**May 11:** Practice Management: Women Leading a Team  
of Women Speaker: Sheri B. Doniger, DDS (AAWD Past  
President, 2015)

### May 14

Mother's Day

### May 14-20

National Women's Health Week

### May 25-28

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Annual Meeting  
Washington, D.C.

### May 29

Memorial Day

### May 31

World No Tobacco Day  
(WHO)



## June 2017

Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month



### June 1

*Lucy Hobbs Taylor Award Nominations due*

### June 14

Flag Day

### June 18

Father's Day

### June 22-24

Florida Dental Association Convention  
Kissimmee, FL

### June 30

*2018 AAWD Board of Directors Nominations due*

## July 2017

National Cleft & Craniofacial Awareness & Prevention  
Month

### July 1

*Submissions for AAWD Chronicle Issue 3 due*

### July 4

Independence Day



### July 13-15

Academy of General Dentistry Annual Meeting  
Las Vegas, NV

### July 19-23

104th Annual Convention of the National  
Dental Association  
Dallas, TX





Don't miss the 2017 Annual AAWD Conference! It will be held on September 22-23, 2017 at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort. Call the AAWD National Office at 800.920.2293 or visit [www.aawd.org](http://www.aawd.org) to register!



Don't forget! Take a moment to go online and make sure your profile is complete.



Did you know? AAWD is an Alliance Partner in the Healthy Mouths Health Lives Campaign, which promotes the 2min2xper day? Learn more and help spread the word: Click [here](#)!



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