ACD 2026

Catch the Wave!

Schedule at a Glance

Friday

8:30 – 10 :30 a.m.
Santa Barbara Tour/Activity

8:00 – 10 :00 a.m.
SSL/SHIFT Leadership Session

11:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Special Topics in Ethics Course

3:15 – 4:30
Regency Breakout Sessions

5:30 - 9:00
Regency Dinner

Saturday

7:00 – 8:00
Breakfast

8:00 – 10:30
Fellows Forum

11:30 – 1:00
Convocation Luncheon

2:30 – 4:30
Convocation

4:30 – 5:30
Samuel Harris Reception—Toast to the Fellowship

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Celebration Dinner—An Evening Under the Stars

Friday, October 23

Tour Santa Barbara by Trolley!

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. SOLD OUT
$85

Join Fellows and guests and learn more about beautiful, historic Santa Barbara. The tour includes all fees, gratuity, and professional guides.

Please meet in the lobby of the Hilton Santa Barbara at 8:15 a.m. An ACD staff member or volunteer will be there with your name badge.

Please wear comfortable shoes!

Leadership Cohorts 1 & 2 and SHIFT Alumni Session

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Sierra Madre

SHIFT Alumni, SSL Cohorts 1 and 2, and Alumni of the Spring Leadership Conference should plan to attend the inaugural Steven D. Chan Leadership Breakfast, which will be followed by a panel discussion.

Special Topics in Ethics—The Ethical Dentist: Responsibilities to Colleagues, Teams, and the Profession

11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. SOLD OUT
$225, including a boxed lunch
Sierra Madre

Starting with the dental team, and moving beyond, this course will help participants recognize challenges in professional relationships and understand ethical responsibilities.

Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, October 23. Pick up our name badge and peruse the ACD Gift Shop!

Ethics Course Highlights

Your instructors:

Catherine Sarkis, JD, MBA

Carlos Smith, DDS, MDiv, FACD, FICD

Pamela Zarkowski, JD, MPH, FACD, FCLM

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this seminar, participants will be able to:

1. Recognize ethical responsibilities in leading and collaborating with members of the dental team.
2. Identify challenges in professional relationships, including incivility, bullying, and referral conflicts.
3. Discuss the dentist's ethical role in interprofessional collaboration and sustaining professional well-being.

Friday, October 23, continued

Regency Breakout Session

3:15 – 4:30 p.m.
1 CEU

Fellows are encouraged to register for their Regency Breakout. Led by your elected Regent, this session will include a refresher on College activities and collaborative work on the Standards for Leadership in Oral Healthcare.

Regency 1	Santa Cruz
Regency 2	Santa Rosa
Regency 3	San Rafael
Regency 4	Santa Ynez
Regency 5	Fiesta
Regency 6	San Miguel
Regency 7	Sierra Madre North
Regency 8	Sierra Madre South

Regency Dinner

5:30 p.m. SOLD OUT
Harbor Restaurant
$125

Join your Regency for dinner at the Harbor Restaurant on the Santa Barbara Pier! Enjoy cocktails and sunset photos on the rooftop deck, then find your Regency tables for dinner with your ACD friends.

Cost of dinner includes one drink ticket, a three-course meal, and an exceptional view.

Regency Breakout Highlight

During the Regency Breakout Session, Fellows will work together to begin writing the Core Standards section of the Standards for Leadership Handbook, which will be a companion to the Ethics Handbook for Dentistry.

Learning Objectives:

Participants will be able to:

- Understand the Core Standards for Leadership.
- Identify aspects of the standards most applicable to day-to-day leadership.
- Create examples or explanations of how three of the Core Standards are actionable.

Candidates may begin picking up their gowns for Convocation at Rodney's at the Hilton on Friday at 11 a.m.

Don't miss having your picture taken by Les Kamens, the College's photographer for more than 30 years!

You can also order special ACD frames at that time.

Saturday, October 24

Fellowship Breakfast

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.
Grand Ballroom

Candidates have one ticket to breakfast included in their induction fee; Fellows and Guests are $45.

Enjoy coffee and breakfast with your colleagues.

Big Ideas Forum: ACD Leads

8:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Grand Ballroom

Your Keynote Presenters:

Pete Guevara
President Elect

Steve Milgazo
Former Navy Seal,
Former Dir. of Strategic Planning for the US Navy

There is no better leadership lab than the experience of stepping outside your comfort zone, innovating, and putting your ideas to the test in the service of others.

This year's Fellows Forum will transform to ACDLead: A Forum for Big Ideas. Join five Fellows as they share leadership lessons learned through their experiences with innovation and service.

A keynote panel discussion between President Elect Pete Guevara and Steve Milgazo, a former Navy Seal and former Director of Strategic Planning for the US Navy. As part of their discussion, they will moderate a conversation with the speakers.

This year's Fellows Forum features five Fellows with big ideas for the profession. Includes a keynote talk and panel with the presenters.

Convocation Luncheon

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. SOLD OUT
Grand Ballroom

Candidates have one ticket to luncheon included in their induction fee; Fellows and Guests are $90.

What happens at the Convocation Luncheon?

Your Presenters:

Dr. Ned Nix
Vice President

Dr. Tom Paumier
President of the American Dental Association

The Convocation Luncheon is hosted by the Vice President of the College. This year's Vice President, Dr. Ned Nix, will welcome Dr. Tom Paumier, President of the American Dental Association, who will bring greetings from the ADA. Sections earning the Model Section Designation will be recognized, along with the Section Newsletter Award Recipients and the Lifetime Achievement Honorees.

We ask that luncheon attendees give their attention to these very deserving honorees.

Lunch is gluten free, except for the bread service, and a vegetarian meal can be ordered in advance.

Saturday, October 24, continued

Line Up
2:00 p.m.
The Lawn

Candidates and Sponsors should arrive on the Lawn outside Plaza del Sol at 2:00 p.m. to line up for the Convocation.

Candidates—look for your Regency Banner. Your Regent will be there to help you.

Sponsors—look for the Sponsor Banner and line up behind it.

Convocation
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Plaza del Sol

Join us as we welcome the 105th cohort of Fellows, honor awardees, and celebrate our Fellowship.

Samuel Harris Reception/
Toast to the Fellowship
Immediately following Convocation
The Lawn
Free for Fellows, $55 for guests

Please join us for a glass of bubbly and light hors d'oeuvres as we celebrate 106 years of Fellowship and a bright future.

An Evening Under the Stars
7:00 – 10:00 p.m. SOLD OUT
Plaza del Sol
$275

Live music, specialty cocktails, and a delicious dinner with an ocean breeze. This once-a-year celebration is not to be missed!

Dress is black tie optional.