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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

AAWD celebrates 100 years of women in dentistry!

### Presidents' Series

Lucy Hobbs Taylor Call for Nominations —deadline MAY 14

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# President's Message

Daphne Ferguson-Young

April is a month for:

**National Facial Protection Month:** As sports season for the spring gears up, now is the time to educate our patients about sports safety. It is recommended by the six collaborating organizations, including American Association of Oral Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) that sports participants use well fitting helmets and mouthguards. More information for your patients and community can be shared from the AAOMS website including pamphlets. Let's have fun but let us also be safe. *Dr. Biscupid.com 4/01/2021*

**Oral Cancer Month:** As we enter into Oral Cancer Month, remember to engage your patients into a conversation about oral cancer. Encourage all to eat healthy foods, avoid smoking, maintain good oral hygiene, and the importance of regular dental appointments with oral cancer screening. Let them know that you care about their smile. *Community Dental Health, April 5, 2019*

# Presidents' Series

Jennifer Cornell, 2012

What does it mean to you to have been president of AAWD?

Having served as President of AAWD has provided me the experience and opportunity to serve in other capacities in organized dentistry. Serving allowed me the experience of a lifetime to represent women dentists voices and assist in framing the perspective that our voices matter. It also gave me friendships and memories that I will cherish forever.



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How do you reflect on 100 years of women in dentistry?

"We've come a long way baby"-no seriously, when I consider the shoulders I stand on I am humbled. Those shoulders allow me to own a practice and practice dentistry the way I want to without apologies. Once I became a mother I wanted to be home more, I hired an awesome associate dentist, also a woman, who shares the same values. I love that I can balance my profession, practice and motherhood. It is not always perfect and in those moments where I am feeling inadequate I have friends and colleagues I can turn to ,sharing the same journey, for support.

Do you have any advice or hopes for women in the next 100 years?

More and more women dentists are stepping up into leadership roles within organized dentistry. This is providing dentistry a new perspective on how the future of dentistry will look. We are providing our opinions and thoughts on day to day practice, ergonomics of equipment design, work life balance, team relationships and practice ownership. It is an exciting time. I hope that women dentists continue to provide feedback and opinions to help shape our future.

## Meharry Medical College AAWD Chapter Annual Women's Symposium

### American Association of Women Dentists, Meharry Chapter Hosts its Second Annual Women's Symposium



On March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the American Association of Women Dentists, Meharry Chapter hosted its Second Annual Women's Symposium. The theme was "Secure the Bag". The keynote speaker was Dr. Catrise Austin, known as the "Dentist to the Stars". In her presentation, Dr. Austin shared how she obtained her celebrity status and how she created her personal brand. Dr. Austin highlighted the importance of being authentically yourself in establishing relationships with patients, having an elevator pitch when asked about your business and encouraged the audience members to always dream big. She also emphasized the importance of standing out and utilizing various social media platforms to market your business.

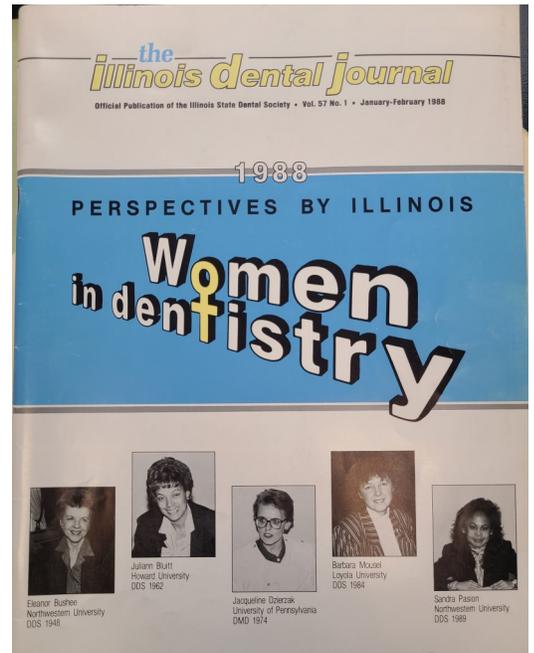
The women panelists also offered expert advice on balancing work and family life, and shared stress management ideas. All of the women were transparent and candid when sharing their personal stories. All of the symposium speakers offered ways to "secure the bag" and go after what you want in life. It was definitely a phenomenal symposium. The student doctors of AAWD did an awesome job in organizing this year's symposium. I am confident next year's symposium will be just as, if not more, informative and enlightening.



President, AAWD Meharry Chapter



Vice President, AAWD Meharry Chapter



## ARCHIVES

This edition's archives consist of photos taken at the 1986 National Conference on the Woman Dentist in London in 1986. The photos include Dr. Eleanor Bushee standing on the Prime Meridian and mingling with Mrs. Katherine Whitehorn and Baroness Gardner of Parkes. Not all attendees photographed are named. If anyone recognizes familiar faces, please share with us! Above is the 1988 edition of the Illinois Dental Journal featuring prominent women in dentistry.

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