Communication Policy
It is the communication policy of the American College of Dentists to identify and place before the Fellows, the profession, and other parties of interest those issues that affect dentistry and oral health. The goal is to stimulate this community to remain informed, inquire actively, and participate in the formation of public policy and personal leadership to advance the purpose and objectives of the college. The college is not a political organization and does not intentionally promote specific views at the expense of others. The positions and opinions expressed in college publications do not necessarily represent those of the American College of Dentists or its Fellows.

Objectives of the American College of Dentists
THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF DENTISTS, in order to promote the highest ideals in health care, advance the standards and efficiency of dentistry, develop good human relations and understanding, and extend the benefits of dental health to the greatest number, declares and adopts the following principles and ideals as ways and means for the attainment of these goals.

A. To urge the extension and improvement of measures for the control and prevention of oral disorders;
B. To encourage qualified persons to consider a career in dentistry so that dental health services will be available to all, and to urge broad preparation for such a career at all educational levels;
C. To encourage graduate studies and continuing educational efforts by dentists and auxiliaries;
D. To encourage, stimulate, and promote research;
E. To improve the public understanding and appreciation of oral health service and its importance to the optimum health of the patient;
F. To encourage the free exchange of ideas and experiences in the interest of better service to the patient;
G. To cooperate with other groups for the advancement of interprofessional relationships in the interest of the public;
H. To make visible to professional persons the extent of their responsibilities to the community as well as to the field of health service and to urge the acceptance of them;
I. To encourage individuals to further these objectives, and to recognize meritorious achievements and the potential for contributions to dental science, art, education, literature, human relations, or other areas which contribute to human welfare—by conferring Fellowship in the College on those persons properly selected for such honor.
“Out of adversity comes opportunity.”

– Benjamin Franklin

Painting by Joseph-Siffred Duplessis
Mr. Franklin’s quote has never held such resonance for me as it does now, nearly two years into the COVID-19 pandemic. It captures where we have been over the last year. From the adversity of March of 2020, not only has the world gone through changes, but so too has the American College of Dentists. The past year alone has witnessed any number of changes necessitated by or occurring in spite of the pandemic. In 2021, ACD has moved to its new home in Rockville and secured a buyer for the property in Gaithersburg, pivoted to a virtual convocation, welcomed nearly 200 Fellows, adapted to a new electronic format for the Journal of the American College of Dentists and welcomed the American Association of Dental Editors and Journalists as a non-geographic section of the College. These are just a few highlights of the developments in 2021 and illustrative of where we have been and what we have been doing this past year.

In this issue, you will learn more about the ACD and JACD leadership; gain a snapshot of the new Fellows that were welcomed into the ACD; and learn about award winners of the Gies Award, the Ethics and Professionalism Award, the Outstanding Service Award, inducted Honorary Fellows, recipients of the Ozar-Hasegawa Award, Outstanding Student Leader Awardees and Lifetime Achievement Awardees. Also included are the President-elect remarks by Richard E. Jones, DDS, MSD, FACP from the ACD 2021 Virtual Conference as well as the Convocation Address of Carlos S. Smith, DDS, M.Div., FACD. You will also gain insight into where ACD is headed in 2022 in an editorial written by Executive Director, Theresa S. Gonzales, DMD, MS, MSS, FACD.

While the pandemic may not have been directly responsible for all of the changes, what has become clear is that ACD and its members are resilient, committed and consummate professionals maintaining the highest ethical standards and placing patients and their communities ahead of their own self interests. At no time has this been more evident than during this second year of the pandemic. While many challenges are ahead from staffing and resource shortages in health care to continuing to grapple with health disparities that have been exacerbated by the pandemic, Fellowship in ACD, the conscience of dentistry, brings together many voices who share a common goal which is to promote ethics and professionalism in dentistry through leadership. Now, more than ever, this mission is critical, as it guides the way toward maximizing the opportunities that have emerged from the adversity of the past year.
I am drafting this article as the year 2021 comes to a welcome close and we engage in a collective sigh of relief that we endured the second year of our global pandemic experience. As we reflect on the events of past year, I understand that many of you would just as soon forget 2021. The year began with all the requisite aspirational hopes of putting this scourge behind us and reemerging from the fog of the pandemic. Regrettably, by the summer of 2021, the delta variant revealed new vulnerabilities, especially among the unvaccinated. Predictably, the vaccination rates trended upward, and we returned to many of the activities and pre-pandemic rituals that we were accustomed to engaging in. And now, as the year ends, we are confronted with a new variant of this persistent pathogen, and the omicron variant appears to be the most transmissible to date. From these collective experiences, we have learned a great deal about the disease and more importantly, about ourselves. Leadership in the COVID era has presented unique challenges and over the past twenty-two months, we have learned that the only thing certain is uncertainty. In times of great uncertainty, we steel our resolve and hone our intrinsic leadership skills with the tacit understanding that leadership should be borne out of the needs of those most affected by the decisions.
During his tenure, President Leo Rouse championed ways to build a more robust leadership culture within the American College of Dentists organizational structure and he implored that the leadership development focus on the interpersonal skills of social awareness and social skills. Applying his famous “Mother Wit” construct, he makes the analogy that the “best seeds in the wrong environment will not grow.” He explained that “organizations routinely seek talented candidates for leadership positions but are surprised when the new leader does not live up to expectations. This is illustrative of the good seed—wrong soil mismatch.” Dr. Rouse knows something about leader development, and he has walked the walk for more than five decades as a highly decorated military officer, an award-winning educator and administrator, and more recently, as the Senior Scholar in Residence at the American Dental Educator’s Association. Leo is a leader, and he believes that the leader’s job is to develop more leaders. Perhaps no one on the planet does this better than Doctor, Colonel, Dean, and President Leo Rouse. Recently, Dr. Rouse discussed his thoughts on leadership with the students and faculty at Midwestern University in Missouri. His discussion can be heard in its entirety on the College’s YouTube channel.

When developing content for the 2020-2021 academic year, Dr. Rouse encouraged us to concentrate on leadership and that our mission to advance ethics, excellence, leadership, and professionalism required a sustained leader development program for our Fellowship.

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Karl Haden’s Keynote Lecture discussed leadership and courage.

Larry Garetto presented a compelling talk on values-based leadership.

The 2021 Keynote Lecture and Fellows Forum were entirely devoted to leadership and leader development. Leadership is a mission essential task for Fellows of the College and has been for over a century. Leadership is a profoundly human endeavor inevitably filled with challenges, triumphs, and occasional failures. Behind every leadership role is a person trying to do their best in an environment of changing expectations and uncertainty.

The 2021 Keynote lecture was presented by Dr. Karl Haden, author of the 9 Virtues of Exceptional Leaders and the founder and CEO of the ADEA Leadership Institute. The second lecture in this series was centered on the courage to lead in times of uncertainty using lessons learned from Lewis and Clark's Voyage of Discovery. The final lecture in this leadership series was presented by Dr. Larry Garetto, professor emeritus from Indiana University and nationally recognized thought leader in ethics and values-based leadership. These materials are available online at: www.acd.org or on our companion learning management site: www.dentalethics.org.
Fellowship

193 New Fellows were inducted in 2021.

52 average age of the Fellows inducted in 2021 making this the youngest class of new Fellows in at least a decade.

16 Fellows were awarded the Lifetime Achievement Medal in 2021, celebrating their 50th year of Fellowship.

1081 Fellows reside in Regency 6, making it the largest Regency. Regency 6 consists of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Tennessee.

3,373 Active Fellows

313 Retired Fellows

3,611 Life Fellows

43 International Fellows from outside the US and Canada.

70 Honorary Fellows

3 Affiliate Organizations with nearly 200 combined members in addition to our Fellows.

271 Fellows belong to more than one Section.
Websites

35,790 number of visits acd.org

29,631 number of visits dentalethics.org

10,761 courses completed for credit

2,956 new users joined the dental ethics site

MemberClicks

ACD’s membership database, directory, and communication tool

73 group emails sent to unique audiences within the College on behalf of Section Chairs, Regents, the Board of Regents, and the Executive Office.

10 Fellows were identified as “Super Users,” with time spent in the Members section nearing that of the Staff.

1300 Fellowship profiles with no email address, down from nearly 3,000 missing email addresses at the beginning of 2021.

Social Media

1200 Facebook subscribers relatively unchanged in 2021

200 YouTube subscribers up from 68 in January 2021

21,000 views of ACD videos on YouTube in 2021 with the ethics dilemma video, Making Decisions, the most-watched presentation. Major drivers of our YouTube channel are dental schools, with Colorado Tech, Louisville, and Tufts leading the way.

600 Instagram followers more than doubled from January 2021
Projects

58 Outstanding Student Leader Awards were given by our Sections on behalf of the College.

4,767 Ethics Handbooks were sent at no charge to dental schools in the US and Canada.

30 years in our office in Gaithersburg, Maryland--the College moved to the ACDF property in Rockville, Maryland on June 6, 2021.

3 Fellows are Kellogg Leadership Institute Scholars, participating in a three-year dental leadership program with the ACD, AAPD, and the Kellogg Leadership Institute at Northwestern University in Chicago.

2 Fellows are Jerome Bright Miller ADEA Leadership Scholars, participating in an academic leadership program in partnership with ADEA.

Publications

3,000 views of the eJACD, replacing the Ethics Handbook for Dentists as the most viewed document on our website. The Journal of the American College of Dentists was redesigned for online publication and added media features. Moving the JACD online allows for a wider variety of engagement with our readers and allows us to look at readership trends instead of distribution trends.

7,756 average number of Fellows, affiliates, and friends of the College who received the ACD News three times in 2021.

The Staff

5 full and 2 part-time staff members in addition to the Executive Director

34 years of combined experience at the ACD

4 generations represented on staff

3 languages other than English are spoken by staff members

Our staff hails from right down the street to the other side of the globe
Illinois, Maryland, South Carolina, Texas, Iran, and Ethiopia.

Collectively, the staff has 16 degrees and multiple professional certifications.
Elections for members of the Board of Regents take place each spring, and the new Regents and Officers are seated each October at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. The 2021-2022 members of the Board of Regents are listed below with their outgoing and incoming roles noted.

The Regents and Officers lead the College’s efforts to advance the mission, providing direction and decision-making on behalf of the Fellowship.

**Officers of the Board**

Nominations for national officers are made by Fellows, approved by the national nominations committee, and elected by acclamation by the Fellowship. The officers are elected for one-year terms with the exception of the treasurer, whose term is two years.
Richard E. Jones, DDS, MSD, FACD
Schererville, Indiana

Dr. Richard (Dick) Jones, ACD Incoming President, is a retired prosthodontist from Indiana. Dick has a strong interest in ethics and evidence-based dentistry and a mission to collect and share knowledge that makes quality dental care easier and more predictable. He has served as the Regent from Regency 4, Vice President, and President-elect of the ACD.

Dr. Jones directed the Private Practice of Prosthodontics Seminar at Indiana University for 20 years. He served on the Board of the American College of Prosthodontists for 12 years and was the Indiana Dental Association Chair of the Council on Peer Review for 30 years. Those positions provided insight into standard of care, ethics, and professionalism. Dick is the recipient of both the Indiana State Ethics Award and the Indiana University School of Dentistry Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Although born at Fort Jackson, South Carolina he has spent most of his life in Northwest Indiana, where he received his dental and prosthodontic training. Dick has been active in LC scouting and his church and stays busy raising two teenage girls.
GREETINGS distinguished guests, President Rouse, Board of Regents, Fellows and Friends of the American College of Dentists. I am delighted to be with you despite the COVID hibernation and this, our second virtual meeting. I am truly proud and excited to serve as your 100th President during a time of great change as we look forward to a future of new possibilities and reimagined potential.

During the long COVID winter, we discovered that we can conduct more frequent business virtually through hosted platforms and this has allowed the College to engage at regular intervals. Now, the vaccines have become readily available, and the nature of this pandemic is such that your personal choice affects the public. We remain committed to a safe and successful reengagement strategy. Frankly, we have missed you and no amount of technology can replace camaraderie; we have learned that we are social creatures and that we need personal engagement.
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he American College of Den-
ts is the oldest and most
prestigious dental organization
of its type. In the historical narrative,
ACD: Our First Century, our mentor
and Past-president, Dr. Patricia Blan-
ton, reminds us that:

"Nearly 100 years ago, the Ameri-
can College of Dentists came into
being with the primary aims to cul-
tivate and encourage a higher type
of professional spirit and a broader
sense of social responsibility to en-
courage and promote professional
conduct and to acknowledge such
through Fellowship in the College.
Today, the American College of Den-
ts’ founding principles of elevating
the standards of dentistry through a
thousand acts of professionalism and
personal commitment allow us to re-
main the conscience of dentistry as
we engage the challenges and issues
of our time."

Over this difficult year and a half, our
College Staff has worked diligently to
make the move to our new executive
office, enhance our communication
systems, publish our narrative his-
tory, and champion other initiatives
that advance the mission of the Col-
lege. Dr. Teresa Gonzales, Executive
Director, Suzan Pitman, Director of
Operations, and the Executive Office
Staff of the College—we thank you
for the integral role that you play in
our mission successes, and we ap-
preciate your supreme competence
and willingness to assist in our en-
deavors.

It is a great privilege to work with the
Board of Regents of the American Col-
lege of Dentists and the Foundation; a
room filled with great minds laser fo-
cused on advancing the profession for
the benefit of the public that we serve.
This team of professionals epitomizes
effective interdependence.

To the Section Officers and commit-
tee personnel who implement the
College initiatives: your efforts actu-
alyze the mission, you recognize and
nominate worthy leaders, and you
support SPEA. I believe the Sections
to be the heart and soul of the Col-
lege. It is appropriate to recognize
our five great Canadian Sections;
they model the way and generously
share lessons learned.

Special appreciation is due our non-
geographic sections: The Ameri-
can Association for Dental Ethics
(ASDE), and the American Associa-
tion of Dental Editors and Journalists
(AADEJ). These groups provide sub-
ject matter expertise in ethics and
communication and reinforce the
College mission. I would like to also
recognize SPEA—the Student Pro-
fessionalism and Ethics Association.
For 14 years, our affiliation with SPEA
has not only benefitted both organi-
zations but also the entire profession.

Accolades to the Fellows of the Col-
lege for your ongoing commitment to
the profession of dentistry. You guide
the profession on every level.

CONGRATULATIONS to our New Fel-
lows! And thank you to the families and
teams who have contributed to your
impressive professional milestone.

The American College of Dentists is
the oldest and most prestigious den-
tal organization of its type. Fellowship
is a significant honor as we represent
less than 4% of dentists. Your selec-
tion has been based upon your abil-
ity and your willingness to contribute
and to enhance the profession. Can
you sense that I’m going to give you
an assignment?

The American College of Dentists is
not so much an honorary organiza-
tion as it is a working visionary body.
The College has been the Guiding
Light of the profession for 101 years
as dentistry transformed from a guild
to a profession. The College devel-
oped standards for education, for
research, and for journalism when
there were none. We have foreseen
difficulties and inspired likeminded
groups to action. We have advanced
excellence, ethics, professionalism,
and leadership for a century.

Most of you don’t know me and don’t
know why I’m here. I’m not a politi-
cian, not an academician, not ADA
President, not a Dean, and not a
Colonel. I’m just a proud practitioner
who has cared and believed in striv-
for the highest ideals. I entered
my state dental school because I be-
lieved that I could be a professional
that served the public. I completed
a prosthodontic program at Indiana
because I believed in excellence. I in-
vented a model of care that defined
the first full time private practice of
prosthodontics in my state because
I believed that treating patients with
the highest standard of excellence
and professionalism was my calling.
I served the Indiana Dental Associa-
tion as Chair of the Council on Peer
Review for three decades because
I believe that standards of care de-
fine the professional. I served on the
American College of Prosthodontists’

Richard E. Jones, DDS, MSD, FACD

2021 ACD Convocation Address
Board of Directors for 14 years because I believed in the need for specialty expertise on the dental team. I have served many positions on the local, state, and national level and each one because I believe in a sacred profession that serves the needs of the public. And I care enough to want to do my part.

Over the past 50 years, my service has focused on the advancement of excellence, ethics, and professionalism for our noble profession of dentistry. Even as I express my profound gratitude for my bounty and for this great organization, we need to talk about a growing problem.

The status of our profession—it’s a real concern.

As we enter our second century, we see profound change and challenge for dentistry. Changes in education (funding, cost, and debt), challenges related to technology, the quantity and the quality of information, evolving practice paradigms, increasing overhead (supplies, equipment, salaries), stagnant insurance reimbursement, access to care issues, equality, commercialism, and relationships with the healthcare sector, government, and society are all contributing to a drift in our purpose. Ask yourself – where are we headed?

So, why are we here? What are our core values?

We enter and exit dental school with the best of ideals – beneficence, non-maleficence, justice, and autonomy. As time passes, the reality of our dualistic-healthcare profession/business shifts our focus. At first glance one might associate dentistry with a commercial venture or entrepreneurship or high-tech office or a media savvy business. But if you go to a quiet place to reflect deeply on the core values of the profession and imagine that you’re writing the history of dentistry or preparing the eulogy. What will it say? What would your own practice experience reveal? What core values would you hope to be revealed? Once we revisit dentistry’s core values, we can recommit to practicing with dedication and consistency of purpose.

We have viewed dentistry as a disciplined group who adhere to ethical standards and are accepted by the public as possessing special knowledge in a widely recognized body of learning derived from research, education, and training at a high level, and who are prepared to apply this knowledge and exercise these skills in the interest of others and that these activities are governed by a code of ethics (professions.org.au). Regrettably, there are those who envision dentistry as something less, in other words, not as a profession so much as a business opportunity. They see themselves as a business independent of professional concerns.

So, what is the value of being a profession – why bother?

There are many incalculable benefits to being ethical and having integrity. They include being trusted, having the privilege to apply unique expertise for the benefit of others and to change lives. Members of a profession are automatically afforded opportunities for respect in the community, to provide service, leadership, and even enhanced income, and long-term stability of those benefits. But those incredible benefits may not be enough for some.

The singular hallmark of being recognized as a profession is self-governance. Self-governance is a great responsibility and a remarkable privilege. The knowledge of dentistry is so unique and technical that only an individual with that specialized knowledge can accurately judge a dental professional and appreciate the scope of treatment systems and evaluate outcomes.

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What are the consequences of the loss of dentistry as a profession?

On one-hand, some might reap a short-term financial gain, with loosened standards for treatment. This short-sighted approach, however, will produce the dire and irreparable repercussions of loss of respect and professional status in our society, even including increased liability and decreased income. The most significant consequence of being just a retail business is that of being judged and regulated by bodies that do not understand or appreciate the science, art, and challenges of dentistry. That consequence will hurt everyone: the good actors, the bad actors and the patients.

What are we supposed to be doing? Have our values changed?

The benefits of being a profession have been so ripe and plentiful that organized dentistry and our educational system have been able to focus on enhancing clinical science and the evidence-based delivery of oral healthcare.

Dentists have enjoyed incomes in the top 10 or even 1% without concentrating on practice efficiencies or high production models. The responsibilities of operating a small business have not been emphasized. That has presented a significant profit opportunity that has not gone unnoticed by non-dentist entrepreneurs. And the new dentist debt crisis has punctuated that income opportunity. And we’ve been slow to react to evolving values. We’ve been slow to react to rising economic, societal, and governmental pressures. We’ve been slow to use revolutionary communication systems or notice that popper is not read, and perhaps most detrimental, that social media is replacing science with anecdote, even in dentistry. Practitioners are looking for clinical guidance online and on iPhone instead of from peer reviewed sources.

Standards of Care define the professional. Evidenced-based treatment is standard of care; anecdotal influence is not. Providing treatment beyond training and experience is not standard of care. Providing treatment without diagnosis and planning is not standard of care. Treatment options based upon profit without adequate informed consent is not standard of care. Providing service outside the bounds of dentistry is not standard of care. Have you seen these activities in your community? When too many of us operate outside of the standard of care, the profession is jeopardized.

Dentistry is at a crossroads. Which road will we take? Why will we take it?

If you don’t find the concept of retail dentistry appealing, don’t lose hope! There are actions that you can take now to enhance the profession of dentistry. Integrity must matter more than income. Science, ethics, and inclusivity should undergird the effort. And there is much that you can actively support.

So, this is your assignment:

1. Mentorship should be revived in dentistry as a paradigm. You can find a mentee tomorrow.
2. Large group practices, including dental service organizations (DSOs) are a reality of 21st century healthcare, and they must be embraced and guided. We can develop DSO models based upon science, professionalism, and efficiency.
3. Qualified leaders from all areas of the profession must be welcomed to the College as they are all necessary to advance the mission. You can look beyond the usual sources to find outstanding contributors that deserve Fellowship. A history of student leadership is a good indicator for Fellowship.
4. Outreach should include minority groups, specialty organizations, the Academy of General Dentistry, DSOs, and all other groups that are engaged in oral healthcare delivery.
5. Access to care must become more universal.
6. Dentistry should seek to integrate oral health into the healthcare team as allied members. We should adapt allied health practice concepts because they work and it’s necessary for our future.

7. Diagnosis and treatment planning must be emphasized as the defining skills of the clinician dentist.

8. Evidence-based information must be presented in a useable and readily retrievable format that is as easy to access as social media.

9. Peer reviewed science and integrity must be demanded from continuing education providers. Qualified experts should be recognized as authorities.

10. Anecdotal evidence from social media should be viewed with skepticism as it potentially deprives the patient of the information that is necessary to inform their consent. Social media should be used to disseminate relevant and validated clinical science.

11. Critical thinking and rigorous evaluation of information including continuing education, print, and social media should be mandated as a curriculum standard in education and as a best practice.

12. Providers should recognize limitations and know when to seek specialized expertise for the needs of the patient. Curriculum standards can provide guidance.

13. We must strive to make it easier to be ethical and create a community that recognizes and rewards ethics and professionalism.

14. Good actors should be offered continuous support and guidance and provided with opportunities to lead the way.

15. Bad actions must be reviewed and dealt with through professional processes and regulatory bodies. That act of self-governance is the keystone for being a profession and it must be a recognizable activity.

Our three steps for continued success as a profession are:

1. Revisit our core values and mission: why we are here.

2. Use those values in an intelligent, intentional, and consistent manner to direct initiatives, education, communication, and practice concepts – the mission directed approach: what we are supposed to be doing.

3. Find the appropriate balance of the science of dentistry, the art of practice, and the responsibility of business ownership for our societal contract as professionals: how we are supposed to act.

The prospects for dentistry are brighter than ever before. The advances in science, technology, patient safety initiatives, patient care concepts, and practice efficiencies open the door for increased quality and access to care. And SPEA is our brightest light as they will become the guiding light for future generations of professionals.

Throughout our long and laudable history, the College has flourished with a small core of dynamic leaders and large cohort of deeply committed Fellows. Now we all must actively embrace and advance the mission enhance excellence, ethics, professionalism, and leadership. We all must reach out to students and new graduates. We must embrace all of dentistry. Many of us are dedicated leaders for other organizations but the College mission must be our collective priority. And we must imbue our mission within all ranks… we all must imbue our mission within all ranks.

We have benefited so much from dentistry and our job now is to carry the guiding light forward. In the future who practices dentistry and how they practice will be of great significance to the profession and to the public. Competence, compassion, and cultural sensitivity will be critical and courageous advocacy will be required to ensure that dentistry remains a viable profession for the benefit of the public and for future generations of dentists. I believe in the future of the profession because I believe in you, and I believe in the collective ability of the Fellowship to lead the profession into a Second Century of Service to humanity.

Please, all of you, take up the torch wherever and whenever you can.
Dr. Leo E. Rouse is the outgoing President of the American College of Dentists and current President of the American College of Dentists Foundation. Both roles reflect his passion for leadership, ethics, professionalism, and academic excellence. Leo is from Jersey City, New Jersey and served for twenty-eight years in United States Army Dental Corps as a clinician, educator, and commander. As a commander, his most interesting assignments were in Seoul, South Korea and as the Commander of the US Army Dental Command (USADENCOM). As an educator, his most interesting positions were as Chief, Dental Science Division, Army Medical Department Center and School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and Dean of the Howard University College of Dentistry. He earned his dental degree from the Howard University College of Dentistry in 1973 and received specialty training in Comprehensive Dentistry (2 Years) at Walson Army Hospital, Fort Dix, New Jersey in 1978. He and his spouse, Yvonne, live in Bowie, Maryland. They have one son, Leo, Jr., a fantastic daughter-in-law, Julie, and two lovely granddaughters – Knylah and McKinzie.

Dr. Robert M. Lamb is President-elect and outgoing Vice President of the College. He is a part-time assistant clinical professor in the post-graduate oral and maxillofacial surgery program at the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry. Robert has served as Past-President of the Oklahoma Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and the Southwest Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He has travelled to Central America on medical mission trips for nearly 30 years. Dr. Lamb is from Dallas, Texas, where his father, Bob, practiced general dentistry and served as an ACD Regent from 1985–1989. Robert earned his DDS from Baylor College of Dentistry in 1976 and entered the Air Force. Robert was sponsored by the USAF to complete an oral and maxillofacial surgery residency at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. He retired from the USAF Reserves at the rank of Colonel. After his military retirement, Robert was in private practice as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon for over 30 years. Dr. Lamb is a recipient of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons 2021 Humanitarian of the Year Award. Robert and his wife, Donna, live in Edmond, Oklahoma and enjoy traveling, water sports, and snow skiing.
Treasurer
Robert A. Faiella, DMD, MMS, FACD
Osterville, Massachusetts

Dr. Faiella is a Past-President of the American Dental Association and is a former At Large Regent on the ACD Board of Regents.

Dr. Faiella received his pre-doctoral education from Villanova University, earning two Bachelor of Science degrees, and his DMD from Fairleigh Dickenson University School of Dental Medicine. He received his graduate training in Periodontology as an NIH post-doctoral fellow at Harvard School of Dental Medicine, as well as a Masters of Medical Science from Harvard Medical School. During this time, he served five years as a research fellow with the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He also received his Master’s in Business Administration at the MIT Sloan School of Management.

Dr. Faiella has received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine and has been invited to deliver the commencement address to eight dental schools over the past ten years. He is also a past-president of the Massachusetts Dental Society, and former ADA First District Trustee.

Vice President
Teresa A. Dolan, DDS, MPH, FACD
Longboat Key, Florida

Dr. Dolan is Vice President and Chief Clinical Officer at Dentsply Sirona and leads the global Clinical Affairs function, supports new product development, and oversees the largest global clinical education program sponsored by dental industry. Dr. Dolan joined Dentsply Sirona after serving as professor and dean of the University of Florida College of Dentistry from 2003 until 2013. As chief academic officer, she managed a $62 million operating budget, with $13.7 million in research funding and revenue from more than 100,000 annual patient visits. She is recognized for her contributions to dental public health, geriatric dentistry, and as a champion for diversity and women in dentistry. Dr. Dolan is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Rutgers University; she earned a DDS degree from the University of Texas and a MPH degree from the University of California, Los Angeles. She was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Dental Health Services Research Scholar, completed a Veterans Administration Fellowship in geriatric dentistry, and is a board certified in dental public health. Dr. Dolan is an outgoing At Large Regent.
There have been five Executive Directors of the College. Prior to 1970, executive leadership was provided by the Secretary. The Executive Director is still considered the Secretary of the College and serves as an ex-officio officer on the Board of Regents. With one exception, this position has always been held by a Fellow of the College, highlighting the grassroots nature of the ACD.

Theresa S. Gonzales, DMD, MS, MSS, FACD
Executive Director
Rockville, Maryland

Dr. Gonzales is a former At Large Regent of the Board and was appointed Executive Director in 2017. After nearly 30 years of distinguished service, Dr. Gonzales retired from the United States Army in 2013 with the rank of Colonel. After retiring from the Army, she served as a professor of oral pathology and as the Director of Orofacial Pain Management at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Before her retirement from the Army, she served as the Director of Strategic Communications for the Army Surgeon General. She has commanded formations in Europe and the United States. Prior to her successive command selections, she served as Director of Orofacial Pain Management and a Staff Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologist at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dr. Gonzales graduated with distinction from the College of Charleston and she received her DMD from the Medical University of South Carolina. She began her military career at Fort Jackson, South Carolina as a resident in the Advanced Education in General Dentistry program. Subsequently, she completed a residency training program in oral and maxillofacial pathology in 1992 at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda. In 2006, she completed a two-year Fellowship in Orofacial Pain at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School and completed a Master of Science in Health Care from George Washington University in Washington, DC. Theresa has published more than seventy five articles in peer-reviewed journals and she presented more than one thousand hours of continuing education lectures both nationally and internationally.
At Large Regents

At Large Regents are nominated by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Regents. They are national representatives in their field of expertise, including military healthcare, dental industry, organized dentistry, and academia. They bring a global perspective to the Board.

At Large Regent

Joseph P. Crowley, DDS, FACD
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dr. Crowley is a general dentist practicing in Cincinnati, Ohio, and is a Past President of the American Dental Association.

In 2013, Crowley earned the Ohio Dental Association Distinguished Dentist Award. He also received the Ohio Dental Association Achievement Award in 2001, the Cincinnati Dental Society Meritorious Service Award in 2007, and the Ohio Pierre Fauchard Distinguished Dentist Award.

After finishing dental school at the Ohio State University College of Dentistry in 1976, Crowley returned to his hometown of Cincinnati, where he has practiced general dentistry for more than three decades. He's been involved in the community and has been particularly active at LaSalle High School, his alma mater. He was named to the school’s athletic hall of fame in 2009. Crowley and his wife, Pauletta, have been married 43 years and have three children and seven grandchildren.

At Large Regent

Krista M. Jones, DDS, FACD
Jones, Oklahoma

Dr. Krista M. Jones, incoming At Large Regent, is a retired general dentist and the current Secretary of the Oklahoma Board of Dentistry. Previously, she served as a Delegate to the ADA House of Delegates and is the Past President of the Oklahoma Dental Association. Additionally, she has served as the President of the Oklahoma Association of Women Dentists and Chair of the Oklahoma Dental Association Mediation Review Council and the Council on Bylaws, Policy, and Ethics. She is also a former member of the Oklahoma Governor’s Task Force on Children and Oral Health and the recipient of the James A. Saddoris Lifetime Achievement Award from the Oklahoma Dental Association.

Krista is from Edmond, Oklahoma and holds a DDS from the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry. She and her husband, Craig Stinson, live in Jones, Oklahoma, and together have been on 13 medical and dental mission trips. They also enjoy following total solar eclipses and have had the pleasure of seeing ten of them.
At Large Regents

At Large Regent
Cecile A. Feldman, DMD, MBA, FACD
Newark, New Jersey

Dr. Feldman is dean and professor at the Rutgers University School of Dental Medicine. She is also a professor at the Rutgers University School of Public Health and adjunct professor at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine.

Early in her career, Cecile became active in the American Association of Dental Schools. Her activities include serving as an ADEA representative on the Commission on Dental Accreditation and ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure. In 2013, she completed her term as chair of the Council of Deans and in 2018 as chair of the Board of Directors.

Cecile is from Clifton, New Jersey. She earned her dental degree and a certificate in advanced general dentistry from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. She also earned an MBA in health care administration from The Wharton School.

She and her husband, Harry K. Zohn, DMD, live in Montville, New Jersey with their Newfoundland, Newton. They enjoy traveling, cycling on rail trails, and snowshoeing in the winter. They also delight in just spending time together and with their extended families which include sisters, brothers-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews, and now grand nephews.

At Large Regent
Stephen M. Pachuta, DDS, MSHS, FCD
Morgantown, West Virginia

Dr. Pachuta is the senior At Large Regent and serves on the executive committee of the board. He is the dean at West Virginia University School of Dentistry. An alumnus of WVU School of Dentistry, he completed residency training in Comprehensive Dentistry at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School and earned a Master of Sciences in Health Sciences from George Washington University. He has a Master of Arts in Bioethics and Health Policy from the Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics at Loyola University, Chicago and is the course director for Ethics and Law in Dentistry at WVU. He is board certified by the American Board of General Dentistry and a Professor of Restorative Dentistry. A retired United States Navy Rear Admiral, he enjoys distance running.

His bride, Rene, is also a retired Naval officer. In retirement, she formally studied culinary arts with a special interest and focus on pastries and baking. She is an avid dragon boat paddler and has competed in numerous US and International Dragon Boat races.
Geographic Regents

Regents are elected directly by their peers and serve as leaders to the Sections in their regencies. They are engaged in working directly with Section leaders to ensure the College’s resources are readily available to make the mission actionable.

Regency 1

Paula K. Friedman, DDS, MSD, MPH, FACD
Brookline, Massachusetts

Dr. Paula K Friedman is the Regent for Regency 1 and serves as a senior regent on the executive committee of the board. Her prior experience includes the positions of President, American Dental Education Association (ADEA); President, Massachusetts Dental Society; President, American Society of Geriatric Dentistry; and Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives, Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine. She is also a Town Representative in Brookline, Massachusetts; Co-chair of the Brookline Neighborhood Alliance; and member of the Council on Aging.

Paula was born in Wildwood, New Jersey. She earned a dental degree from Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery (now Columbia College of Dental Medicine), and additional degrees in Dental Public Health (MSD) and Public Health (MPH in Health Services Administration) from Boston University.

She and her husband, Emanuel, live in Brookline, Massachusetts and enjoy travel, classical music, and being with friends. Their three sons reside in Shanghai, Zurich, and Boston.

Regency 2

Peter H. Guevara, DMD, FACP
San Antonio, Texas

Colonel (Dr.) Pete Guevara is the Regent for ACD Regency 2. He currently serves as the US Army Dental Corps Branch Specific Proponent Officer and as the Dean of the Army Postgraduate Dental School. Colonel Guevara has been active in the US military for over 28 years. He has combat deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq to his credit.

Pete is originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and is a 1992 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh’s School of Dental Medicine. He completed a 1-year GPR in 1993, a 1-year hospital dentistry Fellowship in 1994 and a 2-year comprehensive dentistry program in 2001. Pete has been actively involved in dental education since 2005.

Colonel Guevara is currently stationed in San Antonio, Texas where he lives with his wife, Karyn, and his daughter, Maya. In his spare time Pete is an avid ice hockey and roller hockey player.
Carole M. Hanes, DMD, FACD
Augusta, Georgia

Dr. Carole M. Hanes is the Regent for Regency 3 and serves as a senior regent on the executive committee of the board. She retired as Associate Dean for Students, Admissions and Alumni at the Medical College of Georgia in 2018. She is a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and is the recipient of the Georgia Dental Association Award of Merit. Dr. Hanes is also the recipient of multiple grants from the Health Resources and Services Administration and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for her research.

Carole, whose father was in the military, grew up in multiple places before finally making her home in Georgia. She obtained her DMD from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry and completed a residency in Pediatric Dentistry at the Eastman Dental Center in Rochester, New York.

She and her husband, Philip, live in Augusta, Georgia where she is an active member of her church and is serving on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee for the Dental College of Georgia and Chairs the DCG Alumni Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Focus Group.

Terry L. Norris, DMD, FACD
Owensboro, Kentucky

Dr. Norris is the Regent for Regency 4 and is a general dentist in private practice. He is an adjunct professor at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry and serves on both the Daviess County Board of Health and the Green River District Board of Health. He is also a Past President of the Kentucky Dental Association. He continues to serve as the Editor for the Kentucky Section of the College.

After competing on the varsity men’s soccer team and earning a dual degree in biology and chemistry from Geneva College in Pennsylvania, Dr. Norris attained his DMD from University of Kentucky College of Dentistry. He has served on the Council on Annual Sessions for the Kentucky Dental Association since 1992.

Terry is married to Ginger, who began working as patient coordinator at the office after her retirement from the Owensboro Public Schools as a speech and language pathologist. Together they have three grown sons and five grandchildren.
Dr. Raimann is the Regent for Regency 5. He is a Past President of the Wisconsin Dental Association and Greater Milwaukee Dental Association. He served on the ADA Council on Ethics, Bylaws, and Judicial Affairs from 2012–2016. Tom is from Muskego, Wisconsin. He worked for his dad as a mason laborer while going through school. There was also much work to do on the family Christmas tree farms in Wild Rose, Wisconsin and in Muskego. He kept involved with the tree farm working alongside his dad when he could.

He earned his degree from Marquette University School of Dentistry in 1980, after “dropping out” of undergrad at Marquette in 1976.

Tom now lives in Milwaukee with his wife, Michelle (Mick), and Stella, their dog. His daughter, Elizabeth, and her husband, Nick, live in Minneapolis. Daughter Margaret and her partner, Alex, live in Portland, Oregon. Mick’s son Andy and fiancé, Caroline, live nearby in Milwaukee.

Dr. Kristi Soileau is the incoming Regent for Regency 6 and is a member of the eJACD Editorial Board, and Advisor to the LSUHSC SPEA Chapter. She has served in the House of Delegates of the ADA for the past ten years and was a four-year member of CEBJA. She also is on the Executive Committee of the American Academy of Periodontology, Deputy Regent for Louisiana for the ICD, and is Chair-elect for the LSU Health Foundation Board.

She was graduated from the LSU School of Dentistry in 1986, received a Masters of Education in 1987, and a Certificate in Periodontics, also from LSU, in 1988. In 2017, Dr. Soileau received her Master’s in Healthcare Ethics from Creighton through the ACD Cecelia L. Dowes Scholarship program.

A New Orleanean, she enjoys riding in Mardi Gras with a 102-year-old 3400-member ladies’ parading krewe. She is married to husband, David DeGenova, an orthodontist and ACD member. They have three sons, a saluki, and an Italian greyhound.
Regency 7
Ned L. Nix, DDS, MA, FACP
San Jose, California

Dr. Ned Nix is the incoming Regent for Regency 7 and is from San Jose, California. He graduated from UC Davis and the Dugoni School of Dentistry at University of the Pacific. He earned his GPR and OMS specialty certificates at St. Luke’s-Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York. He has a Master’s in Education from the Benerd School of Education at UOP.

Dr. Nix is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and the National Dental Board of Anesthesiology. He practices the full scope of oral and maxillofacial surgery and is an Associate Professor at UOP.

Ned has served as the President of the California Association of OMS, Chairman of the Northern California Section of the ACD, President of the Santa Clara County Dental Society, and President of the Delta Delta chapter of the OKU Dental Honor Society.

He, his wife, Kelly A. Nix, DPM, and son, Ryan Matthew Nix, are San Francisco Giants and Golden State Warriors fans, and like to golf and travel.

Regency 8
Lance M. Rucker, AB, BScD, DDS, FACP
Vancouver, British Columbia

Dr. Rucker is a professor emeritus of the University of British Columbia, where he held the positions of Director of Clinical Ergonomics and Simulation, and Chairman of the Division of General Dentistry in the Department of Oral Health Sciences. He currently maintains an active practice as a dental clinical ergonomist, providing ergonomic assessments and training for dentists and university-based undergraduate and graduate dental programs across North America and Europe.

Born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky, Dr. Rucker holds citizenships in both the United States and Canada. He graduated from the University of California (Berkeley) and UCSF School of Dentistry. Right after graduating, he licensed in both California and Canada and began a public health externship in British Columbia, Canada, where he has continued living for the past 48 years.

Lance is a ballroom dancer, coddwainer, amateur arborist, and jazz pianist. He has appeared as a professional actor in television and feature films over the past two decades.

Lance and his wife, Bianca, travelled together on an international expedition to Antarctica, and in 1997 spent inspiring time with Father Tissa Balasuriya and Sir Arthur Clarke at their homes in Sri Lanka.
Liaisons to the Board of Regents

Affiliated Organizations independently elect one of their members, who is also a Fellow of the College, to the Board of Regents. Although these positions are *ex-officio*, the liaisons bring different perspectives to the board and play a crucial role in ensuring a broad and inclusive perspective on our mission.

Toni M. Roucka, RN, DDS, MA, FACD
Liaison, ASDE
Kenosha, Wisconsin

Dr. Roucka is Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of Illinois Chicago College of Dentistry (UIC COD). Her undergraduate degree is in nursing, and she still maintains an active RN license. She received her DDS from the UIC COD and an MA in Bioethics from the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Immediately upon graduation from UIC, Dr. Roucka served as a Naval Dental Officer during Operation Desert Storm. Following her naval career, Dr. Roucka was the first dentist to staff the Spang Center for Oral Health, a clinic dedicated exclusively to the treatment of HIV+ / AIDS patients in Chicago.

In her leisure time, Toni enjoys family, the outdoors, playing her flute with the Milwaukee American Legion Band, and creative writing.

Erik G. Klintmalm, DMD, MPH, MA, FACD
Liaison, SPEA
Austin, Texas

Dr. Erik Klintmalm is the incoming liaison for SPEA and a general dentist practicing in Austin, Texas, and currently serves as the Executive Director of the Student Professionalism and Ethics Association. His prior experience of serving on the editorial board for the American Student Dental Association and the board for the Student Professionalism and Ethics Association have kept him involved with the upcoming generation of the profession.

Erik is from Dallas, Texas, but has lived where his education has taken him, including Los Angeles, Waco, New York City, Philadelphia, and Phoenix. He earned a DMD and MPH from the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health and his MA in bioethics from New York University.

He and his fiancé live in Austin and enjoy traveling, home renovations, fitness, cooking, baking, cocktails, and eating.
The Regent Intern program provides dental residents and new-to-profession dentists with an opportunity to experience organized dentistry at the highest level. Interns are appointed by the Board of Regents for a two-year term and serve *ex-officio*. The College benefits greatly from welcoming a fresh perspective.

Andrea Fenton, DMD
Regent Intern
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dr. Fenton is the current Regent Intern to the Board of Regents as well as Co-executive Chair of the Student Professionalism and Ethics Association (SPEA). She has been involved with SPEA since beginning dental school in 2015 and has continued to enjoy her involvement as an alumnus of the organization. She is passionate about dental ethics and education and the role that the ACD has in fostering the next generation of dentists.

Andrea is originally from Atlanta, Georgia but is currently living in New Orleans, Louisiana where she is completing a residency program in endodontics. Upon graduation, she is excited to start practicing in Sarasota, Florida. She earned her DMD degree from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry in 2019.

In her free time, Dr. Fenton can be found at the park with her dog, Ollie, or spending time with family and friends.
The American College of Dentists is delighted to announce the addition of our 53rd section—the AADEJ.

The American Association of Dental Editors & Journalists was chartered in 1931 and is composed of dedicated people specifically interested in improving communication within the dental profession and in elevating the standards of dental journalism. The organization is committed to the establishment and encouragement of responsible editorial policy. Prior to its founding, the AADEJ was aligned with the ACD Commission on Journalism and there was a shared mission to advance communication efforts in order to elevate the standards in the profession of dentistry.

Today, we view this collaboration as more crucial than ever before. We seek a broad audience to listen to and to learn from. We share a common belief that listening is the foundational tenet of communication that is often overlooked, and we intend to more fully engage in active listening. Of this we are certain, organizations of the future will need to understand and be able to use a rapidly expanding array of emerging technologies. These technologies are designed to extend the individual’s and organization’s communication capacities.

The AADEJ invites all those interested in enhancing communication to consider active membership in this non-geographic section of the College.

Leo E. Rouse, DDS, FACD
President, American College of Dentists

It is with great anticipation of enhancing communication in the profession that we welcome the American Association of Dental Editors and Journalists as a non-geographic section of the American College of Dentists. The Board of Regents of ACD and the Board of Directors of AADEJ have approved a one-year trial affiliation, during which time we will work out administrative details. This is similar to the status of the American Society for Dental Ethics in the College, which ACD Fellows may join based on their professional interests in addition to their geographic section. Our partnership also provides a pipeline to Fellowship for AADEJ members who are on a trajectory to leadership in dental writing and editing.

The editors’ organization was founded in 1930 by William Gies and other Fellows of the College as a result of the work of its Commission on Journalism. AADEJ helps dental organizations strengthen their communication with members and the publics they serve. The ACD and the AADEJ already have a joint code of ethics in dental journalism.

We urge you to join us in raising the level of communication in the ACD and the profession.

Brian K. Shue, DDS, FACD
President, American Association of Dental Editors and Journalists

The College and the American Association of Dental Editors and Journalists (AADEJ) worked together in 2021 to arrange and execute a trial affiliation agreement, which will become permanent in 2022. Letters of welcome were extended to ACD Fellows and members of AADEJ by both presidents, Drs. Leo Rouse and Brian Shue.
Patricia L. Blanton, DDS, MS, PhD, FACD
Rockville, Maryland

Dr. Blanton has established a reputation as a disciplined educator, researcher, administrator, clinician-scholar and community advocate. She is a nationally and internationally recognized expert in the fields of surgical anatomy, local anesthesia, and pain management. Over the past fifty plus years, Pat has lectured extensively, providing more than one thousand hours of continuing education on these topics.

As a leading authority in surgical anatomy, she has published more than one hundred peer-reviewed publications, numerous book chapters, and one textbook. Dr. Blanton has regularly published her research findings and she has been awarded research grants from a variety of well recognized entities to include NIH, NIDCR, and multiple, interdisciplinary intramural funding initiatives.

In 2017, Dr. Blanton received the American Dental Association’s highest honor – the Distinguished Service Award for her sustained contributions to our profession and she is a 2022 recipient of the ADEA Gies Award recognizing her myriad contributions in dental education.

Thomas J. Connolly, DDS, FACD
New York, New York

Dr. Connolly is currently a Consultant for the American College of Dentists Foundation and chairs the ACD-SPEA Task Force. He served as President of the American College of Dentists from 2018-2019 and as President of the New York Academy of Dentistry from 2005-2006. He participates as a Donated Dental Service volunteer and continues being an Ethics Facilitator at Columbia as he has for over 25 years.

Tom was born and raised in Jersey City, New Jersey and is the oldest of seven children. He attended St. Peter’s College. He earned his DDS and Certificate in Periodontology from Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery.

He and his wife, Arlene, live in New York City. His three daughters and three grandchildren also live in New York. He enjoys playing tennis in Central Park with Arlene and his oldest daughter, Julie, with whom he practices. His hobbies include travel, cooking and photography.
Outgoing Board Members

Members of the Board of Regents leave an indelible mark on the College. The depth and breadth of their experience and thoughtful servant-leadership guide the advancement of the mission and help to chart a course for decades to come.

Stephen A. Ralls, DDS, EdD, FACD
Dr. Ralls served as Executive Director of the ACD from 1997 to 2017 and was elected as Vice President to the Board of Regents upon retirement. He subsequently served as President-elect, President, and President of the ACD Foundation. He led the College through the early days of the pandemic, ensuring that the mission would continue. Dr. Ralls is the 2021 recipient of the William John Gies Award, the highest honor the College bestows, and one of the highest honors in dentistry.

Douglas W. Bogan, DDS, FACD
Regent, Regency 6
Dr. Bogan stepped up to lead Regency 6 after the untimely loss in early 2020 of Robert M. Anderton, DDS, JD. Dr. Bogan led with grace and sensitivity, stepping in as Chair of the Bylaws and Sections Committee, and serving on the Membership Committee. Dr. Bogan has been in private practice in Houston, Texas for 48 years.

Gary S. Yonemoto, DDS, MS, FACD
Regent, Regency 7
Dr. Yonemoto was elected to the Board of Regents in 2017 and served as Chair of the Membership Committee, as well as a member of the Awards Committee. He is a former President of the Hawaii Dental Association. He is retired from the private practice of endodontics in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Michael C. Meru, DDS, FACD
Dr. Meru joined the Board of Regents in 2016 as the Liaison to the Student Professionalism and Ethics Association. He had formerly served as the Regent Intern to the Board. Dr. Meru is in private practice in orthodontics in Utah and California.
Yakir Arteaga, DDS, FACD  
(not pictured)  
New York Section Chair  
New York, New York  
Dr. Arteaga is in private practice and has been actively involved in resident training at Mount Sinai.

Hubert Gaucher, BA, DDS, MScD, FACD  
Quebec Section Chair  
Quebec, Canada  
Dr. Gaucher is a retired professor and practitioner of prosthodontics who also serves as CEO of the Canadian Dental Research Institute (CDRI), a not-for-profit corporation and Quebec public research University entity.

Lawrence E. Volland, DDS, FACD  
Western New York Section Chair  
Lockport, New York  
Dr. Volland is in private practice in Lockport, NY. He is a Past-President of the New York State Dental Association.

Robert Edmund Bartro, DDS, FACD  
New England Section Chair  
East Greenwich, Rhode Island  
Dr. Bartro is a general dentist serving as Administrator of the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry. He is a Past President and Executive Director of the Rhode Island Dental Association.

Wayne S. Harrison, DDS, FACD  
Hudson-Mohawk Section Chair  
Gloversville, New York  
Dr. Harrison practices general dentistry and is currently a Trustee of the New York State Dental Association representing the Fourth District. He has two sons who are also dentists.

Thomas H. Raddall III, DDS, FACD  
Atlantic Provinces Section Chair  
Liverpool, Nova Scotia  
Dr. Raddall is a private practitioner providing general dentistry. He is Past President of the Nova Scotia Dental Association, past chair of the Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia, and Past Chair of the Advocacy Committee for the Canadian Dental Association.
Our Section Chairs lead from the front, advancing the College’s mission where it means the most—in our communities.

**Regency 2**

**Barry L. Cohan, DDS, FACD**  
Maryland Section Chair  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Dr. Cohan has practiced dentistry in Maryland for 47 years, and currently serves on the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners. He is a part-time assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry.

**Edward N. Griggs, DDS, FACD**  
Virginia Section Chair  
Midlothian, Virginia  
Dr. Griggs is a full-time dentist with Eastern Shore Rural Health, a Community Health Center serving the Eastern Shore of Virginia. He is Past President of the Richmond Dental Society.

**Renee Joskow, DDS, MPH, FACD**  
Federal Services Chair  
Gaithersburg, Maryland  
Gregory C. La Morte, DDS, FACD  
New Jersey Section Chair  
South Orange, New Jersey

**Adam T. Schneider, DDS, FACD**  
Metro Washington Chair  
Gaithersburg, Maryland  
Dr. Schneider is a general dentist in his family practice, which was established in 1940. He is Past Chair of the Maryland state annual meeting and the Southern Maryland Dental Association.

**Anne E. O’Day, DMD, FACD**  
Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Section Chair  
Furlong, Pennsylvania  
Dr. O’Day is an Orthodontist in private practice. She is Past President of the Montgomery-Bucks Dental Society and the Pennsylvania Association of Orthodontists. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics.

**Cynthia L. Schuler, DDS, FACD**  
(not pictured)  
Western Pennsylvania Section Chair  
Washington, Pennsylvania  
Dr. Schuler is a general dentist.

**Lloyd J. Searson, BDS, MS, FDS.RCS, FACD**  
(not pictured)  
European Section Chair  
London, United Kingdom  
Dr. Searson is a practicing prosthodontist and lectures in all aspects of prosthodontics and implant dentistry.
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Section Chairs

Regency 3

William Bachand, DDS, FACD
Georgia Section Chair
Evans, Georgia
Dr. Bachand is an associate professor at the Dental College of Georgia, and Clinical Director of Restorative Dentistry in the Department of Restorative Sciences.

Edwin A. del Valle-Sepulveda, DMD, JD, FACD
Puerto Rico Section Chair
San Juan, Puerto Rico
Dr. del Valle-Sepulveda is a board-certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon with over 30 years of clinical experience.

Thomas Edmonds, DDS, FACD
Carolinas Section Chair
Lexington, South Carolina
Dr. Edmonds is a retired general dentist.

Sonya Mitchell, DMD, MSHA, FACD
Alabama Section Chair
Birmingham, Alabama
Dr. Mitchell is an associate professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry. She is program director of UAB’s International Dentistry Program.

Joseph Thomas, DDS, FACD
Florida Section Chair
Vero Beach, Florida
Dr. Thomas is in private practice in Fort Lauderdale, Fort Pierce, and Vero Beach, Florida. He also serves as the Peer Review Chairman for the Broward County Dental Association.
Gregory A. Berger, DDS, FACD
Indiana Section Chair
Jasper, Indiana
Dr. Berger is retired from private practice. He is currently on the Indiana Board of Dentistry and a member of the Indiana Dental Association House of Delegates.

Ansley H. Depp, DMD, FACD
Kentucky Section Chair
Fort Thomas, KY
Dr. Depp retired from private practice this year and is currently contemplating her next chapter. She is Past President of the Kentucky Dental Association.

George T. Goodis, DDS, FACD
Michigan Section Chair
Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan
Dr. Goodis is an adjunct Professor in the Department of Endodontics at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Dr. Larry K. Hildebrand, DDS, MS, FACD
West Virginia Section Chair
Morgantown, West Virginia
Dr. Hildebrand is retired from the private practice of endodontics.

Kevin M. Laing, DDS, FACD
Ohio Section Chair
Van Wert, Ohio
Dr. Laing practices general dentistry with his son, Robert. They are celebrating the fourth generation in the practice. He is a Past President of the Ohio Dental Association.

Larry Tenaschuk, BSc., DDS, FACD
Ontario Section Chair
Burlington, Ontario
Dr. Tenaschuk is a retired general practitioner who served as President of Canada’s largest component dental society, the Halton Peel Dental Association.
2022 ACD Leadership

Section Chairs

Regency 5

Fred C. Burnham, DMD, FACD
Iowa Section Chair
Bettendorf, Iowa
Dr. Burnham is an adjunct professor in the Department of Family Dentistry at the University of Iowa.

Keith W. Dickey, DDS, MBA, FACD
Illinois Section Chair
Alton, Illinois
Dr. Dickey is the director and associate professor emeritus for continuing education and alumni services at the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine.

Shaheda GM Govani, DDS, FACD
Wisconsin Section Chair
Oshkosh, Wisconsin
Dr. Govani is in private practice in her hometown of Oshkosh and serves as Vice Chairperson of the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board.

Marvin Elwood Rice, DDS, FACD
Missouri Section Chair
Mexico, Missouri
Dr. Rice is a private practitioner doing both General and Hospital Dentistry. He is Past President of the Missouri Dental Association.

Jennifer Hasslen, DDS, FACD
Nebraska Section Chair
Papillion, Nebraska
Dr. Hasslen teaches pre-clinical and clinical restorative dentistry at Creighton University, maintains a part-time private practice, and serves as a Lt. Colonel in the Nebraska Air National Guard.

Michael Schafhauser, DDS, FACD
Upper Midwest Section Chair
St. Paul, Minnesota
Michael has been in general practice in St. Paul, Minnesota since 1979. He’s a Past President of the Minnesota Dental Association and past member of the ADA Council of Government affairs.

Matthew F. Krische, DDS, FACD
(not pictured)
Kansas Section Chair
Lawrence, Kansas
Dr. Krische is in private practice.
Nelson Daly, DDS, FACD  
Louisiana Section Chair  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
Dr. Daly is in private practice along with two associates.

Daphne C. Ferguson-Young, DDS, MSPH, FACD  
Tennessee Section Chair  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Dr. Ferguson-Young is the Program Director of the General Practice Residency program at Meharry Medical College, School of Dentistry.

Barbara A. MacNeill, DMD, MS, FACD  
(not pictured)  
Texas Section Chair  
San Antonio, Texas  
Dr. MacNeill is the Director of the Advanced General Dentistry Clinic and Assistant Director of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at the University of Texas Health Science Center.

Tina Nichols, DDS, FACD  
Arkansas Section Chair  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
Dr. Nichols is in private practice.

Jeffrey Pierce, DDS, FACD  
Oklahoma Section Chair  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Dr. Pierce is an oral healthcare provider at the Veteran’s Affairs Medical Center.

John B. Roberson, DMD, FACD  
Mississippi Section Chair  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
Dr. Roberson works in private practice and currently speaks nationally on medical/sedation emergencies, pharmacology, and medical emergency preparedness.
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Section Chairs

Regency 7

Linda A. Lukacs, DDS, Facd
Southern California Section Chair
San Diego, California
Dr. Lukacs is a general dentist in TMD, Sleep Disordered Breathing Disorders, and Myofascial Pain as well as a professor of Dental Hygiene. She is a Trustee at the California Dental Association and Past President of the San Diego County Dental Society.

Daniel L. Orr II, DDS, MS (Anesth), PhD, JD, MD, Facd
Nevada Section Chair
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Firstly, I must thank the American College of Dentists and its leadership for this opportunity to offer the Convocation Address today. To the College Executive Committee, our Regents as well as our incoming Regents and officers - it is my sincere honor to have the esteemed privilege of standing in such a hallowed place. Most certainly to our Executive Director, Dr. Theresa Gonzales and the amazing College staff members and team, I honor and recognize your dedication, diligence and passion in advancing the mission of the American College. To, Dr. Leo Rouse, our current ACD President, who personally extended this invitation to me today, I thank you for your leadership not only of ACD but as a stalwart exemplar spanning dental practice, military service, dental education and organized dentistry. From my earliest days as a dental student nearly 20 years ago at the University of Michigan, you were then and remain a national role model for so many, and I am the better from your mentorship. And lastly, but certainly not least to the women and men of the hour, our inductees, our new Fellows, to you I offer a heartfelt welcome!

In addition to welcoming our new Fellows, Convocation is a time for renewed commitment to our shared mission—to advance excellence, ethics, professionalism, and leadership in dentistry.

The American College of Dentists is comprised of dentists who have exemplified excellence through their outstanding leadership and exceptional contributions to dentistry and society. By many regards, your inclusion within the ranks of our invitation-only membership shows your depth of commitment and action as a true standout within our profession. You have likely lived life in a manner congruent with the words of noted scholar, philosopher, theologian Dr. Howard Thurman who stated, “don’t ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.” For each of you, some aspect of our dental profession has indeed made you come alive. While your accomplishments are many, your service commitments numerous, your patient relationships likely enviable, your new status as a Fellow isn’t simply an honor, it is truly much more than that. Your adjoining with the mission of the American College Dentists is actually an invitation; an invitation to pick up the mantle of our mission, to further cultivate our pillars of excellence, ethics, professionalism, and leadership - in both your personal and professional lives. I’m an avid track and field fan and especially love an Olympic year where we can access so many beautiful world athletics competitions. My favorite events happen to be hurdles and the relays. In the relay of course, each participant is handed the baton and they must execute their portion of the race. Think of your induction today as two-fold, the honor, yes, but also the passing of the baton to keep going! To excel further, to expand on your ethical and professional foundation, to lead with more empathy and compassion, to keep running the proverbial race!

As you are undoubtedly intimately familiar with at this juncture, as a professional, our lives have ceased to solely be centered upon our needs and wants. Our professional obligations call us to think of others and their needs—our patients most aptly—before thinking of our own. But what about the needs of those beyond our patients? Our colleagues? The needs of the various...
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oral health care team members? The public at large? It certainly isn’t a new concept to think of how we center others, what we are able to provide - our talents, our dental expertise - but what do we profit in exchange. There is personal fulfillment that we receive as a result of the giving of our professional expertise. It speaks to the duality of the altruistic sensibilities within all of us.

The late Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German theologian and anti-Nazi dissident. Bonhoeffer is known for his staunch resistance to the Nazi dictatorship, including vocal opposition to Hitler’s euthanasia program and genocidal persecution of Jews. He paid a dear price for his moral convictions, ultimately being hanged 1945 as the Nazi regime was collapsing. His words can serve to guide us here: “In normal life we hardly realize how much more we receive than we give, and life cannot be rich without such gratitude. It is so easy to overestimate the importance of our own achievements compared with what we owe to the help of others.” It is both in our giving and receiving by which we are enriched.

Our giving and receiving is perhaps no better understood than by the College's commitment to leadership. Similar to the practice of a profession such as dentistry, medicine, law or teaching - leadership is something one actually practices. Inherent within this is the notion that one may practice leadership well, or conversely, one may practice leadership poorly (which some may denote as not true leadership at all). An area that begs greater emphasis is the need to clarify the actual practice of leadership from merely holding a leadership position. While positional leadership certainly has its place and is something most strive for, the reality is that one can assume a leadership position or role but not perform in or actually lead well in the role. A positive of leadership as not simply tethered to position is the fact that almost everyone, in nearly any role, has the capacity for practicing leadership well. This is affirming in principle within both dentistry and dental education because there are so many players on the proverbial team: faculty, staff, students, prospective applicants, alumni, corporate partners, community stakeholders, donors and, of course, patients. Each of these individuals can practice leadership from their perspectives and roles.

Each and every member of the dental team has the ability to ask of themselves - am I leading well? The correlations of leadership practice to professionalism and ethics is clear - leadership success (in the variable ways it may be measured) can ultimately be traced to the choices made by said individual or leader. If leadership (good or bad) boils down to the quality of choices made, and it is widely understood that ethics is grounded in one’s choices, then how well one practices leadership is inextricably linked to one’s ethical sensibilities and foundation. How do those who practice leadership well make the choices they do? Leaders make better choices when they are mindful about their own thought processes and actions. Leadership requires a deliberate process of shifting perspectives to see situations in multiple ways and through different lenses. Leadership practiced well, requires moving beyond one's comfort zone and current preferences to embrace more complicated socioemotional, intellectual and ethical reasoning. The habitual nature of being completely unaware or insensitive to varying perspectives and other viewpoints leaves many leaders blind to available alternatives or even gaps and biases in their own knowledge. Even more troublesome is that the unawareness, or at times downright refusal to see through the lens of others, leaves those leaders with “little incentive to question their interpretations or retrace any of their steps from data selection through action.”
The ability to see the perspective of others - moreover to see the value in a lens or viewpoint different from one’s own requires two key elements - courage and emotional intelligence. Leadership practiced well - and practiced ethically - requires personal courage to break out of one’s comfort zone and step away from crowds in seeking new options, proposing new explanations or even testing alternative responses. Emotional intelligence brings together the fields of emotions and intelligence by viewing emotions as useful sources of information that help one to make sense of and navigate the social environment. Emotional intelligence has been recommended as a critical tool to normalize the individual perceptions of difference. The need for greater understanding of our differences as well as the philosophical stance to actually value and leverage our differences is paramount to optimal oral health for all.

The last year and a half have made the need to examine our personal and professional roles in truly seeing and empathizing with the experiences of those who may be different from us, like none other. The unrelenting effects of the COVID-19 global pandemic, whose effects we are still enduring - peeled away what was already a thinly veiled veneer of combating health inequities both globally and here within our own borders. That one’s zip code is still the best predictor of health outcomes cannot be our resting point. Bonhoeffer again serves as a guide here. He states, “we are not to simply bandage the wounds of victims beneath the wheels of injustice, we are to drive a spoke into the wheel itself.” For a group such as ours, the American College of Dentists, often holding itself out as the conscience of dentistry - combating health inequities and moreover racism within healthcare systems is not a can of worms we can sit idly by refusing to open, it truly is a litmus test, which we must ask of ourselves - who are we really? Are we indeed the conscience of dentistry - conscience - an inner feeling or voice viewed as acting as a guide to the rightness or wrongness - a sense or consciousness of moral goodness - examining one’s own conduct, intentions, or character together with a feeling of obligation to do right or be good! Scholar bell hooks offers assistance here - she states, “what we do is more important than what we say or what we say we believe.” So what is our collective professional action? Are we simply full of words, saddled with good and righteous intentions but moving no further - borrowing again from Howard Thurman, he states, “there are two questions that we have to ask ourselves. The 1st is “Where am I going?” and the 2nd is “Who will go with me?” If you ever get these questions in the wrong order, you are in trouble.” My sincere hope is that as individuals and as a collective we are concerned that we bring the least of these, the least of us, the least of humanity along with us - we have the potential to chart a new course - both with our expanding scope of practice and shaping the narrative of dental care as primary care - as well as combating health inequities and disparities in a real and meaningful way.

Often when one thinks of potential, we limit ourselves to less seasoned colleagues, to more emerging voices as it were - but the truth of the matter is that each of us is consistently indwelled with potential. One may then ponder, what exactly is potential? Potential is having or showing the capacity to become or develop.

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Smith, are you legitimately charging us, the new Fellows, some of the best and brightest within our profession, with proven track records of success and service, with needing to unleash our untapped potential within? Yes, that is precisely what I am charging each and every one of you with today! Let me offer you a story. A true story.

My 102 year old grandmother, Reverend Eddie Lee Stringer, who was born and raised in rural Southeastern Alabama, whose family still owns over 600 acres of land on which her grandparents toiled as free chattel slave labor. She left the farm and field life with a husband and 7 children in tow, for life in New York, Long Island, Nassau County, the city of Freeport specifically. This was in the early 1960s and they became the first African American family to own a home in what was then an all Jewish enclave. Raising all 7 children to become healthcare workers, military officers, policemen and several college graduates. She became a cosmetologist and nurse’s aide career wise but her greatest impact was through her faith and church. A sought after lay speaker and preacher - she defied gender norms of the day some of my earliest childhood memories of this grandmother who while crisscrossing the country preaching and organizing prayer vigils and reviles, would often drop in on our Columbia, South Carolina home just in time to pick me up from elementary school. Never having had the opportunity to pursue education beyond her famed Rosenwald segregated high school, a rural boarding school in fact. In her late 60s she went back to school, obtaining a certificate in religious studies and despite her decades long affiliation with a denomination who refused to ordain women - was licensed and ordained in 1988, at 70 years of age, to full Christian ministry by Bishop Carlton Pearson, one of the foremost Pentecostal pastors and scholars at that time. Even though we had to take her car keys away around 94 years old, she often reminds us - given the expansive license renewal periods these days - that she is, in fact, still a licensed driver.

So I’m sure you’re thinking, well that’s a nice story, Carlos, but what are you driving towards? I’m glad you asked, my grandmother has a colloquial saying - “while you’re still in the land of the living - there is work for you to do.” If I can borrow my grandmother today, I’m conveying a similar message and charge to you this very day - no matter your age, your accolades and accomplishments, your experiences - failures and successes - there is still an untapped potential within you. Something or perhaps even someone you have the ability to influence for good - for the better. While undoubtedly you have accomplished much thus far in life, we must pause and ask - is there more that I can still do? Is there more where I can make a difference? What’s the next act, even if it is a finale?

If you haven’t guessed by now, I am a history buff. One my favorite people to read about, learn from and quote is the late great Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays. A native of Greenwood County, South Carolina, Dr. Mays was a pioneering educator, scholar, civil rights and community leader who is most well known as a direct mentor and influencer of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Mays served nearly 3 decades as the president of Morehouse College in Atlanta, the undergraduate alma mater of Dr. King. During his tenure as president of Morehouse College, Mays constantly recited to his students an anonymous poem titled “God’s Minute”:

I have only a minute.

Only sixty seconds in it,

Forced upon me— can’t refuse it.

Didn’t seek it, didn’t choose it,

But it’s up to me to use it.

I must suffer if I lose it,

Give account if I abuse it.

Just a tiny little minute—

But eternity is in it.

With this mantra - Dr. Mays consistently encouraged his students and future change agents to use time wisely, because time was fleeting. For Mays, the nature of time requires that each person, each of us, be both deliberate and wise.... Fellows and Friends, my appeal to you today is simple - if all I have said today fails to be retained - remember this, your minute is not in fact up - the clock has not expired - what will you do with the time you have left?

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## 2021 Inductees by Section

### Kansas Section
- Donald C. Wilson
  Topeka, Kansas
- Thomas M. Darnall
  Prairie Village, Kansas

### Missouri Section
- Robert A. Reti
  Fenton, Missouri
- James L. Schmidt
  St. Louis, Missouri
- Nathan Suter
  St. Louis, Missouri

### Nebraska Section
- Melissa S. Lang
  Gretna, Nebraska

### Upper Midwest Section
- Carol L. Nielsen
  Brandt, South Dakota

### Wisconsin Section
- Mark A. Boldt
  New Berlin, Wisconsin
- Mary A. Cimrmancic
  New Berlin, Wisconsin
- Ma’Lou Sabino
  Verona, Wisconsin
- Carolyn C. D. Brookes
  Shorewood, Wisconsin
- Carl A. Meyers
  Jackson, Wisconsin
- Tamim M. Sifri
  Madison, Wisconsin
- Michael J. Urbaitis
  Milwaukee, Wisconsin

### Arkansas Section
- David A. Ciesla
  Fort Smith, Arkansas
- Jeffrey D. Rhodes
  Rogers, Arkansas

### Mississippi Section
- Rohan D. Jagtap
  Flowood, Mississippi
- Demarcio Reed
  Jackson, Mississippi

### Oklahoma Section
- Matthew L. Bridges
  Duncan, Oklahoma
- James L. Gore
  Pryor, Oklahoma
- Robin D. Henderson
  Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Rebecca J. King-Rackley
  Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Janna C. McIntosh
  Stuart, Oklahoma
- Heath Evans
  Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
- Erin K. Roberts
  Enid, Oklahoma

### Tennessee Section
- Robert M. Ammarell
  Nashville, Tennessee
- Joyce A. Barbour
  Mt. Juliet, Tennessee
- James D. Erpenbach
  Knoxville, Tennessee

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### Arizona Section
- David W. Price
  Peoria, Arizona
- Jessica L. Robertson
  Flagstaff, Arizona
- Michael LaCorte
  Oro Valley, Arizona
- Marcia Sobek
  Scottsdale, Arizona

### Texas Section
- Jennifer Buchanan
  McKinney, Texas
- Karen E. Gonzalez-Torres
  San Antonio, Texas
- Harmon V. Jacobs
  Arlington, Texas
- Johnny L. Nantz
  Austin, Texas
- Renato M. Silva
  Houston, Texas
- Victoria L. Woo
  Dallas, Texas
Hawaii Section

Michael L. Nishime
Honolulu, Hawaii

New Mexico Section

Andrew R. McDonald
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Michael S. Sparks
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Northern California Section

Nejleh Abed
San Francisco, California
Jonathan R. Pascarella
Red Bluff, California
Yogalakshmi Rajendran
San Francisco, California
Melissa Tuft
San Francisco, California
Rosemary Wu
Granite Bay, California
Pinelopi Xenoudi
Elk Grove, California
Mona Bajestan
San Francisco, California
William R. Miller
Saratoga, California

Southern California Section

Stuart J. Hoffman
Calabasas, California
Francis R. Jones
Santa Monica, California
Kent Ochiai
Tustin, California

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British Columbia Section

Deborah E. Battrum
Lake Country, British Columbia
Christopher Chung
Vancouver, British Columbia
Riki Gottlieb
Vancouver, British Columbia
Silke I. Gumplinger
Vancouver, British Columbia
Clifford Pau
Vancouver, British Columbia
Sara Bishara
Vancouver, British Columbia
Kirk Sutton
Vancouver, British Columbia
William Toews
Comox, British Columbia
Richard S. Wilczek
Prince George, British Columbia
Lina S. Jung
Vancouver, British Columbia

Colorado Section

Andrea L. Taylor
Denver, Colorado

International Section

Oliver Cvekus
Normanhurst, New South Wales
Geoffrey Hall
South Melbourne, Victoria
Tirza Harley
Normanhurst, New South Wales

Montana Section

Kenneth Bagby
Billings, Montana

Oregon Section

Alan P. Chen
Portland, Oregon
Frank J. Kratochvil
Lake Oswego, Oregon
Susan R. Rustvold
Milwaukee, Oregon
Ronald L. Sakaguchi
Portland, Oregon

Utah Section

R. James Keddington
North Salt Lake, Utah
Craig Proctor
Salt Lake City, Utah

Washington Section

Kimberly M. Espinoza
Renton, Washington
Oleg A. Shvartsur
Redmond, Washington
Michael D. Silverman
Seattle, Washington
Alex M. Narvaez
Seattle, Washington
Nhi Pham
Mulkiteo, Washington
Audrey K. Tatt
Kirkland, Washington
2021 AWARDS

GIÉS AWARD
In 1939, the leaders of the American College of Dentists sought the means to recognize exceptional efforts and accomplishments by its Fellows. This recognition became the William John Gies Award, named in honor of the man who shaped the profession through his untiring efforts. The Board of Regents recognizes Fellows who have made truly unique and exceptional contributions to advancing the profession and its service to society. This is the highest honor of the American College of Dentists.

ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM AWARD
Since its founding in 1920 the American College of Dentists has championed ethics, ethical behavior, and professionalism in dentistry. In keeping with its historical mission and its longstanding role as the “conscience of dentistry,” the Board of Regents desired a tangible means of recognizing exceptional contributions by individuals or organizations for the promotion of ethics and professionalism. This effort became the Ethics and Professionalism Award of the American College of Dentists and is supported by the Jerome B. Miller Family Foundation. This award is the highest honor the College can bestow in this important area.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD
The Outstanding Service Award, given since 1995, recognizes Fellows for specific, outstanding service to dentistry, the community, or humanity. This award is presented through a special recommendation of the Board of Regents.

HONORARY FELLOWS
Honorary Fellowship is a means to bestow Fellowship on deserving non-dentists. This status is awarded to individuals who would otherwise be candidates for Fellowship by virtue of demonstrated leadership and achievements in dentistry or the community except that they are not dentists. Honorary Fellows have all the rights and privileges of Fellowship except they cannot vote or hold elected office.

OZAR-HASEGAWA Awardees
The Ozar–Hasegawa Award is named in honor of Professor David Ozar (Loyola University) and Dr. Thomas Hasegawa (Texas), two distinguished persons who are recognized for their contribution to the teaching and practice of ethics in dentistry.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT LEADER AWARDS
Outstanding dental students are identified and recognized by ACD Section Officers each year.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT Awardees
The ACD Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes the contributions of Fellows who have invested fifty years of service and commitment to the American College of Dentists. This award was established by a generous contribution from Dr. Samuel D. Harris in 1986.
After an exhaustive national search, Dr. Stephen A. Ralls was appointed September 25, 1996, to serve as the fourth executive director and seventh administrative officer of the American College of Dentists. Dr. Ralls is a native of California. He began his dental education at the University of Southern California, School of Dentistry. Upon graduation in 1974 he entered the U.S. Navy, completing a general practice residency at the Naval Regional Medical Center, San Diego. In 1979 Dr. Ralls completed a doctorate in education, also from the University of Southern California. The same year he started a periodontics residency at Indiana University, completing the program in 1981 with a Master of Science in Dentistry degree. Dr. Ralls achieved certification by the American Board of Periodontology in 1984.

Dr. Ralls’ Navy career included a variety of challenging assignments, including dental department head on the USS Dixon (AS-37), Dental Corps plans officer and specialty advisor for dental research for the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, and commanding officer of the Naval Dental Research Institute, Great Lakes. Dr. Ralls achieved the rank of captain in 1990, and he was the first captain to receive the surface warfare designation for medical department officers. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), and the Navy Commendation Medal (two awards). He has authored or co-authored over sixty articles and abstracts, given numerous professional presentations, and he has received five patents for his research. Dr. Ralls was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Dentists in 1993. Among other honors, he is also a fellow of the International College of Dentists.

On 24 March 1997, Dr. Ralls left the Navy to assume new duties as executive director of the college. In this capacity he served as managing editor.

“I am extremely humbled and honored to receive the William John Gies Award. I could never have dreamed of such an accolade. I extend my profound appreciation to the College for this incredible honor and am forever grateful.”

– Stephen Ralls

Dr. Stephen A. Ralls
Stephen Ralls, former Executive Director and Past President of the College, on his induction day in 1993.

Dr. Stephen A. Ralls

of the Journal of the American College of Dentists; editor of ACD News, the College newsletter; and secretary of the American College of Dentists Foundation. Dr. Ralls also served as a representative for the Dentistry Section, American Association for the Advancement of Science, member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the National Library of Medicine, and member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.

As executive director for more than twenty years, Dr. Ralls was centrally involved in the development or improvement of virtually all major College initiatives during his tenure. He focused the College and Foundation on meaningful projects and activities while emphasizing value, relevance, quality, and impact within a context of organizational health. Among other efforts, he organized four ethics summits, developed, and edited the Ethics Handbook for Dentists, created the ethics wallet cards, and proposed and championed the successful at-large regent program. He also had leading roles in the Professional Ethics Initiative, the Ethics Scholarship Program, and integration of the American Society for Dental Ethics.

Dr. Ralls initiated and developed the online presence of the College, which included both programming and acquisition of the key Internet domains. From his efforts the main College website grew steadily to include, among other features, online dues payment and a membership directory. Dr. Ralls was the developer and driving force behind the other major online initiatives, such as Courses Online Dental Ethics (CODE), the Dental Ethics Survey, the Interactive Dental Ethics Application, the multimedia dental history resource, and the leadership resource. Over his term of office, the financial health of both the College and Foundation improved dramatically, while over the same period, projects, activities, and services expanded significantly.

Dr. Ralls has continued his service to the College serving in a variety of elected leadership roles. In 2020, he was elected as President of the American College of Dentists and currently, he serves as the President of the American College of Dentists Foundation. He, along with Dr. Blanton are working on a book devoted to the leaders of the College over the past one hundred years. The publication of this book is slated to coincide with the 50th Anniversary of the American College of Dentists Foundation.
Dr. David W. Chambers

“...I learned ethics as a Fellow of the American College of Dentists. I noticed that those around me always had a little time to discuss things when I was unsure what to do and look for ways to build the profession. It has been infectious. I got ethics by contact with the many who are working to build a moral community. I have been so fortunate to travel with you.”

– David Chambers

More than most, Dr. David Chambers understands the role of ethics in the “professionalization” of those who are charged to care for others. He has always encouraged an open discussion of the challenges in teaching ethics, and he has committed to an inventory of actions that make it easier to be ethical. He teaches with the conviction that ethics instruction gives clinicians vital knowledge not available from science alone. Teaching ethics in this way, or, better still, encouraging a state of mind that will ensure that ethical issues become an integral part of clinical practice throughout a doctor’s career, requires considerable organizational skills and enthusiasm. As it turns out, David appears to possess plenty of both.

Dr. Chambers is professor of orthodontics and former associate dean for academic affairs and scholarship at the University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco. He also served as the editor of the Journal of the American College of Dentists. He has served as a consultant to most national dental organizations and dental schools in the United States and Canada, as well having served as an examiner for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and on the Commission on Dental Accreditation. He has earned the EdM, MBA, and PhD degrees and has been a visiting scholar in philosophy at Cambridge University, the London School of Economics, and UC Berkeley. He has published a monthly column on ethics in the Cal-
Dr. Chambers was awarded Honorary Fellowship in the College in 1993. He and Dr. Ralls worked together for 20 years, before Ralls’ retirement in 2017.

Dr. David W. Chambers

Dr. Chambers was appointed Editor of the College in 1994, changing the mission of the Journal of the American College of Dentists to “identify and place before the Fellows, the profession, and other parties of interest those issues that affect dentistry and oral health.” In addition, he substantially enhanced the format and readability of the Journal. This publication is now regarded as one of the most respected journals addressing essential issues in dentistry. The Journal is a scholarly publication presenting proactive and informative perspectives on issues affecting the dental profession and society, together with enlightening features on areas such as leadership, ethics, governmental and private agencies, policy development, and the history of the American College of Dentists. Throughout his illustrious career, Dr. Chambers has been engaged in a wide variety of research interests to include ethics, leadership, and moral reasoning.

Dr. Chambers has presented hundreds of invited lectures, both nationally and internationally, and he is recognized as an expert in the fields of philosophy and ethics with a particular emphasis in health care ethics. He is a prolific author and has published over seven hundred articles in peer-review journals in his areas of interest, which include competency-based education, ethics, evaluation, and critical thinking. He has authored multiple book chapters and he is the Editor of the recently released ACD publication, Ethics Report: The New Professionalism. For these and so many reasons, Dave was awarded the Ethics and Professionalism Award.
Ethics and Professionalism Award

“I’m pleased and proud to know that there is an active organization upholding morality and ethics in the practice of Dentistry, and that this admirable organization, The American College of Dentists, is giving me an award for my lifetime efforts to promote ethical behavior in my profession...

Dr. Marvin J. “Chic” Schissel

C hic Schissel, born in 1928, is the son of “a dentist of the highest quality and morality.” After graduating from dental school in 1955, he served the Army Dental Corps in Korea, 1955 to 1956. He took over his father’s New York City practice in 1957 and retired in 2000.

Two decades later, he keeps up with ADA publications and dental trends; he still argues for fee for service quality dentistry. Dr. Schissel was predictably busy with his practice, family, and music but had the moral courage and devotion to the profession of dentistry to write four books and numerous articles. He has lectured on the scientific method, analyzing, and exposing quackery.

He appeared on the Steve Allen and Merv Griffin programs and was interviewed all over the US and Canada to promote the value of good dentistry. His first book, Dentistry and Its Victims was published in 1970 and revised in 1980 and 1996. It was also published in three European countries. The objective of his body of work was to educate the public as to the value of good dentistry and how to distinguish the two. You might guess that certain segments of the profession did not appreciate what they considered an expose, but most dentists, the dental press, and the public approved.

Dr. Schissel has informed, directed, and empowered many on the right path including first year dental student Dick Jones who barely could afford the $10 book. It reenforced existing values and empowered moral courage throughout his prosthodontic practice and service to dentistry.

Most of us believe that we are ethical, but peer pressure and norms often impede our moral courage. Dr. Marvin Schissel defended the profession of dentistry for decades and without compromise. His lifelong promotion of dental ethics and professionalism was well-received.
During my career I’ve written books and articles, given lectures, written letters, and joined scientific organizations, all with the purpose of publicizing sound science and professional morality. Now, retired 21 years and towards the end of my life, I take pride that my efforts have been recognized by people and organizations capable of reasonable evaluation. This thought always brings a smile to my face.”

– Marvin “Chic” Schissel

and impactful throughout North America. He continues to advance professionalism with passionate and insightful thought, discussion, and writing. Although we missed the opportunity to bestow Fellowship, he did much to advance the mission and values of the American College of Dentists.

According to Dr. Chambers “in order to measure Dr. Schissel’s contribution, one would have to look at the conscience of dentists who have used his encouragement to practice at a higher level and to take immense pride in doing so. Much is known about Dr. Schissel’s commitment to ethical comportment but less is known about his other passions. Marvin is an immensely talented pianist. He has written music and taught Adult Education classes on the Great American Song Book. He and his wife are quite involved in AANE- the Asperger/Autism Network.

Formal recognition of his remarkable efforts is long overdue, and on behalf of the American College of Dentists, we wish to rectify this regrettable oversight with the awarding of the Ethics and Professionalism Award of the American College of Dentists.
Activist and social reformer, Jane Addams famously opined that “action is the sole medium for the expression of ethics” and action is precisely what Dr. Tariq Javed has brought to the American College of Dentists.

Perhaps no one on the planet understands service and accountability more than this esteemed Fellow of the College. Dr. Javed is the embodiment of the ACD mission to “advance excellence, ethics, leadership and professionalism.” Dr. Javed takes great pride in his relationship with the American College of Dentists and its founding principles to elevate the standards and to recognize those who have done the meritorious work.

Dr. Javed has the distinction of having nominated more candidates into Fellowship than any other Fellow. He actively recruits worthy candidates both nationally and internationally, and he is committed to diversity and inclusion initiatives for the good of the organization. He understands that one of the more important qualities of a good leader is courage. Dr. Javed possesses the quality of courage and is willing to take risks in the achievement of his organization’s goals with no assurance of success. As an accountable servant leader, he is self-aware, and he possesses humility in abundance.

He possesses a clear vision, is courageous, has integrity, honesty, humility, and clear focus. He is the first to help people reach their goals, and he is not afraid to hire people that might be better qualified than him. He takes pride in the accomplishments of those he has helped along the way.

Dr. Javed is a passionate educator, and his approach is outcomes driven. His approach to curriculum modification is through developing increasingly sophisticated assessments and continually reassessing. As Vice Dean of the Medical Univer-
For more than thirty years, he has served with distinction as a mentor to generations of dentists in the Carolinas. Vice Dean Tariq Javed, Class of 1983, recently received the highest honor awarded to MUSC faculty at the 2019 Faculty Convocation. Dr. Javed was presented with the Distinguished Faculty Service Award. He was honored for his exceptional and sustained service to the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine and MUSC and to the dental practice community.

He works closely with the South Carolina Dental Association to facilitate workshops in ethics and professionalism and has done so for more than thirty years. Dr. Javed is widely known for having presented at professional conferences in the United States and internationally.

He is committed to an inventory of actions that puts ethics at the forefront of professional development. He contends that dental educators have dual ethical obligations: firstly, to the society at large which expects us to produce competent health professionals, and secondly, to the students under our care. He contends that students observe and copy what their teacher does, and their role modeling can be a gateway to a student’s character building. He believes that it is the responsibility of both the individual and the administration to create the best environment and culture habits so that good ethical practice can be carried out successfully for the benefit of the humanity.

Dr. Javed believes that a better understanding of different cultural values and ethics needs to be explored to help prepare the dentist of the future.

During his tenure at the Medical University, he has worked dutifully to imbue a humanistic culture that creates lifelong and life wide learning. He has done so much for so many others, and I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this recognition.

“I am greatly honored and humbled to have been selected to receive the coveted Outstanding Service Award of the ACD. I am grateful to Dr. Patricia Blanton for her confidence in me, for my nomination for the award. I must also acknowledge the support of the Carolinas section of the ACD, my home section, offering me the opportunity to serve at the local level. Our encouragement of the dental students by awarding them scholarships and the opportunities to serve in diverse activities with the support of ACD is particularly gratifying to me. Thanks, ACD, for this honor, and let us all keep up the good work and keep our spirits high in these very challenging times. We need the College more than ever.”

– Tariq Javed
After her graduation from Mott Community College in 1988, in addition to more than 60 credit hours of education at the University of Michigan Flint, Lori has been an involved representative of the profession of Dentistry. She has been a Fellow of the American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA) since 2009 and has been the recipient for numerous awards for her service to dentistry. In addition, she currently serves on the board of the Michigan Dental Association Foundation. During her dental assisting career, she has served on 2 terms as ADAA Trustee, 2 terms as Secretary, on numerous ADAA councils and committees, and has attended 28 national conventions. As a continuous member of the Michigan Dental Assistants Association (MDAA) since 1987, she has served continuously on the board since 1989, three times as President, as Finance Chair, as Education Chair, as Scholarship Chair, and many years as Legislative Chair. She also coordinates the MDAA website. At the Dental Assistants Association component level, Lori has been president eight times, organizes all CE programs, functions as Treasurer, and in many other important roles. In essence, when having conversations about every level of the Dental Assisting Association in Michigan, Lori’s name is always part of that conversation.

As part of the MDA Foundation Board, she has been Supply Lead for the Mission of Mercy (MOM) events since 2013. In addition, Lori had been an active participant in the MOM events in Indiana and Iowa. She currently is serving a four-year term on the MI State Board of Dentistry and just completed 2-year term on the MDA Education Committee.

Lori has been instrumental in helping to provide dental assistants with meaningful continuing education programs all around the state of Michigan in addition, she takes the opportunity to promote pathways for OJT dental assistants to obtain RDA licensure through these courses and her work on the MDAA/MDA Dental Assisting Task Force. She also serves on the Mott Community College Dental Programs Advisory Board in Flint. All these efforts will help to ensure an adequate workforce of trained and licensed dental assistants in Michigan.

Lori is a fireball of volunteerism. She always steps up to the plate for something that will serve patients and the profession of Dentistry.

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Honorary Fellowship

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Rella Christensen is a well-known researcher and lecturer in clinical dentistry. She has directed many scientific studies, authored research abstracts, and received numerous honors in her long and distinguished career. Dr. Christensen cofounded the nonprofit Clinicians Report Foundation (formerly known as Clinical Research Associates), serving as its director and lead researcher for 27 years. Currently, she is the founder and team leader of a laboratory dedicated to in-depth and long-term clinical studies on restorative materials, preventive dentistry, and dental caries, known as Technologies in Restoratives and Caries (TRAC) Research. She has published research on restorative materials, dental caries, resin polymerization problems, disinfectants, facemasks, and effects of polishing on oral biofilm and tooth structure and has been the lead scientist and author of more than 1,800 studies reported in the CRA Newsletter.

Dr. Christensen is a member of the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry and the International and American Associations for Dental Research. As a non-dentist, she has been inducted into the Academy of General Dentistry, the Academy of Dentistry International, and the International College of Dentists as an honorary member. She was selected as “A Distinguished Leader” by the Dental Manufacturers of America and a Leader in Continuing Education by Dentistry Today many times over. In 2001 she became the Distinguished Alumnus of Brigham Young University’s School of Life Sciences. In 2002 she received an Honorary Doctorate from Utah Valley State University. In 2011, she was named one of Dental Products Report “Top 25 Women in Dentistry” and one of the “30 Leaders in Dentistry” by Takacs Learning Center.

Over the 60 years since she graduated from the University of Southern California, School of Dentistry with a B.S. degree in dental hygiene leading to a Ph.D. in Physiology, Dr. Rella Christensen has distinguished herself as a tireless clinician, researcher, educator, and author. Her work as a Research Scientist, Director, and Co-Founder of Clinical Research Associates since 1975 continues to help improve oral health around the world.

“Thank you for the honor of being included in the American College of Dentists. As a non-dentist, this honor is of particular significance to me. This past 50 years, I have been connected to fixed prosthodontics mainly through the practice-based clinical studies we perform. At this point, we have accumulated a large database on esthetic restorative materials. It is my hope that our current work will add to these materials certain technologies that will allow them to act therapeutically within the oral cavity to manage microbe-driven dental diseases, as they serve to restore form, function, and esthetics.” - Rella Christensen
Mr. Vaughn T. Collins retired as the Executive Director of the Vermont State Dental Society, which represents over 87% of licensed dentists in the state. Vaugh began his tenure with the Dental Society in 2013 after a distinguished career in Washington, DC as the Director of Government Affairs for the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership. Here, he helped to create a national coalition to advocate for federal conservation funding. He also served as staff co-chair of America’s Voice for Conservation, Recreation and Preservation, which has over 1200 members and represents over 30 million Americans.

Mr. Collins’ career is deeply rooted in Vermont, as he was Executive Director of the Vermont Council on Rural Development for four years and was President of the Vermont Community Development Association. At the close of his tenure with this organization, the Vermont Legislature sponsored a joint resolution honoring Vaughn T. Collins for his service as Executive Director of the Vermont Council on Rural Development.

Vaughn holds a Bachelor’s degree in Resource Economics from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and a Master’s degree in Public Policy and Applied Economics from the University of Vermont. He is a 1998 graduate of the Vermont Leadership Institute at the Snelling Center for Government.

In the summer of 2008 Vaughn and his wife had participated in a farmland conservation project in the Champlain Valley of Vermont. They purchased a tract of land as part of a Vermont Land Trust project that has perpetually conserved over 350 acres. They felt that this was a once in a lifetime opportunity for Vaughn to take a professional leave of absence for a few years to design and build a small home. His return to Vermont, offered him the opportunity to combine his passions of sustainable rural development and foster partnerships and collaboration among federal, state, local, nonprofit, and private sector organizations to benefit rural Vermont communities.

Vaughn’s service to the Vermont State Dental Society is best characterized as accountable, servant leadership with genuine consideration for those who would be most affected by decisions made on their behalf. He championed revisions to the bylaws and consolidation of the Vermont Dental Relief Fund into the Vermont Dental Foundation. He also worked to create a truly representative Executive Board with respect to gender, age, dental specialty and with a good geographic mix of dentists from around the state. Mr. Collins closed out each of the past seven years with a budget surplus and has protected, maintained, and grown the reserve account which represents over 70% of annual operating expenses. He developed and maintained an effective working relationship with ADA senior leadership in both Chicago and Washington, DC.

Mr. Collins has a public service heart, and he has championed oral health care programs for populations at risk with direct legislative advocacy for enhanced Medicare and Medicaid benefits. He believes in prevention of disease by community-based strategies designed for the health of the population and he is a staunch promoter of access to care initiatives.

Honorary Fellowship

“I am tremendously honored to be awarded this honorary Fellowship from the American College of Dentists. I was very lucky to end my 35-year professional career working as the Executive Director of the Vermont State Dental Society (VSDS) and collaborating with the American Dental Association (ADA). This opportunity enabled me to draw upon all my years of leadership, management, government service and lobbying experience for the benefit of Vermont dentists. I would not be getting this honor if it was not for the talented and professional staff at the VSDS, who always made me look good, and the loyal and active ADA member dentists in Vermont.” - Vaughn Collins
Paul Dobson is well known to the American College of Dentists Family having served with distinction as the Chief Financial Officer and Controller for the organization and the Foundation since November of 2000. Paul is a native of Oklahoma and served in the Marine Corps with his primary duty as security liaison for US Presidential aircraft. That assignment brought him to the National Capital area and after a brief return to his native Oklahoma for University studies, he returned to Maryland and held positions as a senior accountant in the area. It was, indeed, our good fortune that Paul applied for a position at the College and that we were lucky enough to acquire his talents.

In all endeavors, Paul conducts himself with professionalism to deliver meticulous oversight of the institution’s finances. At every interaction, Paul’s proficient counsel, trusted insights and deep commitment were clearly exhibited. With an extensive background in accounting, finance and taxation, Paul served initially with Arthur Anderson, a leading national accountancy firm and a consultant to Fortune 500 companies. As a Certified Public Accountant, Paul’s valuable analytical and comprehensive financial expertise touches every aspect of the administration of the Executive Office. He is exceedingly generous with his counsel and instrumental in educating and advising the Board of Regents with critical, analytical information and insights. By taking a deliberately mindful, fiduciary, and cautious approach on behalf of the Board, the College has been able to reliably grow and protect their assets. Paul has managed every resource that the College has with the attention that one gives to their own finances. It is said that the most important characteristics of an accountant are what will drive them to go above and beyond the call of duty. Innovativeness, reliability, and organizational skills are what separate accountants from true professionals. Paul is a true professional and as an organization and foundation that is annually audited, we were so very fortunate to have him on our team.

After twenty years of devoted service to the College, Paul made the decision to retire to West Virginia, where he and his wife, Beth, purchased a home many years ago. As a final measure of devotion, Paul assisted our new CPA with the transition to this position and occasionally consults with the Executive Office.

That said, in retirement, Paul plans to volunteer for community projects and environmental efforts. He is an avid sportsman, fisherman, and mentor.

“*The American College of Dentists impacts dentistry every day by teaching what it means to be ethical and to be a leader. Receiving Honorary Fellowship is an affirmation that I have been able to follow the lessons of my teachers, colleagues, mentors, and friends to do good with my life and have a positive impact on the world. I want to thank my wife Beth for all the support she provided throughout my career. Her name should be on the award along with mine because I certainly could not have done it without her.” – Paul Dobson*
Bertha Garcia received her medical degree from the Cayetano Heredia University in Peru in 1972 and took a job as casualty officer of the international Red Cross in Cartagena, Colombia. In 1973, she and her husband immigrated to Canada. She did her rotating internship at the grey nuns’ hospital in Edmonton and completed her residency training in general and anatomical pathology from the University of Calgary in 1981 where she was appointed as faculty member. She joined the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Schulich Medicine & Dentistry, Western University in 1985, and held the role of Chair and City-Wide Chief for the Department and London Hospitals from 2001 to 2011. Dr. Garcia also held the role of Vice Dean, Education at Schulich Medicine & Dentistry from 2008 to 2017.

In June 2019, Dr. Garcia took on the role of Acting Vice Dean & Executive Director, Schulich Dentistry. In August 2020 she accepted the additional position of Special Advisor to the President, UWO, on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.

Dr. Garcia is recognized as an exceptional educator with an extraordinary passion for medical education. She has received numerous local and national education awards in recognition of her leadership in medical education including the Dean’s Award of Excellence in Teaching from Schulich Medicine & Dentistry, the Edward G. Pleva Award from Western University, and the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA) citation for outstanding contribution to university teaching. She is also the recipient of the prestigious 3M Teaching Fellowship, which is given to individuals who demonstrate an exceptionally high degree of leadership and commitment to the improvement of university education across disciplines.

Most recently, Dr. Garcia was a recipient of the 2018 Leader in Education Award from the Canadian Association of Pathologists and the 2019 YMCA Women of Excellence Award in recognition of her significant impact as a medical educator, clinical leader, and mentor.

For many decades she and her children have been actively involved in the Peruvian American Medical Society. This NGO which is fully funded by expatriate Peruvians living in the USA and Canada and provides short term, emergent care to indigenous populations in the Peruvian Andes and Amazonian Forest. In addition to helping organize and deploy no less than 100 people including nurses, MDs, DDS, and other health professionals, she also frequently brought with her undergraduate MD and DDS students from Schulich Medicine and Dentistry.

Other major humanitarian work has been her nearly decade long participation with the Canadian Medical Delegation to Yemen. As the single Lab Physician and Educator or the 13 people strong delegation, she was responsible for the establishment and supervision of the first Yemeni cancer diagnostic laboratory in Sana’a and then another in Aden. She was asked by the Government of Yemen to do an external review of all 5 medical schools in the country and to provide mentorship and guidance in curriculum development and assessment.

Locally, through her parish (St Peter’s Cathedral), she has provided support to an organization led by the sisters of St Joseph called Heart-Links, a group that promotes the development of young women leaders in north Peru.

“Dr. Romanson informed me that I had received an Honorary Fellowship with the American College of Dentists, I was moved beyond words. As a physician working with and leading a large group of dentists and dental professionals for nearly two years, I can’t think of a greater honour than to hear that they want me to ‘belong’ as a member of the dentistry community. It is humbling and overwhelming, and I am thankful to my colleagues who nominated me.” – Bertha Garcia
Regina Messer serves with distinction as the Assistant Dean for Admissions, an Associate Professor of Oral Biology and Diagnostic Sciences, and the Program Director for Graduate Program in Oral Biology and Maxillofacial Pathology at the Dental College of Georgia. She is a one woman “tour de force” committed to evidence-based outcomes and enhancing the educational experience for her students. Not surprisingly, she is beloved, and her inventory of actions model the way for future generations entering then dental workforce.

Dr. Messer earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Science and Mechanics from the University of Tennessee followed by her Master of Science and Doctorate of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering focusing on Biomaterials. Dr. Messer has been part of the faculty of The Dental College of Georgia (DCO) and The Graduate School since 2000 and has led or served on many college and university committees as well teaches in and is course director in several courses.

She has served as Program Director for the graduate program in Oral Biology and Maxillofacial Pathology since 2011. In this role, she administratively manages a very internationally diverse population of students and has helped them adjust culturally to Augusta and life in the U.S. She has mentored 9 postdoctoral/visiting scientists, 40 MS/PhD students, 28 DMD students, and 7 undergraduate students.

Dr. Messer has been funded by the NIH, Whitaker Foundation, and industry for her work on biomaterials, mechanical stress, and biocompatibility. She has 69 peer-reviewed articles as well as 126 peer reviewed abstracts/presentations. Along with 25 journals, she has reviewed grants for national and international scientific organizations. She is member in the American Society for Dental Ethics, American Association of Dental Research, International Association of Dental Research, Society for Biomaterials, and the American Dental Education Association as well as the honor societies of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, Phi Kappa Phi and Tau Beta Pi.

These roles, as well as her unique educational background, and varied pre-doctoral and graduate teaching experiences give her a broad perspective on the current challenges facing education. Her desire to improve the educational experience from admission to graduation is evident in her willingness to develop new lectures, programs, and processes. She is part of a faculty team that enhanced our curriculum with professionalism and ethics topics that will be integrated throughout all four years to help students grow personally and professionally.

She understands implicit bias, emotional intelligence, generational differences, and the importance of communication skills in educating the oral health care workforce. She iteratively developed an interactive format for ethics content which fosters a healthy learning environment and effective andragogy to imbue a humanistic culture among all persons. Dr. Messer’s involvement in these areas have expanded her research to include how such factors influence student success in their professional journey.

“I have always respected the American College of Dentists and the work they do to promote professionalism and ethics. When I was told of my selection, I was completely surprised. I was honored and humbled to be nominated by my colleagues and selected by the College. The unexpected honor is made sweeter after more than a year of such challenging times - limited contact with people, ongoing illness and death, and re-structuring almost every aspect of our day to day lives.” - Regina Messer
The American Society for Dental Ethics is an Affiliate of the College. ASDE and the College work together to fulfill their parallel missions. More information about ASDE can be found on their website, societyfordentalethics.org

The Ozar-Hasegawa Award is named in honor of Professor David Ozar (Loyola University) and Dr. Thomas Hasegawa (Texas), two distinguished persons who are recognized for their contribution to the teaching and practice of ethics in dentistry. Each year ASDE receives essays and selects one or two that are judged as best for the year. The contributions this year were great and showed both the potential of the students and the work of their mentors. These competitive awards are presented by the ASDE Section to a dental and/or dental hygiene student for an essay or comparable product demonstrating careful ethical reflection. The award consists of a cash prize of $500.00, and a one-year membership in ASDE for the student and their advisor.

### 2021 Ozar-Hasegawa Awardees

**FIRST PLACE**
Dental Ethics at Chairside.

*Submitted by:*
Luljeta Isedisha
Predoctoral Boston University, Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine

*Faculty Advisor:*
Dr. Catherine Frankl Sarkis

**SECOND PLACE**
When Ethics Overcomes Bureaucracy—Assistance to a Vulnerable Patient.

*Submitted by:*
Claudia Ferdeghini
International Predoctoral School of Dentistry, University of Milano-Bicocca

*Faculty Advisor:*
Dr. Marcello Maddalone

The award-winning projects can be viewed in their entirety at [www.acd.org](http://www.acd.org).
Outstanding Student Leader Awards

Section Newsletter Award

Effective communication is a prerequisite for a healthy Section. The Section Newsletter Award is presented to an ACD Section in recognition of outstanding achievement in the publication of a Section newsletter. The award is based on overall quality, design, content, and technical excellence of the newsletter. This year we recognize two winners of this prestigious award.

The first Section Newsletter Award for 2021 is presented to:
Florida Section
Editors, Betty Hughes and Elizabeth Gesenhues.

The second Section Newsletter Award for 2021 is presented to:
New England Section
Editor, Stephen Rubin.

We salute your achievement and acknowledge that communication is an essential task, which is increasingly apparent in the COVID era.

Model Section Designation

The purpose of the program is to encourage Section improvement by recognizing Sections that meet standards of performance in four areas: Membership, Section Projects, ACD Foundation Support, and Commitment and Communication.

This year the British Columbia, Carolinas and the Western Pennsylvania Sections earned the coveted Model Section designation.
ACD Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients

Lillian H. Bachman  
New York, New York

Gordon J. Christensen  
Provo, Utah

Joseph A. Devine  
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Allen F. Goldberg  
Frankfort, Illinois

James Guttuso  
Delray Beach, Florida

Ralph B. King  
Monroe, Louisiana

*Ralph E. Knowles  
Pensacola, Florida

*Alfred L. Ogilvie  
Vancouver, British Columbia

Homer S. Samuels  
Brentwood, Tennessee

*Anthony R. Volpe  
Somerset, New Jersey

*Indicates this Fellow is now deceased.
Looking forward to 2022, we see the tremendous possibilities for Fellows and friends of the American College of Dentists. There has been considerable movement on the oral healthcare ethics curriculum project. Effectively assessing ethics competencies is an important aspect of dental ethics education. If we regard dental ethics as a fundamental component of the education of dental students, then it should be formally assessed on a par with other dental competencies. This integrated curriculum concept will soon be a deliverable to the dental education programs and thereafter on our learning management site, dentalethics.org. Much of this content is informed by the 2020 ACD publication: Ethics Report: The New Professionalism.

From its founding, the leadership of the American College of Dentists recognized the need for ethics training as a foundational tenet of professionalism. Dr. Bissell Palmer identifies ethics as an organizational imperative in his 1934 address to the attendees. His speech, given at the height of the Great Depression, reminded us that “ethics cannot be the first causality of economic hardship” and if circumstances are dire, then “ethics must be the last survivor among professionals.” This concept is woven into the narrative history of the College and the organization has made ethics a cornerstone of our engagement strategy. In addition to the twelve hours of new ethics content developed by subject matter experts from the American Society for Dental Ethics, facilitator guides have been created for the immensely popular Ethics Dilemma Videos that are housed on our learning management platform www.dentalethics.org under the Resources tab. These guides will continue to be developed and posted over the next two years. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the ethics educators for their commitment to this project, their devotion to the College, and their lifelong efforts in teaching ethics and professionalism.
Our ACD Spring Board of Regents Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Pierre Fauchard Academy at the beautiful Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina from March 31-April 2, 2022. A robust slate of continuing education courses and leader development workshops will be offered for the participants. For additional details please visit: acd.org/annual-meetings/. This promises to be an event to remember, and we look forward to reconnecting with you at this destination site.

In May, the 2022 ACD Cruise “Pearls of Greece and the Dalmatian Coast” sets sail from Athens aboard the Ocean Odyssey. This biennial effort offers the voyagers the opportunity to experience the best the Mediterranean has to offer on a fascinating, luxurious cruise through the eastern jewels of this sparkling sea. Historical and cultural events plus 10 days cruising along gorgeous ports, including Dubrovnik, Olympia, Split and many more in between provide the ACD Voyagers with the unique experience of indulging in the best that Greece, Montenegro, and Croatia have to offer. The cruise is currently waitlisted.

In October, we head to Houston, Texas for the 2022 Annual Meeting and Convocation. By all accounts this is going to be not only big but “Texas Big” as we head to the Lone Star State in droves. Mark your calendar and join us for enlightening continuing education courses with world-class speakers, and for the first time in a long time, a real opportunity to renew friendships and reconnect with the American College of Dentists family. The American Society for Dental Ethics as well as the American Association of Dental Editors and Journalists will meet in conjunction with the ACD and their programs are not to be missed. After the 2022 ACD Convocation, plan to kick up your heels at the Denim and Diamonds Gala as we welcome our newest Fellows. We have so much to celebrate, and we know how to do that. We look forward to seeing you in all the familiar places in the coming year and we wish each of you a happy and healthy new year.
MAY, 2022 | ATHENS, GREECE
2022 ACD CRUISE PEARLS OF GREECE AND THE DALMATIAN COAST

OCTOBER, 2022 | HOUSTON, TEXAS
2022 ANNUAL MEETING AND CONVOCATION
We asked the Board and Staff to answer the questions, “Where have we been, where are we going, and why is it important?”

We started 2021 with a lockdown but learned to use digital connection as a strength for a great virtual meeting and Convocation. Via Zoom, it has been a very productive year. The highlight is the move to a new office which personifies our second century.

Dick Jones, President

During the last 12 years on the ACD Board of Regents, I have been pleased to see increased involvement with our younger colleagues in SPEA. There has also been a definite outreach to increase the diversity of Fellowship in all groups as well as in different areas of dentistry.

Tom Connolly, Past President and ACD Foundation Consultant

We are always moving forward. We moved to a new, beautiful national headquarters building; we are opening our doors wider for Fellowship to include nominees who have demonstrated leadership at earlier phases of their careers; and we are embracing technology to enhance inclusion and participation.

Paula Friedman, Regent, Regency 1

Over the last two years, the Fellows, board, and staff have demonstrated resilience at a level that allowed our organization—and our shared mission—to flourish. We are taking the values and intentions of our founders forward into our second century with a whole new set of collaborative tools and a perspective tempered by adversity.

Suzan Pitman, Operations Director
We have become doctors that are respected members of the health care team. We need to keep advancing these core values with special attention to professionalism as our profession continues to respond to an ever-changing healthcare environment.

Ned Nix, Regent, Regency 7

In my two years at the ACD, I have seen nomination packages go from occasionally being hand-written to now being completely digital. Adapting to the reality of a global pandemic showed how well the ACD was able to pivot to a more modern way of approaching work.

Adrian Campos, Credentials Manager and Administrative Assistant

During the pandemic, as Regent of the geographically large Regency 8, I am glad to have witnessed ZOOM and other communication platforms serving to energize broad geographical communications among the Fellowship of the American College of Dentists. Despite all the challenges of distancing during the pandemic, professionals have rallied to leverage these technologies to bring us all closer together and to foster a scope of mission-driving communications which would have been unimaginable prior to the pandemic.

Lance Rucker, Regency 8

Moving the Gallery order form online seems like a simple thing, but the hours saved have gone back to increasing services for Sections and Fellows, and this is a big change from when I started here 15 years ago. Reducing basic clerical work has allowed the office to focus on the bigger picture.

Erica Royal, Gallery Manager and Administrative Assistant

For over 100 years the American College of Dentists has been at the forefront of promoting professionalism. Our active partnership with SPEA allows the ACD to welcome new, younger dentists to advance the mission of the College.

Thomas Raimann, Regent, Regency 5
**From the Archive**

Some presidential addresses are timeless in their appeal for a recommitment to a greater good for the profession in the service of the public. This is certainly true of the comments made by ACD President George W. Wilson in his 1940 address to the Fellowship, given at the annual meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. At the time, the College was 20 years old. Much of the world was engulfed in war, which the United States would soon enter. Dr. Wilson’s complete speech may be found in volume 7, number 4 of the Journal. We hope you find encouragement in this excerpt from his remarks.

**Dentistry’s New Horizon**

George W. Wilson, DDS, FACD
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

At the dawn of a new century for our profession, we find ourselves living in a world convulsed by the tragedy of war. It is but human to view the future with doubt and skepticism, because the world is passing through what many consider the darkest days in the history of civilization. We are engaged in a struggle between two ways of life. The old, established political and social order is apparently passing. A new force is now loose in the world. How will it affect us? We know too well that the future of democracy is hanging perilously in the balance. Since our profession has been founded and developed as a democratic institution, the future perspective of dentistry in America will be profoundly influenced by the outcome of this titanic struggle. If democracy is lost to the world, so too will the democratic characteristics of our profession be lost. If the philosophy of totalitarianism dominates future generations, it is inevitable that new, and perhaps unsound, professional concepts will be established. But even in the face of the discouraging outlook created by turbulent world conditions, we must strive to adopt an optimistic attitude. This will help us to look confidently to the ultimate perpetuation of our American kind of democracy in the next century. With that outlook, then, will we view dentistry’s new perspective in the period of reconstruction ahead. Since we have assumed a social responsibility as health servants, we must strive objectively to build ourselves into the new era as a potent influence for public good. The Centennial Celebration Committee of the American Dental Association appropriately designated education, literature, and organization as the tripod upon which dentistry has advanced in the century just past. A consideration of the future may therefore be made from this same point of view. From this vantage point we may survey the problems confronting us, and thus try to see through them, in the uncertain period ahead, the new horizon of dentistry. Only by means of a recognition and understanding of our problems may we eventually institute a long-range program to achieve further progress. As we view dentistry’s new horizon, there are tasks confronting us which must be accomplished, if, in the present and future, we are to perpetuate the past and assure our
professional, scientific and social status. These tasks are all interrelated, and fall within the three channels indicated above, and through which we have evolved to our present state. To maintain the autonomy and independence of dentistry and to continue the present unity and scientific advancement of the profession is the largest task ahead. It must be accomplished in a convulsive world.

The problem of providing adequate care to a larger proportion of the population has confronted the dental profession with increasing perplexity and intensity since the onset of the economic depression in 1929. We are aware that there are forces at work which must affect the lives of all the people of this nation. The dental profession cannot escape the impact of these forces. We understand and appreciate the creditable progress made in the art and science of dentistry, in the past quarter century. This progress is most commendable and necessary to the fulfillment of the responsibilities and objectives of dentistry. It represents the evolution of the science and art of dentistry.

Dental health for the American people may well be the prime objective in dentistry’s new horizon. It can be gained by maintaining the independence, unity, and autonomy of dentistry; by promoting the ideals of the dental profession; by advancing its standards; and by extending further, through public understanding and appreciation, its scope of usefulness. Since its organization in 1920, the College has dedicated itself to the service of dentistry, and the public through these principles. It has and will continue to strive faithfully and with altruistic purpose toward this end. Our efforts should be continuous, not seasonal. The inspirational value of the annual convocation will be minimized without the active interest and support of the sections. The officers and regents of the College invite the sections to express freely their points of view on any subject of current interest and concern. You and I, as members of the College, have an extraordinary opportunity in the reconstruction period ahead to give something back to that which made us what we are. The new horizon presses for a fulfillment of our obligations.


“But even in the face of the discouraging outlook created by turbulent world conditions, we must strive to adopt an optimistic attitude. This will help us to look confidently to the ultimate perpetuation of our American kind of democracy in the next century. With that outlook, then, will we view dentistry’s new perspective in the period of reconstruction ahead.”

– George W. Wilson