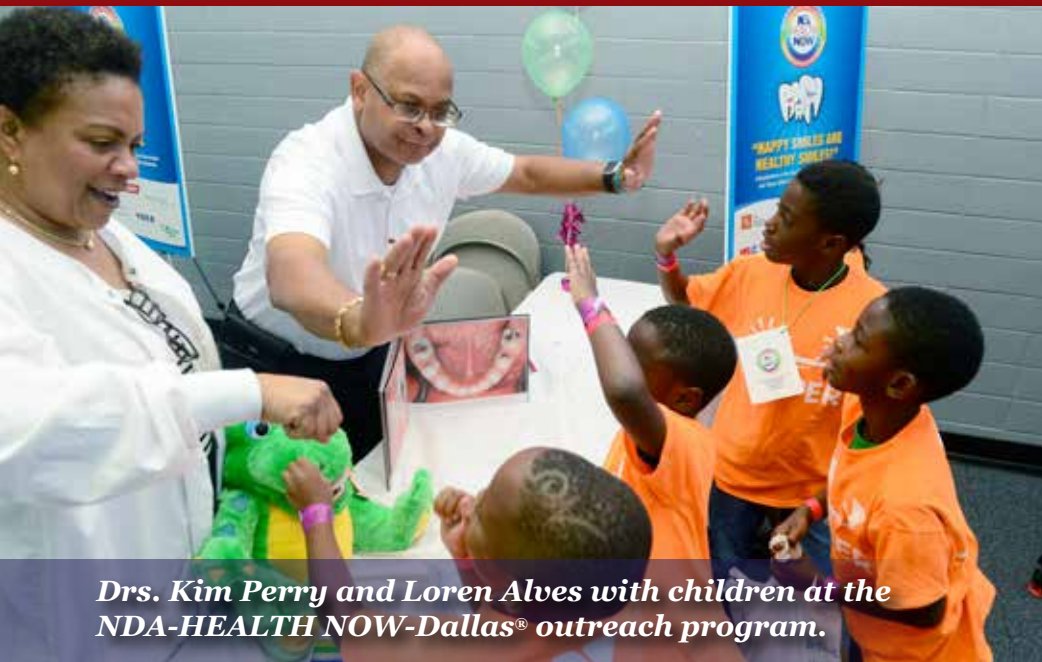




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Drs. Kim Perry and Loren Alves with children at the NDA-HEALTH NOW-Dallas® outreach program.

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President's Message

Dear NDA Colleagues, NDA families, sponsors and friends;

I am overwhelmed by the outpouring of support received from each of you during this year's annual convention. The positive responses received from so many of you was a demonstration of the intentional efforts put forth by so many to enhance your convention experience. I shared the NDA vision and our focus - A focus that includes our members, our students, the communities that we serve, and our NDA families.

I cannot say enough about the Opening Session and how it tugged on our hearts. The President's Symposium was an excellent example of NDA's current and future relevance. We must continue to ensure that our members receive information that impacts their practices daily in a timely and efficient manner. During the Alison Riddle Fletcher Luncheon, speaker Cheryl Williamson delivered a powerful message, leaving us with a desire to hear more and a willingness to take action steps to enhance our lives. We were moved by Dr. Satcher's message as he reminded us of our journey as it related to oral health disparities and that while gains have been made, there are still many challenges ahead that must be addressed - we can improve oral and overall health and eventually reach health equity for all.

The words left by Attorney Harry Johnson during the Civil Rights luncheon demonstrated that as a country we can come together for a positive good as evidenced by the MLK Monument.

During the convention, we had the opportunity to recognize those NDA members, sponsors, and friends for all of the goodwill being accomplished on behalf of the mission of the NDA. Lastly, I was honored by how so many of you attended the Gala, where

I shared the NDA vision and our focus. A focus that includes our members, the communities that we serve, and our NDA families.

It was a joy to see my dear friends, family, and classmates. I thank you for sharing this awesome experience with me and the NDA. It has been a very productive six months, and we are meeting the goals outlined in January 2017. During this time of the year the organization has many challenges that we face from August - December. Your willingness to pay your 2017 & 2018 dues now and 2018 registration would help greatly. Again, thank you and be blessed and continue our prayers for our members and communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Kim Perry, DDS, MSCS
93rd President of the National Dental Association



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The National Dental Association has winning partnerships with these Corporate Roundtable members.

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Message from the National Office

Greetings NDA Family,

The 104th Annual Convention has come and gone, and we continue to be grateful to our host city - Dallas, Texas, our local host committee, our sponsors, exhibitors, and most of all our participants. The schedule was full of events and continuing

education sessions were focused on advancing and advocating for your professional and personal growth through partnerships and collaboration. We incorporated new ideas, trending topics and networking events. We are still receiving calls on the success of the program. The Call to Action from Mary Otto set the stage at the Opening Session, and how wonderful it was to see and hear from the former U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. David Satcher, and the encouragement provided by Harry E. Johnson Sr., President of Friends of the MLK Monument, at the Civil Rights Luncheon. All our keynote speakers reminded us to stand together and push forward.

Convention surveys showed the majority enjoyed the convention and encouraged the continuation of the shorter schedule. Participants enjoyed the lectures, keynote speakers, and the many opportunities to meet new friends and socialize with colleagues. Nothing quite compares to peer to peer knowledge exchange, especially while enjoying a meal or cocktail.

Survey Insights:

1. Members expect from National Organizations and Conventions:
CE Courses, Advocacy, Networking Opportunities
2. Did members prefer the Thursday – Mid-Day Sunday Schedule?

73% said yes

3. Do members make purchases on the show floor?

52% made purchases

4. Did members learn and have meaningful conversations with exhibitors for CE?

70% said yes and 70% received CE for learning and talking to 10 exhibitors

Your Voice Matters! We listen to our membership because our goal is to educate, enhance and expand your knowledge and skills in order to improve oral healthcare in your practices and communities. Keeping our place at the table means we must grow and change with the times. No event is ever perfect, and we hit a few bumps in the road; however, we adapted and pushed forward -- not without taking notes to ensure an even better experience awaits at the **105th Convention July 11 – 15, 2018 in Orlando, Florida at the Rosen Center Hotel**. We have begun planning a more family-oriented convention with the Sunshine State Dental Association local convention committee members to bring all family organizations together for CE sessions and networking events.

Again, I would like to express a **BIG Thank You** to our convention sponsors/supporters, exhibitors, presenters, Gulf State Dental Association, Charles A. George Dental Society and convention committees for their commitment and support to the organization. Everyone's involvement was truly appreciated and made for a successful convention in Dallas, Texas.

Enjoy the Convention highlights in this edition and be sure to update your email address with the national office to gain access to the member only portal through the NDA website to receive benefits and information. Nothing quite compares to peer to peer knowledge exchange, which combines business with pleasure.

Sincerely,

LaVette C. Henderson, CMP, CVEP, HMCC
NDA, Deputy Executive Director

Support the NDA Legacy Fund to ensure our place at the advocacy, education and community oral health tables!

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Benefit Alerts!

- LegalShield is offering NDA family members discounted monthly fees for legal services
- Smile Source is offering NDA members \$99.00 trial periods, quarterly rebates and the possibility of NDA dues payment
- NDA-Colgate Minority health related educational pages – FREE on NDA website under the Resource Tab
- Allstate Business Insurance is offering discounts on dental practice insurance for NDA members

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Corporate Roundtable Update

The NDA welcomes the following Partners:





Photo provided by Dr. James Morrison



NDA HURRICANE RELIEF FUND

YES, We Can Help!!

The NDA extends our prayers and heartfelt condolences to all of our colleagues and communities that have been impacted by the Hurricanes, and especially to those families that have lost loved ones.

Words cannot express the level of sorrow that we are feeling at this time. Our prayer is that God will continue to bring the volunteers and resources, and keep you safe from the aftermath of these devastating storms. Know that God is with you and will keep you. We are hopeful that through all of this, you will come out of this devastation as stronger communities and we a stronger country. A country that cares for one another, and is willing to go the extra mile to help one another during times such as these. The level of volunteerism and support that we are seeing from across the country in an effort to assist those in need demonstrates this and warms our heart.

If this has tugged on your heart as it has mine and you feel a need and or a desire to help, please visit our website at <http://www.ndaonline.org/product/nda-hurricane-relief-fund> to donate. 100% of the monies donated will go toward hurricane relief efforts for dentists and the community.

To our NDA members, families, and friends, we have been in constant communication and have partnered with our NDA members and colleagues who have been impacted by these storms. The goal was to glean from them how best we can be of assistance. The greatest need at this time, we as an organization can provide to the community are personal toiletries. Our dentists who have either taken on water or their patients have been impacted, need our help. We are working to connect them to business resources to help get their practices back operational. We hope to collect enough resources from our NDA members in that we can help them financially. They shared that every little bit will help.

We have reached out to our corporate supporters for donations of hygiene products and various toiletries. We have also contacted local stakeholders in the impacted communities to see how we can be effective in this time of rebuilding. This emergency supply relief effort will be organized through our NDA community outreach component – NDA-HEALTH NOW®.

Please know that the NDA is positioned to ensure that the resources will be provided to those impacted by the Hurricanes. Also, know that I would never ask you our members to do what I am not willing to do. I will be visiting Houston to assist, as well as providing a donation.

Sincerely,

Kim B. Perry, DDS, MSCS
President, National Dental Association



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Community Outreach



NDA-HEALTH NOW-Dallas® Hosts event at NDA Convention



On Wednesday, July 19, 2017, the National Dental Association (NDA) hosted a children's community service project, at the Baylor Scott and White Health and Wellness Center at Juanita J. Craft Recreation Center, as part of its 104th Annual Convention in Dallas, Texas.

The health event was hosted by NDA-HEALTH NOW-Dallas® and the Gulf State Dental Association (the local chapter of the NDA) for the Center's Summer Camp children, as well as children from the surrounding community. The Dallas convention project was made possible with funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, DentaQuest Foundation and Colgate. Other corporate partners are: Henry Schein Cares Foundation, Sunstar and VOCO Americas, Inc. Community partners are: Texas A&M College of Dentistry and the Dallas chapter of the Links, Incorporated. Volunteers also included the officers of the NDA and members of the Gulf State Dental Association.

The Center event included information on oral health education, nutrition and fitness, dental screenings, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). Colgate's Bright Smiles/Bright Futures van was on site to provide the children's dental screenings and fun with Dr. Rabbit, Colgate's mascot. NDA-HEALTH NOW® programs are currently active in seven partner cities: Chicago, Dallas, New York, New Orleans, Atlanta, Oakland and metro Washington, DC. The initiative provides resources and services to underserved communities to: 1) increase access to health care; 2) eliminate disparities; 3) increase health literacy; and 4) promote disease prevention.

NDA-HEALTH NOW® has formed strategic alliances with public school systems, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), recreation departments, hospitals, senior citizen organizations, and other community health focused entities. It leverages the time, talent, and efforts of a massive network of volunteers from civic, social, and service organizations including fraternities and sororities. The focus is on total health and disease prevention and the community outreach programs feature all health professionals, including dentists, oral health professionals, physicians, optometrists, nurses, physician assistants, and pharmacists. Future plans include the purchase of

"mixed-use" mobile health units to provide medical, vision, and dental services for children, adults, and the elderly.

Since its inception in 2013, NDA-HEALTH NOW® has supported 100 programs in 15 cities and five countries. The programs, managed by dozens of community partners and volunteers, have provided oral health services and education to over 21,011 individuals, performed screenings and referrals for over 14,501 people, and applied fluoride varnish to 7,029 children. A cooperative agreement with the Henry Schein Cares Foundation allows the project to provide in-kind product donations to free clinics and global outreach programs in Africa, Haiti, Jamaica, Pakistan, and Greece. In July, 2016, NDA-HEALTH NOW® received the Power of A Award, a national award from the American Society of Association Executives.



L-R: Tiffany Gadson (NDA Project Coordinator), Patricia Simmons (Winning Camp Director from A's and Aces @ Dillard U), Djuana Johnson (NORDC Youth Program Mgr.), Hazel Harper Johns (NDA-HEALTH NOW Founding Director), LaVette Henderson (NDA Deputy Executive Director)

BACK-TO-SCHOOL CAVITY FREE!

NDA-HEALTH NOW-New Orleans® & NORD Commission Host Awards and Briefing Event

The National Dental Association (NDA) and the New Orleans Recreation Development (NORD) Commission co-hosted an Awards and Briefing Program for the Summer Campers “Back-to-School-Cavity-Free” (BTSCF) initiative at the Joe W. Brown Recreation Center, 5601 Read Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana, on Saturday, August 12, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

The event was held during the 2nd Annual NORD Commission “Back-to-School-Expo” and included a briefing on the 2017 program results. The BTSCF initiative, a collaboration of the New Orleans Recreation Development (NORD) Commission and the National Dental Association (NDA), was designed to provide preventive dental services and education for the city’s 4,000 summer camp enrollees and to send each camper back to school with happy smiles and a healthy head start. It consisted of a series of children’s oral health programs held in conjunction with NORD summer camp enrollment events and camp site visits from March 4, 2017 through August 12, 2017. The 2017 project was supported by the Louisiana Department of Health, the State Oral Health Coalition, the New Orleans

Health Department, and the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry. Project sponsors included: VOCO, Colgate, Henry Schein, Inc., Sunstar, the DentaQuest Foundation, Entergy Foundation, Hear to HEAL, Inc., and the Middle Collegiate Church. This project has been supported by a vast network of community organizations, businesses and volunteers including: Audio Visual Technology, Entergy, EXCELth, Inc., The New Orleans Dental Society, the New Orleans Chapter of the Links, Incorporated, Louisiana State University School of Dentistry, St. Mary’s Academy, University of New Orleans Pre-dental students, and dozens of volunteers.

Colgate’s Bright Smiles/Bright Futures van was on site at the Joe Brown Center on August 12th to provide children’s dental screenings. NDA volunteers were also onsite to provide

fluoride varnish applications, donated by VOCO, for children ages 5-11; as well as to distribute Resource Directories of Orleans Parish dental providers and information about children's dental plan enrollment. Awards were presented to all of the volunteers, and the Advisory Committee and sponsors received Congressional Appreciation Citations from Congressman Cedric Richmond (District 2 of LA). The A's and Aces Dillard University camp won the award and Zoo passes for all of next year's summer campers for being the camp that had the highest percentage of children participating in the program. One of the highlights of the Awards and Briefing Program was a film containing footage chronicling the growth and expansion of the NDA-HEALTH NOW® project from the early beginnings up until today. This film was made possible by funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

The "Back-to-School-Cavity-Free!" program is administered by the National Dental Association under the NDA's signature project, NDA-HEALTH NOW® (Health Equity, Access, Literacy,

Technology, and Hope. National Outreach on Wheels.) It was conceived to address the national oral health crisis impacting vulnerable and underserved populations. In 2014, NDA-HEALTH NOW-New Orleans® was launched at the Treme Recreation Community Center. But since



that time, death from dental disease struck a popular New Orleans trumpeter, Travis Hill, who died while on tour in Japan from a dental infection that caused his heart to stop beating. Tooth decay is preventable.

Early education, diagnosis and prevention can stop the tragic consequences of untreated dental disease.

This year, thanks to their summer camp directors, children at 10 summer camps participated in the new Dental Health Day sessions- Royal Castle, YAYA Arts Center, Dillard U FIT, A's and Aces @ Dillard U, City of Love, VIET, A's and Aces @ Joe Brown Center, Hype Academy, Building a Better 2morrow, and Tamborine and Fan. Parents of those children requiring immediate care were contacted and the project's dental provider network provided the necessary care. In addition, a New Orleans Resource Directory of Dental Providers was published to increase access. Additional resources are being sought to improve and expand the program in 2018. "It was a joy working with and educating the summer campers. They were engaged, inquisitive, and learned a lot about good habits for good oral health," said Dr. Hazel Harper, the national Project Director. Next year, priority scheduling will be given to the camps that were unable to be seen this year.



NDA-CRT Members Receive Congressional Citations

Congratulations Colgate-Palmolive, Schein, And VOCO!!

National Dental Association Corporate Roundtable members Colgate-Palmolive, Henry Schein, Inc., and VOCO, received Congressional Citations from The Honorable Congressman Cedric Richmond, U.S. Congressman representing the 2nd District of Louisiana, which includes New Orleans. Congressman Richmond bestowed this honor on these longtime NDA partners for their generous contributions to the NDA-HEALTH NOW-New Orleans® project, "Back-to-School-Cavity-Free!" which was initiated this year for the city's 4,000 summer camp enrollees. As a result of their generosity and engagement, the project gained tremendous community support. Due to the overwhelming community response, visits to several of the camps had to be postponed until next season.

The Citations were presented at the project's August 12th Appreciation and Briefing Event to Dr. Marsha Butler (Colgate); Mr. Steve Kess (Schein); and Ms. Dovetta Johnson (VOCO). The inscription on the citation reads: "Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition Presented in recognition of outstanding and invaluable service to the community."

Again, kudos and congratulations to our CRT partners and THANK YOU for all you have done throughout the years to support the NDA in its quest for access and oral health equity.



**HOWARD
UNIVERSITY**

Jamaica



The mission of the Howard University College of Dentistry is to provide exemplary education, service, and research that promotes patient-centered, collaborative care and advocacy for the elimination of health disparities.

Submitted By: Reginald Salter, DDS, MBA

Throughout the academic year, Howard Dental students fulfill the mission of the college by organizing and participating in several community service events, health screenings, and educational seminars targeting communities where access to care and education are lacking or absent completely. Global outreach missions have grown in popularity and participation among students, and this summer provided another opportunity for students to travel to Jamaica to do mission work geared towards dental care. During the summer of 2017, not only did students from Howard participate in missionary work in Jamaica, but also in Haiti, Pakistan, and Nigeria. With generous contributions and support from the Henry Schein Cares Foundation, the National Dental Association (NDA)-HEALTH NOW®, and Dr. Hazel Harper, Founding Director of the HEALTH NOW initiative, forty-seven students traveled to Jamaica and provided dental services to over 1,000 patients.

During a two-week span, two teams of dental students traveled throughout the country to areas where access to care is extremely limited. The students were accompanied by Dr. Reginald Salter, Assistant Professor in the Department of Comprehensive Dentistry, and several Howard dental alumni volunteers.

The first mission team visited Mandeville, Kingston, and Spanish Town during the first week and brought its own equipment to Jamaica. We are especially appreciative of the generous contributions and planning advice that Dr. Harper and the NDA staff provided in preparation for the trip. As a result of the donated supplies, the students were able to treat nearly 400 patients at Northern Caribbean University in Mandeville, Good Samaritan Inn, and Hiram Walters Clinic in Spanish Town. Logistics for the mission were arranged by Dr. Lincoln Edwards, dentist and President of Northern Caribbean University and the Jamaica Conference of Seventh Day Adventists in Jamaica. Many of the patients treated were receiving professional dental care for the first time according to the administrators at Good Samaritan Inn, a facility operated by the East Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and members of the Adventist-laypersons Services and Industries. The second mission team visited Treasure Beach, Jamaica in collaboration with the Christian Dental Society (CDS). The CDS publicizes and facilitates dental mission trips around the world.

This year marked the fourth year Dr. Salter has led a group of Howard students working the CDS mission at the Helping Hands Dental Clinic. This was also a record breaking year for Team Howard as over seven hundred patients were treated in a four-day span. During both missions, students were supervised by dentists as they provided prophylaxes and oral hygiene instructions, restorative treatment, extractions, and limited endodontic therapy. D-3 dental student Angel Tucker said of the mission, “Days before I departed for Jamaica, I was shaking at the thought of treating my first patient. I was most concerned that I was not ready to deliver the quality of care that I truly wanted for my Jamaican brothers and sisters. With the encouragement and guidance of my day 1 partner/all-star professor Reginald Salter and my amazing D4 colleagues (shout-out Alexis Gilliam and Mike Jean-Baptiste), I was able to contribute to the total 702 patients served. The people of Jamaica have truly blessed my soul with their love, joy, and appreciation. I will forever love Jamaica”.

The ability to touch lives through service and reaching communities in need binds HU dental to the missions of the NDA, Seventh-Day Adventist Conference, and Christian Dental Society. Together, we are able to change lives- one smile at a time.



& Pakistan

Dental Missions 2017



In August 2017, a team of 15 dental professionals, and students, from Howard University College of Dentistry embarked on a journey to Pakistan to spend 5 days treating villagers and orphans. We were hoping to treat 500 patients but to our astonishment we provided dental care to around 2,000 individuals. The dental mission was funded by IMANA and hosted by Riphah University College of Dentistry in Islamabad. They provided staff, equipment, supplies, and everything else needed to make this dental mission a success. Our team at Howard University reached out to Dr. Hazel Harper from the National Dental Association (NDA) about the oral hygiene goodie bags needed for the underserved patients. NDA instantly made a generous donation of over 500 toothbrushes, 500 toothpastes, and 500 mouthwashes for adults and children. It was such a fulfilling experience for our team members to provide these individuals with their first toothbrush and toothpaste. We provided villagers and orphans with oral hygiene instructions about how to use a toothbrush and how to use mouthwash.

Every day we woke up around 6am to get ready in scrubs, book bags in hand, with everything we may need for the next 12 hours, and then we would leave for the dental camp site after a quick breakfast. Once we arrived at the designated location for that day, which usually took us over an hour, we set up dental chairs, materials, supplies and equipment in schools, tents and empty rooms in villages. The first 3 days of our dental



We provided villagers and orphans with oral hygiene instructions about how to use a toothbrush and how to use mouthwash.

mission consisted of a mix of old and young villagers, the majority of whom had never seen a dentist. Our team performed several hundred extractions, periodontal treatment, and restorations for the villagers who were in desperate need of dental care. Last 2 days of

our dental mission were spent at Pakistan Sweet Home orphanage where we saw over 550 kids. This was one of the most rewarding feelings during this mission as we were working with little kids with no parents around them to hold their hands, but they were putting all their trust in us that we would take care of them. This dental mission would not be possible without the help and support of every single individual who put their faith in our team. It changed the lives of hundreds of individuals, and it impacted our lives as well while providing us a rich, rewarding, and a memorable experience for life.

We extend a special thank you to NDA-HEALTH NOW® and Henry Schein Cares Foundation for their generous donations and contributions to this effort.

**Submitted by Muazzam Farooq
Class of 2019, Howard University College of Dentistry**





HAITI

DENTAL MISSION



The National Dental Association Teams Up with Tufts and the University of Haiti to Promote Oral Health

In April, members of the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine Chapter of the Student National Dental Association participated in a global service-learning trip to Haiti. This trip was led by members of the National Dental Association's (NDA) Global Oral Health Outreach Committee, which, is an American dental organization with a mission of promoting oral health equity among people of color. There were two main components to this trip. One component focused on laying the foundation for a formal relationship between Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and the University of Haiti School of Dentistry in an effort to promote future student and faculty exchanges between the two schools. The second component consisted of assessing the needs of a rural community in Leogane, Haiti and determining the feasibility of developing a dental prevention program in the community.

Over the years, the NDA has collaborated with the University of Haiti School of Dentistry in addressing some of the school's needs. This trip continued the initiative of the NDA in building capacity in Haiti for the promotion of oral health.

A delegation of Tufts students, faculty, and NDA members visited the University of Haiti School of Dentistry where they met with the Dean, faculty and students. Tufts dental students got to hear first-hand about the successes and challenges facing dentistry in Haiti and they also learned about the Haitian dental school's curriculum. Access to a dentist in Haiti is extremely difficult largely due to the low supply of dentists in the country. In Haiti, there are approximately 300 dentists for a population of over 10 million people. There is only one public dental school in the country, which is the University of Haiti School of Dentistry. Individuals in Haiti rarely have routine dental appointments. If one is fortunate enough to have access to a dentist, they often seek treatment only where there is pain or discomfort, which often results in an extraction of a tooth. University of Haiti dental students learned about novel ways to promote oral health in Haiti. Dr. Brian Swann, Chief of Oral Health at the Cambridge Health Alliance in Cambridge, Massachusetts, spoke to students about the importance of educating nurses and other health care workers about oral health and disease

prevention. Students and faculty were also exposed to evidence-based prevention strategies like fluoride varnish and dental sealants for children. Later during the trip, the students would use what they learned to provide treatment for children in Leogane.

On the way to Leogane, the delegation visited the Saint Rock Haiti Foundation where they provided oral health education to community workers and delivered fluoride varnish and other supplies to the dentists there. The students arrived in Leogane later that afternoon and prepared themselves for the next few days of service. The Rasin Foundation is a Massachusetts-based non-profit organization that provides health care, preventive services and works to eliminate poverty in Leogane, Haiti. In Leogane, the dental students from Tufts and the University of Haiti worked side-by-side in the Rasin Foundation's dental clinic and conducted screening exams, provided dental prophylaxis, fluoride varnish and sealants to children and adolescents. Through a very generous donation from Henry Schein Cares Foundation, they provided care to over 70 children.

They also provided oral health education to children and mothers. Pairing dental students from the Haitian dental school with Tufts dental students allowed the students to learn different approaches to providing dental care. Since the Haitian students could understand both English and Haitian Creole, the language barrier between provider and patient was overcome. In addition to rendering these services, presentations were given to over 30 local nurses about the prevention of dental disease. Nurses were taught about fluoride varnish and its role in preventing tooth decay in children. In small groups, dental students and faculty from both schools demonstrated how to conduct a dental screening exam and identified important landmarks in the mouth to focus on when screening for dental disease. Later, the next day, nurses were invited to observe the students and faculty as they provided treatment to children. Information regarding oral health status, number of decayed, missing, or filled teeth, and the treatment provided for each child was recorded.

By participating in this Tufts Global Service-learning (GSL) trip to Haiti, students understood the importance of learning about the history and culture

of Haiti prior to traveling to the country. Before this experience, students had to complete a GSL curriculum at Tufts which stressed the importance of serving with the local community rather than serving the local community with a "savior complex" mentality. Students learned about the importance of building relationships with stakeholders and working with local institutions such as the public dental school when designing an oral health program based on the needs of the community in the context of Haiti. Students understood that program sustainability and follow-up to care depended on this approach.

During the trip, the team visited the Haitian National Museum and historical landmarks in Port-au-Prince. Since this trip occurred during Holy Week, students had the opportunity to observe the Rara celebration which consisted of music and dancing in Leogane in celebration of Haiti's struggle and fight for independence. Additionally, students attended Easter Sunday Mass during the last day of the trip. These experiences allowed students to see a side of Haiti that is rarely advertised. These experiences helped to complete the picture of this complex and beautiful country.

With the service-learning approach students from both countries effectively worked together to deliver care to children who needed it the most. It was important for the students from Tufts to understand that service-learning requires understanding the needs of a community and working with members of the community to address those needs. The students are thinking of ways of building upon this effort and working with the University of Haiti in creating a sustainable oral health program in Leogane, Haiti. They are already planning for next year's trip.

The success of this trip was made possible in part by a very generous donation of dental materials, supplies and equipment from the Henry Schein Cares Foundation.

Submitted by:

Nicholas Gordon, DMD, MPH
 Pediatric Dental Resident, Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine, and Co-Chair, NDA Global Oral Health Outreach Committee

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Protocol Corner



Edward H. Chappelle, Jr., DDS, FAGD
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Wayne D. Walker, DDS
Speaker

Constitution vs. Bylaws:

The Constitution of an organization represents the basic principles and aims of the organization whereas the bylaws are a concrete set of rules that the organization uses to operate. The Constitution should be difficult to change, if for no other reason than it represents the organizations reason for being. The bylaws on the other hand are a living document that should change, or be updated, with current laws, the times, and when new duties or needs are identified.

The National Dental Association bylaws state that each component or constituent society or chapter's bylaws and constitution should not be in conflict with the National Dental Association's constitution and bylaws. It also states that each component and constituent chapter should file a copy of their current bylaws with the Executive Director of the association. Have you filed yours? If not, please submit your most current copy to the national office via email at cgraddy@ndaonline.org or via post to the following address:

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Recap from the New Dentist Conference 2017



The NDA 104th Annual Convention in Dallas, TX hosted the 7th Annual New Dentist Conference. In 2010, Dr. Demarcio Reid, who at the time was a part of the Executive Board of the Student National Dental Association (SNDA) partnered with a team to lead the effort of “Bridging the Gap” between veteran NDA members and SNDA members. Their vision was to structure a conference creating opportunities for a population of New Dentists with unique wants and needs to address the gap between dentists and students. Current Co-chairs, Drs. Cathy Cook, Darwin Hayes, and Shaun Massiah, work diligently to continue this good work.

The one day conference commenced with a panel discussion, back by popular demand, of engaging Dentists (GPs and specialists) sharing their journeys in support of the theme “Gaining Knowledge, Networking, and Uplifting Ourselves with Professional Development.” Followed by Q & A with an audience of new dentists 5 years and less, SNDA, USNDA, the panelists each shared their critical steps taken to insure professional success and pearls of wisdom (Drs. Cathy Cook, Christiana Harris, Porchia James, Patrick Ralph, Kelton Stewart, and Dontra Scott, panelists; Dr. Darwin Hayes, Moderator)

The second session was especially useful as Dr. Anissa Holmes shared enlightening information on maximizing social media and creating efficient practice strategies. “Delivering WOW- How Dentists Can Build A Fascinating Brand and Achieve More by Working Less” gained a lot of attention as the practicing Dentist, Practice Strategist, and Coach delivered an impactful presentation.

At the conclusion of each New Dentist Conference, the Co-chairs conduct a survey and found a tremendous need for more information regarding Post Graduate training. The last panel, “Post Graduate Advanced Dental Education Information – A Program Director’s Perspective”, shared all of the tips and strategies to prepare the way to an acceptance to multiple Post Grad programs. Drs. Darwin Hayes, Kelton Stewart, and Tawana Lee Ware had a compelling dialogue filled with insightful and honest facts to help propel student dentists into the careers of their choice.

Each of these three segments helped introduce and connect new dentists to potential professional mentors in an environment that enhances communication and builds relationships. We thoroughly enjoyed the conference in Dallas and are extremely excited about the turnout in Orlando in 2018.

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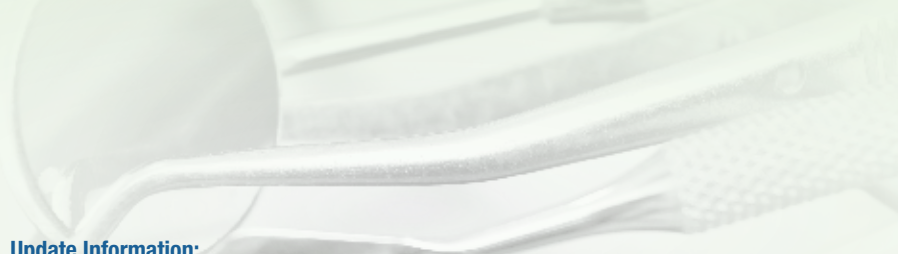
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