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Tales from the Dentist's Chair "The American Dream"

Dr. Jacinthe M. Paquette is a prosthodontist in Newport Beach, California. Read how she balances her work and her family life, all while pursuing the American Dream.

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## **President's Message**



Tamara Berg, DDS 2018 AAWD President

AAWD travels have taken me to Boston for the Yankee Dental Congress, Chicago for the Mid-Winter meeting and Dallas for a diversity summit. Your AAWD board met face to face, prior to the ADEA meeting in Orlando, for a day of future planning. Your association is in good hands.

Registration is open for our October 5-6<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. This year the destination is Savannah, Georgia. The theme of the event is Proper Positioning: Align Yourself for Success! We will have some fantastic speakers, the venue is absolutely gorgeous, and there are many exhibitors scheduled to attend. (Our exhibitors know you are THE dentist and won't ask you to bring your boss over).

Congratulations to the Class of 2018! We know you are the future of our organization and dentistry.

With over a thousand female dental students graduating this May/June, we welcome you into our profession. The road will not be easy but we are here for you, to mentor and support you. I encourage each of you to find another female dentist in your area and lock arms. There is strength in numbers.

We offer a staggered dues rate to help our recent graduates—check this option out. Speaking of numbers, our association is continuing to grow but we need your help. Many female colleagues are still not aware of the membership benefits we can provide. Are you a current member? Do you know a colleague who could join our association? You should invite that female colleague to join you at the annual meeting. Make it a girl's weekend!

Have you heard about some of our amazing partnerships? We have rates offered by Merrill Lynch that cannot be matched. The dedicated team is familiar with women, as well as dentistry. Merrill Lynch is someone looking out for you. Burnout to Bliss is offering practice evaluation free of charge. GEICO offers automobile discount rates. PNC Bank is working with female dentists in transition to purchase a practice or new equipment with loans. Those are just a few of our many amazing partners. Be sure to check out these and many others on Page 7 of this issue and on our website at <a href="www.aawd.org">www.aawd.org</a>.

#### 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 for the next issue, please submit your story or essay (500 words or fewer) to chronicle@aawd.org by July 1, 2018.

Please include a high-resolution color headshot and photos.



Jennifer Cornell, DDS President, Smiles for Success Foundation



Smiles for Success was established in 1995 by a group of AAWD members who wanted to help other women who were helping themselves. This is still true today. Although Smiles for Success, or "Smiles," is still very active in several dental schools across the country, there has been very little activity outside of the academic world during the past few years. With a new management company, fresh ideas and commitment, we on the Smiles board hope to change that. AAWD has a big birthday coming up in 2021, and we hope that every AAWD member will help celebrate 100 years of AAWD in some way by giving to Smiles for Success

This can be through donations, volunteering or assisting with the program. The "100 By 100 Campaign" was launched during the AAWD conference this past September. Already, we have seen commitment by many of our AAWD members, and for that, Smiles for Success thanks you!

Smiles for Success offers cost-free dental work for women who are enrolled in programs to prepare them to transfer into the working world. Many of these women need a confidence boost for job interviews and entering back into the work force. The dental care offered is intended as a short-term boost to those who need treatment unavailable to them through government programs and traditional insurance. Smiles for Success coordinates this care by matching the volunteer with the patient, overseeing the treatment plan process and covering lab costs. There is no other program that I am aware of where women assist women on such a personal level. Won't you help keep our foundation moving forward?

Just like every other charitable foundation, Smiles for Success is in need of funding to stay relevant. We are researching every opportunity for grants and donations, but in the past AAWD members have always been counted on for donations. I feel that is still very true today! We also need volunteer dentists and new leads on job training programs. We hope to work with volunteer dentists in their own communities to find these programs so that we can reach more areas than ever before. Our student programs continue to pump new life into our foundation.

AAWD dental students are the future of AAWD, and what a wonderful way for them to experience charitable dental work, through our foundation, right in their own academic environment. To keep these programs going and start new programs in other dental schools, we need AAWD members in the academic setting to serve as liaisons for treatment planning and coordination. This is yet another way for AAWD members to contribute to Smiles for Success.

The Smiles for Success Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, charitable organization, and as such, this donation to the foundation may be tax deductible. Our foundation is about women helping women; isn't that what AAWD is all about? AAWD has helped so many other women dentists navigate the hectic world of juggling roles as a professional, business owner, wife, mother, and all the other hats we tend to wear, but, we can't forget about reaching out to help those less fortunate. We hope you will be a part of the 100 By 100th Campaign and help move Smiles for Success into the lives of more women who are helping themselves!

## You Can Help Smiles for Success Reach Its "100 By 100th," Goal!

**Donate Online** 

The American Association of Women Dentists will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2021. By that year, our goal is to have 100 percent of active AAWD members partnering with the Smiles for Success Foundation.

Smiles for Success offers cost-free dental care to women graduates of accredited job readiness and placement programs or other community-based agencies. We encourage all active members to find an appropriate way to participate in Smiles for Success. Whether it is a tax-deductible monetary donation or a donation of time and/or dental services, every AAWD member can find some meaningful way to assist those individuals who are helping themselves through this life-changing program.

To make a tax-deductible donation or to find out how you can assist with Smiles for Success, please contact the AAWD National Office at 800-920-2293, or visit the website at www.smilesforsuccess.org. You may also email us at info@smilesforsuccess.org.

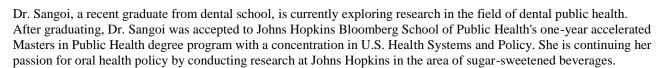
## 2018 AAWD Board of Directors



Carol Wong, DDS
Director of Federal Services
New York University College of Dentistry (1989)

Dr. Wong is a United States Public Health Service Dental Officer and holds the rank of Lt. Commander. She is currently stationed at the United States Coast Guard Base Portsmouth in Portsmouth, Virginia, where she provides dental treatment to Active Duty and Reserve service members.

Puja Sangoi, DMD, MPH Director of Local Chapters University of Louisville School of Dentistry (2016)







Kadambari "Kady" Rawal, DDS Director of Student Chapters Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine (2010)

Dr. Rawal is part of BU Dental Health Center's Faculty Practice. She is also a geriatric dentist at the long-term care facilities of Hebrew Senior Life in Boston. On a global scale, she has been part of research projects, outreach efforts, educational models and speaking engagements to bring geriatric oral health to the forefront. She serves on the board of Boston District Dental Society and was awarded the prestigious Lucy Hobbs Woman to Watch Award in June of 2016. She holds Fellowships in the American Society of Geriatric Dentists and the International College of Dentists.

Margaret Scarlett, DMD Director of Corporate Relations Medical University of South Carolina (1976)

Evidenced-based prevention, care and treatment are the focus of Dr. Scarlett's career as an internationally acclaimed lecturer, scientist, academician and clinician. The first author of the original Centers for Disease Control and Prevention infection control guidelines during the height of the HIV/AIDS crisis, she continues to provide infection control training for safe dental practices and for health settings around the world. Dr. Scarlett trained more than 100 health providers deployed to West Africa during the recent Ebola crisis for the U.S. Public Health Service. In addition to providing clinical care using best evidence, she lectures on global oral health promotion and security, including emerging definitions and measures of oral health from a population standpoint and their relation to overall health.





Michelle L. Thomas, DMD Director of Public Relations University of Florida College of Dentistry (2017)

Michelle L. Thomas is currently a pediatric dental resident at the University of Florida College of Dentistry Pediatric Residency Program in sunny Naples, Florida. With all of her training taking place at the University of Florida, Michelle will be a "Triple Gator" upon her graduation from residency in 2019. Michelle initially became involved with AAWD at the student level as a freshman dental student and first joined the board in 2016 as AAWD's National Student Representative. Michelle is excited to return to AAWD's board, this time as a new dentist.

## **Every Day Is Ladies' Day at AAWD!**



AAWD President Dr. Berg and Past-President Dr. Tofigh Raayai (2001) attend the Yankee Dental Congress.



2017 AAWD Student of the Year Maeve Daly from UNE visits with Dr. Berg at the Boston Tri-School mixer.



Dr. Karyl Patten (AAWD Immediate Past-President), Ms. Brittany Wade and Dr. Marcia Parker at the AAWD booth at the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting, which took place in March in Atlanta, Georgia.



On February 2 and 3, Drs. Tamara Berg (AAWD President), Mary Martin (AAWD Past-President, 2016), Shannon Griffin and Jeanne Panza provided care at the ninth annual Oklahoma Mission of Mercy in Durant, Oklahoma.



From left, AAWD President-Elect Dr. Bergeron, President Dr. Berg and Executive Director Donna Deans lead a discussion at the face-to-face board meeting March 16 in Kissimmee, Florida.



AAWD board members strategically plan for the organization's future success at the face-to-face meeting held March 16.

# WE HELP WOMEN RETAIN



## Top Reasons to Become a Part of AAWD!



- » Discounts on services and products through our Corporate Partner Members.
- » Online membership directory for women dentists.
- » Awards and scholarship programs.
- » Help with local chapter start-up.
- » AAWD's quarterly newsletter, the *Chronicle*.

Connecting, and Enriching the Lives of Women Dentists

The Leading Resource for Advancing,

- » Speaker's Bureau AAWD actively promotes women speakers on a variety of topics.
- » Opportunities to connect with and learn from women dentists all over the United States.
- » Educational programs Annual Conference and Regional Seminars.
- » Strength in Numbers Become part of the growing community of women dentists that is helping to shape the future of dentistry. Join today!

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.

## **Partner Benefits**



The AAWD Retirement Solution is based on sound structural elements that have been reviewed and successfully tested based on the fiduciary responsibilities specified in the law and regulations, from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Department of Labor (DOL), Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), and other government agencies.

Click here to read more about this member benefit.

AAWD corporate sponsor BURNOUT to Bliss is offering AAWD members a free practice management review and analysis of the various aspects of your successful practice. This is a \$1,500 value offered to you for FREE! This offer is only valid for AAWD members, so please have your membership ID ready when you call 646-467-2630 and ask for Govind.





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## Tales from the Dentist's Chair

## The American Dream

Written by Jacinthe M. Paquette, DDS, FACP

My husband says I'm the perfect example of the American Dream. I came to the United States from a small town in Canada at the age of 10; French was my native language! Neither of my parents had a high-school education. They weren't familiar with the value and possibility of an education. So at age 18, I was attending a local community college without a particular career path in mind, but I really enjoyed science. I saw that a strong science background would be good for dental hygiene, so I went into the classified ads and found a position working as a dental assistant to see if this might suit me. My intention was to go into dental hygiene, but when the dentist I worked for encouraged me to become a dentist, I decided to go for it!

My dental school experience at UCLA was very good. We had approximately 20 women and 80 men in our class, out of which came five marriages, including myself and my husband. After six years of private general practice, I began to consider the possibility of specialized training. I had a practice, 2-year-old twins, and a 5-year old at the time. Thanks to a supportive husband and business partner, I was able to take advantage of the opportunity and went full-time into a prosthodontics residency program at USC.

I had already been practicing for about seven years when I entered the program, and my acquired clinical skills at that point allowed me to be efficient in a clinical setting. Even though I began the program later than my co-residents, I was the first to finish. I worked really hard to get that done, and it was worth all the sacrifice as I love the knowledge I gained in the specialty of prosthodontics.

I was recently asked if now is a good time for women to be in dentistry, and I have to say, I'm a little bit sensitive to that question. You see, I prefer to not identify myself differently from other dentists-at-large, just because I'm a female. I think a better question would simply be, "Is now a good time to be a dentist?"

The answer would be, "Absolutely, yes!" It is indeed an incredible time to be in dentistry, and with hard work and dedication, one can have a very fulfilling career. Dentistry is a very unique profession in the sense that we are able to raise a family, be flexible with schedules, have autonomy, have our own businesses, be involved with fabulous organizations and really "have it all".

Dr. Jacinthe M. Paquette is a prosthodontist in Newport Beach, California. She is president of the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry, past president of the Pacific Coast Society of Prosthodontics, and serves on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry. She holds fellowships in the International College of Dentists, the American College of Dentists, and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. She is a member of the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry and the Academy of Osseointegration. Dr. Paquette has authored numerous research and clinical articles and co-authored several textbook chapters.



## More on Work-Life Integration from your AAWD Board . . .

"Stay true to yourself by enjoying what you do. Always strive to do your best by getting good at what you do." - Dr. Carol Wong

"Don't hesitate to ask for help to mentors around you; they have all been in your position in some capacity. Make time to have a healthy and happy life with family and friends outside of dentistry." - **Dr. Puja Sangoi** 

"Health, family and work are all important. Taking care of yourself and your family is most important." - Dr. Margaret Scarlett

"Strive to take time to keep in touch with your friends and loved ones no matter how busy you get. I certainly miss seeing my close dental school friends now that I've graduated and am fortunate to be able to pick up right where we left off, even if I let a little too much time go by!" - **Dr. Michelle L. Thomas** 

"Take some time away from work (when you can) to enjoy your life, develop a hobby, travel for leisure and read: these activities make us a better person and in turn, a better health care provider. While at work, be an advocate for your patients and your colleagues, and don't forget to give back to your community - **Dr. Kady Rawal** 



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## **Member News**



**F. Emilia Sam, DDS,** is a clinical associate professor in the department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Sam was invited as a spotlight speaker for Howard University AAWD chapter's Annual Symposium, "Blush and Be Nude: A Day of Transparency," held March 24, 2018. Her presentation covered mental health and well-being for dental students and practitioners.

On March 19, 2018, her article on wellness in dentistry titled "Shaking up the Dental Foundation" was published in *ADA News*.

Her book *Compassionate Competency: Healing the Heart of Healthcare* was chosen as a resource for the ADEA Student Diversity Leadership Program at ADEA's Annual Session and Exhibition in March. Each participant received a copy, as its message intersects with leadership principles while addressing personal well-being.



**Elizabeth D. Ramos, DDS, MSD,** is Director of Program and Institutional Assessment and a clinical assistant professor in the department of Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs at Indiana University School of Dentistry.

She was one of four women recommended by the Executive Vice Chancellor of Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI) for the 2018 HERS Leadership Institute. Dr. Ramos will be participating in the institute with IUPUI colleagues Drs. Margaret Adamek (Director, PhD Program, School of Social Work), Sandra Miles (Dean of Students, IUPUC), and Jane Williams (Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, School of Science).

The HERS Leadership Institute has been developing women for advancement as leaders in higher education since 1976.



## **AAWD Position Statement on Sexual Harassment**

In order to ensure that each AAWD member is treated with respect and dignity, Dr. Karyl Patten, AAWD Immediate Past President, recently led a committee to establish and implement an official position statement for the organization. The AAWD Board approved the official statement on March 16, 2018:

The American Association of Women Dentists both supports and promotes equality and compassion in the workplace, universities, and professional gatherings of any type or size. AAWD upholds a person's right to work in an environment free of discrimination, harassment, or hostility.

This statement can be found in the AAWD Policy and Procedures Manual.



## To the Women of the Class of 2018

Dentistry is a wonderful profession especially for women.

Continue to learn by attending continuing education classes, reading journals, joining study clubs and conversing with peers. Stay healthy: exercise, stretch, rest and have a life outside of the office. Volunteer and give back to society. Time flies by so quickly. Enjoy the moment!

## Rise' Martin, DDS

University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio (1985)

As you begin your amazing journey, dream big! Pursue your dreams with passion, persistence, and patience. You are a gift to the world.

Carol Gomez Summerhays, DDS

Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry, University of Southern California (1978) I would like to share a quote with you from the late Maya Angelou:

"My mission in life is not to merely survive, But to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style."

Denise A. Mills, BS, DH, DDS, MHA/Ed University California, Los Angeles (1985)

Surround yourself with those who support you through your career: Family, of course, friends and colleagues that can understand your day-to-day challenges. Remember to appreciate those who have supported you as you have accomplished your goals.

Sarita Arteaga, DMD, MA, MAGD

University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine (1990)



#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 ELEANOR BUSHEE AWARD RECIPIENTS!



Dr. Bushee was a 1948 alumna of Northwestern University Dental School. Her work with the American Dental Association (ADA) led to the inception of the 1986 National Conference on the Woman Dentist. She is credited with originating the idea for the conference. The AAWD and ADA co-sponsored the historical gathering, which covered topics from sole proprietorship to research.

In 1987, when she served as AAWD president, Dr. Bushee visited with the British Women in Dentistry group to share thoughts about the challenges women in dentistry experienced. Her contributions have been admired by generations of women entering the dental profession.

The Eleanor J. Bushee Senior Dental Student Award celebrates graduating women dental students who exemplify her qualities of high achievement, strength of character, ingenuity and enthusiasm in the dental profession.

Jordan Adcock University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry

Yelizaveta Alekseyeva New York University College of Dentistry

Monica C. Anderson The University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston
Holly Ardoin University of Texas Health San Antonio College of Dentistry

Monicka Arora Columbia University College of Dental Medicine
Clara Gladys Bergeron Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry

Jeyanthi Bhaheetharan Indiana University School of Dentistry

Deeva K. Bhatt Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine

Lauren Kelsey Brubaker Texas A&M University College of Dentistry

Lam BuiUniversity of Pennsylvania School of Dental MedicineJenna ChimonStony Brook University School of Dental Medicine

Alexandrea Clark University of Utah School of Dentistry

Maeve Daly University of New England College of Dental Medicine Charlotte Etesse University of California Los Angeles School of Dentistry

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Desiree D. Lovette Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health, A.T. Still University

Yelizaveta Luchkovska University of California San Francisco School of Dentistry

Maria Catherine Mangine University of Buffalo School of Dental Medicine
Raquel Manley University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 ELEANOR BUSHEE AWARD RECIPIENTS!

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Christina Holy McRae University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Dentistry
Nadareh Naseri University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Dentistry
Kelly Nelson Western University of Health Sciences, College of Dental Medicine

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Meng Peng University of Florida College of Dentistry

Camila Peralta-Sugano University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry

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Charlene Ramos-Villanueva University of Puerto Rico School of Dental Medicine

Lauren K. Renaud University of Louisville School of Dentistry

Katherine Sage Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine School of Dental Medicine

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Victoria Vergara Rutgers School of Dental Medicine

Melissa Villafane University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry

Karley E. Whitsitt University of Minnesota School of Dentistry

Meredith Williams The University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston

Lauren Ziegler Medical University of South Carolina James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine

ADVANCING, CONNECTING & ENRICHING THE LIVES OF WOMEN DENTISTS



## **Student Chapter News**

## Women Inspiring Women: Two AAWD Student Chapters Host Women-Focused Events in March



The DCG AAWD Executive Board with faculty advisor, Dr. Nancy Young, and AAWD Immediate Past President, Dr. Karyl Patten. (Left-Right) Dr. Young, Zachary Patterson (Chair, Education/Mentoring), Carly Egan (Chair, Community Outreach), Jennifer Reynaud (Treasurer), Asita Vinayagalingam (Vice President), Dr. Patten, Jessica Anderson (Secretary), Britney Lewis (President), and Jackie Janzen (Chair, Social).

**Dental College of Georgia**Britney D. Lewis (2020)
AAWD Chapter President

The AAWD chapter at the Dental College of Georgia held its inaugural Women's Leadership Conference on March 4, 2018. The chapter was founded at DCG a year ago and has made great strides towards creating an opportunity for networking between female dentists, dental students, and pre-dental students in the state of Georgia. The Women's Leadership Conference provided an outlet for women to network and learn about each other's experiences within the dental field and the challenges they may face on a daily basis.

The day began with two keynote speakers. Dr. Kate Ciarrocca, Associate Professor at UNC, spoke about female leadership traits and what it takes to become a leader. The audience learned that many qualities that may be considered "female" traits are actually some of the traits that are recognized worldwide as the most important when it comes to effective leadership.

She noted that women should support each other's successes, and the notion of being a female leader should never be equated to the word "bossy," but instead should be associated with the words confidence and self-assurance. Dr. Karyl Patten, Immediate Past President of AAWD, spoke about saying "yes" to leadership opportunities in order to put yourself at the best position for learning and networking. By saying yes even when you think you may not be the most qualified, you can gain confidence, knowledge, and other opportunities for growth and development.

After lunch, each of the attendees was assigned to a breakout session group lead by a dentist, during which they discussed articles relevant to women in dentistry. The articles have been cited below for reference. \Each group member shared what they gained from reading the articles, and they were able to learn from the interpretations of other members in their group. \The day ended with a female dentist panel, in which dentists from a variety of backgrounds answered questions that were previously submitted by attendees.

The Inaugural Women's Leadership Conference included 75 attendees from throughout the entire state of Georgia and is expected to gain attendance and interest in the years to come. Attendees gave positive feedback of the day, including many who want to pursue future volunteer opportunities with the organization.

Here is a list of the breakout session articles:

- Cecile A. Feldman. Attaining and Sustaining Leadership for U.S. Women in Dentistry. *Journal of Dental Education* 2015; 79(5): S13-S17.
  - http://www.jdentaled.org/content/jde/79/5suppl/S13.full.pdf
- From the California Dental Association Journal: https://www.cda.org/Portals/0/journal/journal\_012017.pd
- https://www.cda.org/Portals/0/journal/journal 012017.pdf

  Natasha Anne Lee. Women in the Boardroom:
  - Reflecting the Changing Gender Demographics of Dentists. *CDA Journal* 2017; 45(1): 35-41.
  - Cindy Lyon and Jessie Vallee. Changes in the Academe: Women in Dental Education. CDA Journal, 2017 45(1): 27-30.
- Sznyter, Daryl. "My Body Is a Ticking Time Bomb, but It Doesn't Need to Be." 10 July 2017 <a href="https://dew.life/2017/07/10/my-body-is-a-ticking-time-bomb-but-it-doesnt-need-to-be/">https://dew.life/2017/07/10/my-body-is-a-ticking-time-bomb-but-it-doesnt-need-to-be/</a>



Women from across the state of Georgia network at the inaugural Dental College of Georgia's AAWD Women's Leadership Conference

## **Student Chapter News (continued)**



AAWD members in HUCD's Class of 2020 enjoying their Women's Symposium March 24.

## **Howard University, College of Dentistry**

Keni Leonce (2019) AAWD Chapter President

On Saturday, March 24, the Howard University AAWD Chapter held our Annual Women's Symposiums. This year our theme was "Blush and be Nude: A Day of Transparency," and while dressed in blush and nude tones, we discussed the taboo topics of anxiety, stress and depression, which women may face in the dental field.

There were so many laughs, lots of tears and just as many enlightening moments. Attendees even made their own stress relieving body scrub and took it home with them. Thank you to our wonderful panel of doctors of dental surgery, dental students, graduate students, undergraduates and support staff who were in attendance.

There is nothing more beautiful than seeing successful women support one another. If you missed it, then we will see you next year at our Annual Women's Symposium!



The HUCD AAWD Executive Board: (from left) Keni Leonce (President), Tayler Jackson (Secretary), Deepika Srivastava (Community Service Chair), Erin Anderson (Events Coordinator), Jordan Crowe (Treasurer), Pamela Ibeto (Vice President), Manar Abdelrahim (Fundraising Chair).



From left, Dr. Frances Sam, Dr. Tamera Evans, Dr. Charmaine Walker, Dr. Allena Willis Kennerly, Dr. Gardenia Searcy and Dr. Hazel Glasper lead a discussion panel at the HUCD Women's Symposium.





## **Student Chapter News (continued)**

#### **University of Maryland School of Dentistry**

During their February Lunch-and-Learn, alumna Dr. Brittany Bergeron (AAWD President-Elect) shared her insight and advice about life after graduation with the women at the University of Maryland.





IUSD AAWD Chapter Secretary Leah Stetzel was chosen to speak on behalf of the student leaders and the student body at the Indiana University School of Dentistry's James J. Fritts, DDS, Clinical Care Center dedication on March 2.



IUSD's AAWD chapter hosted Women in Dentistry panel in February with faculty Drs. Angela Ritchie, Pamela Linder, Liz Simpson.



## **Indiana University School of Dentistry**

Sydney M. Twiggs (2021) AAWD Chapter Historian/Webmaster

April marks the one-year anniversary of the women's student interest group becoming an official AAWD Chapter. We had 14 new members join this year!

In February, our chapter held a self-defense lesson with Lieutenant Gilbert from our campus' police department. It was an incredibly rewarding and empowering experience with AAWD members from all classes at our school. We not only learned tips and tricks physically, but mentally as well. Additionally we learned about a unique opportunity that our campus police department teaches, the Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) course solely for women.

We also hosted a "Women in Dentistry Panel" lunch with three incredible panelists from our school. The discussion included a variety of topics concerning females in the field of dentistry and what sparked their interest in teaching.

For International Women's Day, our local PNC healthcare business banker Dale Louden and wealth management professional Statia Welt sponsored a Webinar REPLAY lunch for the D4 women to view the March AAWD/PNC webinar and answer questions.

A huge "thank you" to D4s Julie Bertolet (President) and Becca Baer (Treasurer) for their leadership and dedication to our chapter in this inaugural year. Congratulations to all of our D4 members, who graduate on May 12! You will be missed!

IUSD AAWD members, Katelyn Brauer, Liz Closurdo, Baleigh Deitrich, Taylor Shireman, Amanda Yacoub, Jenny Niemzyk, Brynn Whalen, Sydney Twiggs, Tasneem Karassi, Maurine Kingori, Abby Mitchell, Julie Bertolet, Lyla Nassimi, Aya Mansour, Kasey Chandler, with Lieutenant Gilbert from the IUPI Police Department

## **Student Chapter News (continued)**



Vice President, Raena Tourgoli, getting out of a choke-hold by President Mary Senstad, while member Andre Oliveria looks



Rachelle Malit is about to break free from D1 Representative, Melissa Roe, while instructor Shannon Ritch provides feedback.

## Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine- Arizona

Mary Senstad (2020) AAWD Chapter President

Midwestern University Arizona's AAWD chapter recently hosted a self-defense Class on March 14. Members were able to learn various techniques to protect themselves if confronted by an attacker.

The 50 members who attended had a great time with eight-time MMA Champion Shannon Ritch and his 14-year-old female assistant, Jessie McCurry.



## **AAWD Meet and Greet at Yankee Dental 2018**

Sangita Murali (Tufts, 2018) AAWD National Student Representative

On January 25, 2018, students and faculty from Harvard, Boston University, and Tufts assembled to welcome 2018 AAWD National President Dr. Tamara Bailey Berg during her visit to Boston's Annual Yankee Dental Congress.

Dr. Berg is an exceptional storyteller, who conveyed how shortterm sacrifice leads to long-term success. Students from all three Boston schools enjoyed the strong messages she conveyed about the progress women have made in dentistry and also the challenges that persist.

The event was well attended, with more than 35 students coming together over some delicious snacks and a scenic Boston skyline backdrop. Students were especially grateful for the opportunity to mingle after the talk with additional movers and shakers in the field including Dr. Judy Fisch (ADA Trustee), Dr. Lindsey Robinson (ADA President-Elect Candidate), and Dr. Kady Rawal (AAWD Director of Student Chapters), all of whom care deeply about mentorship and empowering women, like Dr. Berg.











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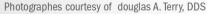
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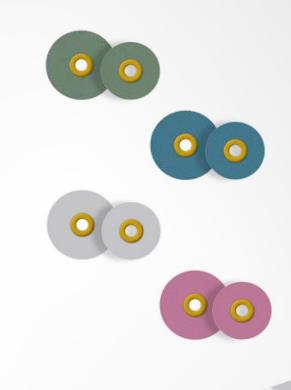
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## **AAWD Announcements**

## 2018 Conference Registration Now Open!



Join other female dental colleagues from around the country to network, collaborate, grow, and refresh. This dynamic continuing education conference (Oct. 5-6, 2018) is provided by female dentists for female dentists so you can expect a high level of personalization and focus on the real needs of women in dentistry. This two-day Continuing Education conference provides up to 12 hours of CEUs. Click here to register now on www.aawd.org! Early bird registration ends July 6.

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- Grow stronger in your practice and life.
- Meet and network with colleagues.
- Return to work feeling refreshed.
- Experience one of America's original 13 colonies, known for its cobblestone streets, parks, and notable historic buildings.

## Federal Services Award: Nominations Are Open

The American Association of Women Dentists is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the AAWD 2018 Federal Services Award, which recognizes the lifetime achievements made by an AAWD member dentist in the Federal Services arena.



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.

We invite nominations for a woman dentist who exemplifies the outstanding traits of women in the Federal Services. A nominator must submit the application on behalf of the nominee. The award will be presented during the AAWD 97th Annual Conference, October 5 and 6, in Savannah, Georgia.

Please contact the National Office at 800-920-2293 or use the buttons to download the award nomination form. Please see the nomination form for instructions on nominating an outstanding candidate. The deadline to submit a completed application is **July 1, 2018**.

You may email your nominations to <u>awards@aawd.org</u>, fax to 850-484-8762, or mail them into the National Office.

Download Federal Services Nomination Form.

## **AAWD Announcements (continued)**

## Lucy Hobbs Taylor Award: Nominations are Open



Most of you reading this *Chronicle* know the story of Dr. Lucy Hobbs Taylor, but it is important to our organization to continue to repeat this informative and inspiring biography each year. You see, we all stand on the shoulders of these pioneer women dentists who paved the way for us to be able to go to dental school and practice dentistry.

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.

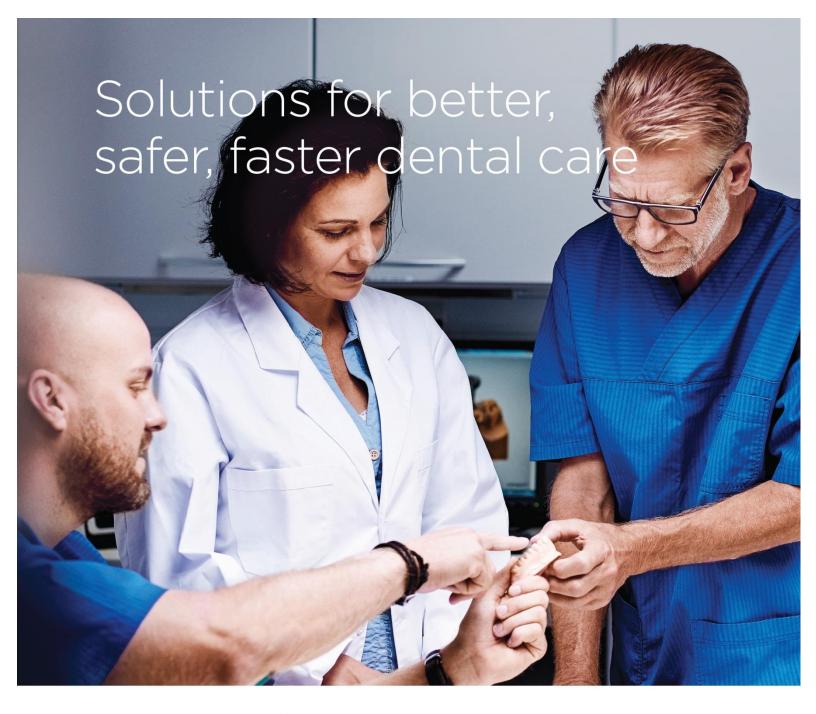
In her honor, the American Association of Women Dentists has presented the Lucy Hobbs Taylor Award for many years to an AAWD member who:

- Is a willing example of a true professional and one who has a record of accomplishment in one or more areas of dentistry [for example, clinical dentistry (including fields of specialization), organized dentistry, academia, government, anthropology, archeology, philanthropy (includes community involvement), and consulting (for example, to the insurance industry)].
- Has a record of at least 10 years membership in AAWD to include current membership, as verified by AAWD. (The
  AAWD membership must be stated on the resume with the exact years being claimed. AAWD Board of Directors are
  not eligible for the LHT Award unless it has been two years since they served on the AAWD Board of Directors.)
- Has had a career as a licensed dentist for at least 20 years as stated on the resume, to include jurisdiction and the exact years being claimed.
- Has a record of mentoring women dentists and/or service to organizations that further the cause of women in dentistry.
- Has made outstanding individual achievements in civic, cultural, academic and professional areas and exhibits role model qualities that positively reflect the image of women dentists and commitment to the profession.

This is the highest award given by our organization and should not be confused with awards given by other organizations. The award will be presented October 6 during the AAWD 97th Annual Conference in Savannah, Georgia.

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. The deadline to submit a completed application is **June 1, 2018**.

Download the Lucy Hobbs Taylor Nomination Form.



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## **AAWD Announcements (continued)**

## 2018 AAWD/Colgate Research Award: Nominations Are Open



Nominations are now open for the 2018 Colgate Research Awards. Each AAWD/ Colgate Research Award recipient **will be awarded \$500** to support current research in oral health. Applicants must be able to complete their degree or research project by May 31, 2019.

<u>Eligibility Criteria:</u> The Colgate Research Award is presented to junior and/or senior dental students, enrolled full-time, who have shown academic distinction and demonstration of excellence in dental research. The student must be a national member of AAWD.

More information and requirements can be found by downloading the application packet below. Please send the completed application packet to the AAWD National Office **no later than August 17, 2018**. You may email your nominations to <a href="mailto:awards@aawd.org">awards@aawd.org</a>, fax to 850-484-8762, or mail to AAWD National Office

**Download Colgate Application Packet.** 

## **DEADLINE EXTENDED: AAWD Student and Student Chapter of the Year Awards**

Student of the Year Award nominations should be made for a student in good standing who has demonstrated an outstanding and unique leadership style throughout the year that has positively impacted her chapter and AAWD; supported the AAWD mission; and participated in oral health research targeting women issues, a variety of community service activities, several fundraising campaigns, and numerous chapter activities/events.

Student Chapter of the Year Award nominations should be made for a student chapter in good standing that has collectively demonstrated support for the AAWD mission and has participated in oral health research targeting women issues, a variety of community service activities, several fundraising campaigns, and numerous chapter activities/events.

Download and complete the forms below. Submit all materials to the AAWD National Office **no later than May 7, 2018**. You may email your nominations to awards@aawd.org, fax to 850-484-8762, or mail to AAWD National Office

Download Student of the Year Nomination Form.

Download Student Chapter of Year Nomination Form.

## DEADLINE EXTENDED: 2019 AAWD Board of Directors Call for Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for several directorships for the American Association of Women Dentists, a voluntary organization, whose mission is to be "the recognized 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. Self-nominations are encouraged. Prior leadership experience would be beneficial, but is not a necessity. The use of electronic communication and web-based services is essential. Time commitments vary by position; however, there are monthly meetings and two in person meetings. There is a personal financial obligation to serve on the board; however, partial travel reimbursements are available.

Complete the nomination form, attach your nominee's resume, and send all materials to the AAWD National Office **no later** than May 7, 2018. If you are a student who is interested in serving as a Student Representative, please review the document that outlines the requirements and eligibility for that position

Download BOD Nomination Form.

Download Student Representative Requirements.

## 2018 National Student Representatives







#### (LEFT)

On March 19, 2018, Sangita represented AAWD at Inaugural ADEA Council of Students, Residents and Fellows Student Leader Summit held during the 2018 ADEA Annual Session and Exhibition in Orlando, Florida. Sangita met national student leaders from all across North America, including colleagues from the American Dental Education Association (ADEA), American Student Dental Association (ASDA), Society of American Indian Dentists (SAID), Hispanic Dental Association (HDA), National Student Research Group (NSRG), Federation of Canadian Dentistry Student Associations (FDCSA), and Student Professionalism and Ethics Association (SPEA).

#### (RIGHT)

AAWD Student Representatives Sangita Murali and Lauren Arguelles met with AAWD Director of Student Chapters Dr. Rawal for dinner at Sanaa, in Orlando, to discuss student chapter goals for the year.



## **AAWD Welcomes Its Newest Members**

Active

Lawton, OK

Nadia Beacham

## WEST

Laura Sibrava	Peoria, AZ	Faculty	Emily Letran	Monrovia, CA	Active
Tina Chang	Santa Monica, CA	Federal	Jacinthe Paquette	Newport Beach, CA	Active
Debra Peterson	Clayton, CA	Post Graduate	Mylene Reinicke	Colorado Springs, CO	Active
Elizabeth Guirges	Diamond Bar, CA	Student	Christine Mccutchan	Salt Lake City, UT	Affiliate

## **SOUTHWEST**

Ann Arbor, MI

Ann Arbor, MI

Ann Arbor, MI

Chippewa Falls, WI

Student

Student

Student

Active

MIDWEST					
Angie Siterlet	Springfield, IL	Active	Brynn Whalen	Indianapolis, IN	Student
Taylor Shireman	Greenwood, IN	Student	Jennifer Wu	Indianapolis, IN	Student
Trish Cahill	Indianapolis, IN	Student	Amanda Yacoub	Indianapolis, IN	Student
Sydney Caskey	Indianapolis, IN	Student	Baleigh Deitrich	Logansport, IN	Student
Elizabeth Closurdo	Indianapolis, IN	Student	Vani Bhatia	Ann Arbor, MI	Student
Maurine Kingori	Indianapolis, IN	Student	Te Kimberly Chen	Ann Arbor, MI	Student
Jenny Mai	Indianapolis, IN	Student	Jennifer Hsu	Ann Arbor, MI	Student
Abigail Mitchell	Indianapolis, IN	Student	Jina Kim	Ann Arbor, MI	Student

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NORTHWEST					
Rachelle Anders	Washington, DC	Student	Jennifer Jones	Hyattsville, MD	Student
Ashli-Kay Bartley	Washington, DC	Student	Yvette Weir	Silver Spring, MD	Faculty
Shauna Butler	Washington, DC	Student	Michelle Mcinnis	Asheville, NC	Active
Desiree Conton	Washington, DC	Student	Priscilla Carpenter	Charlotte, NC	Student
Akendra Johnson	Washington, DC	Student	Megan Gauthier	Ramsey, NJ	Student
Storm Kimbrow	Washington, DC	Student	Analia Veitz-keenan	Brooklyn, NY	Faculty
Vanessa Diaz	Boston, MA	Student	Chantall Duvert	Arlington, VA	Student
Heather Hong	Boston, MA	Post Graduate	Leena Khan	Clifton, VA	Student
Luz Abrera-crum	Annapolis, MD	Faculty	Amna Malik	Vienna, VA	Student
April Linder	Baltimore, MD	Post Graduate	Nada Elsadig	Woodbridge, VA	Student
Lyla Azzam	Bel Air, MD	Student	Akeia Everett	Woodbridge, VA	Student
janee Stanley	Bowie, MD	Student	Maidah Farooq	Woodbridge, VA	Student
Olayinka Igun	Greenbelt, MD	Student	Jennifer Jones	Hyattsville, MD	Student

SOUTHEAST						
Kimberly Parkerlewis	Hoover, AL	Active	Vinda Shah	Gainesville, FL	Student	
Paula Grisales	Apopka, FL	Post Graduate	Missy Tang	Gainsville, FL	Student	
Noelle Niessen	Davie, FL	Student	Geena Addison Valdes	Gainesville, FL	Student	
Anna Au	Gainesville, FL	Student	Sarah Veazey	Gainesville, FL	Student	
Catherine Baitinger	Gainesville, FL	Student	Ivet Romerovazquez	Miami, FL	Post Graduate	
Jessica Brewer	Gainesville, FL	Student	Ann Siassipour	Miami Beach, FL	Post Graduate	
Kelly Calderon	Gainesville, FL	Student	Katrina Fins	Pembroke Pines, FL	Student	
Kelly Campbell	Gainesville, FL	Student	Riha Wadhwa	Port St. Lucie, FL	Student	
Kristina Cardelles	Gainesville, FL	Student	Rhonda Mullins	Alpharetta, GA	Affiliate	
Tiffany Chiang	Gainesville, FL	Student	Melanie Porter	Macon, GA	Active	
Ana Diaz	Gainesville, FL	Student	Shannon Taylor	Southaven, MS	Active	
Carol Gilbert-Oreego	Gainesville, FL	Student	Heather Bogy	Memphis, TN	Student	
Miral Gomaa	Gainesville, FL	Student	Brooklin Byrd	Memphis, TN	Student	
Tosha Harris	Gainesville, FL	Student	Holly Douglas	Memphis, TN	Student	
Rosa Hernandez	Gainesville, FL	Student	Shelly Gareiss	Memphis, TN	Student	
Lauren Jones	Gainesville, FL	Student	Diana Huynh	Memphis, TN	Student	
Fatima Khan	Gainesville, FL	Student	Rachel N. Jahraus	Memphis, TN	Student	
Tasneem Koleilat	Gainesville, FL	Student	Amy Kirby	Memphis, TN	Student	
Linda Lavadia	Gainesville, FL	Student	Jennifer Lenning	Memphis, TN	Student	
Ava Lee	Gainesville, FL	Student	Macall Nabors	Memphis, TN	Student	
Melissa Monteleone	Gainesville, FL	Student	Nadareh Naseri	Memphis, TN	Student	
Turc Nguyen	Gainesville, FL	Student	Hayley Parks	Memphis, TN	Student	
Dhara Patel	Gainesville, FL	Student	Bayli Phillips	Memphis, TN	Student	
Ruchi Patel	Gainesville, FL	Student	Britta Ristau	Memphis, TN	Student	
Karley Post	Gainesville, FL	Student	Chelsea Schwindsoutherland	Memphis, TN	Student	
Dianet Ramirez	Gainesville, FL	Student	Rhonda Switzer-Nadasdi	Nashville, TN	Faculty	
Kelli Rike	Gainesville, FL	Student	ToTrinh Tran	Memphis, TN	Student	
Arianne Rick	Gainesville, FL	Student	Kaiti Walker	Memphis, TN	Student	
Dusty Rose	Gainesville, FL	Student				

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## **Calendar of Events**

## May 2018

National Osteoporosis Month Pre-Eclampsia Awareness Month

## May 3-5

Texas Dental Association Meeting San Antonio, Texas

#### May 5-8

American Association of Orthodontics Washington, D.C.

#### May 6-12

Root Canal Awareness Week

## May 7

Student of the Year Nominations Due Student Chapter of the Year Nominations Due 2019 AAWD Board of Directors Nominations Due

#### **May 13**

Mother's Day

## May 13-19

National Women's Health Week

#### May 17-19

California Dental Association: CDA The Art and Science of Dentistry Anaheim, California

#### May 24-27

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Annual Meeting Honolulu, Hawaii

### May 28

Memorial Day

#### May 31

World No Tobacco Day (WHO)

## **June 2018**

#### June 1

Lucy Hobbs Taylor Award Nominations Due

## **June 6-9**

Academy of General Dentistry New Orleans, Louisiana

#### **June 17**

Father's Day

#### June 21

First Day of Summer



## **July 2018**

National Cleft & Craniofacial Awareness and Prevention Month

## July 1

Federal Services Award Nominations Due Submissions for AAWD Chronicle Issue 3 Due

#### July 4

Independence Day

#### July 6

2018 Conference Early Bird Registration Ends

#### July 15

105<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the National Dental Association Orlando, Florida

#### **July 25-28**

International Association for Dental Research/Pan European Regional Congress London, England



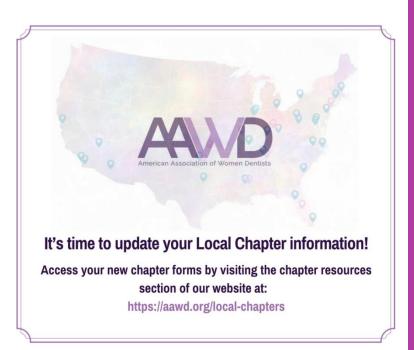


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## The American Association of Women Dentists Is Updating Chapter Information

We want to say thank you to all our students and dentists for supporting AAWD by being members of a local chapter. You can indicate to which chapter you belong by updating your online profile.

If you are the president or an officer of your chapter, we kindly request that you provide your annual updates to the AAWD national office.

For your convenience, all of the documents required to update your chapter are provided on our website at https://www.aawd.org/local-chapters/.

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