



ACD NEWS

American College of Dentists

Why the Foundation?

Each summer we ask the President of the ACD Foundation to answer the question, “Why the Foundation?”



Submitted by Richard F. Stilwill
President, American College of
Dentists Foundation

Albert Einstein famously opined that “relativity applies to physics not to ethics” and truer words were possibly never spoken. Perhaps this is why ethics has been a keystone of the American College of Dentists since its inception. For essentially one hundred years the College has sought to “elevate the standards of dentistry” and has committed time, talent and treasure to this end.

The American College of Dentists Foundation is a nonprofit charitable 501(c)3 organization established in 1972 to raise tax-deductible funds to support its many programs designed to advance oral health as well as the dental profession.

Your tax-deductible gifts fund an endowment allowing stable, long-term funding for the American College of Dentists projects. The projects further its mission of ad-

vancing excellence, ethics, professionalism, and leadership in dentistry.

So...what does the Foundation do? What are some of its projects or programs? One of my favorites is the Courses Online Dental Ethics (CODE). This is an extensive collection of online CE opportunities, including several ethical dilemma cases. Thirteen ethical dilemmas are now on videos developed in partnership with Indiana University, and are excellent resources for our Fellows to use when presenting ethical dilemma workshops.

The Foundation funds the printing and distribution of “The Ethics Handbook for Dentists” and “Ethics Wallet Card” which are provided complimentary to dental students in the U.S. and Canada. Nearly 7000 of these are distributed through White Coat Ceremonies and other dental school and ACD events each year.

The Cecilia L. Dows Scholarship Fund is an endowment which provides scholarships consistent with the mission of the College. Noteworthy among these are the advanced education in ethics scholarships through Creighton University.

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Brick Legacy Walk Approved for Rockville Headquarters

Contributions for bricks will be accepted beginning at ACD 2019 in San Francisco

The City of Rockville Historic District Commission approved the College’s request to remove the concrete sidewalk and replace it with a brick Legacy Walk featuring engraved bricks from Fellows, friends, and family. For a \$500.00 donation to the ACD Foundation, your brick will be engraved with two lines of text, up to 20 characters per line. This is a memorable way to recognize the value of the College and, most importantly, the devoted service ACD Fellows give to the profession and society. After the meeting, bricks may

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President's Forum



ACD President Thomas Connolly at Touro College of Dental Medicine

My Presidential travels over this past year have taken me throughout the United States and Canada, attending national, regional and Section meetings. I have met incredible Fellows who, like you, are making a real difference for our profession. I have also met students who are so enthusiastic about joining this wonderful profession.

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the White Coat Ceremony at Touro College of Dental Medicine in New York, which is a relatively new school. As a representative of the College I was invited to give my thoughts on professionalism and ethics.

I want to share these remarks with all of you.

“Good afternoon. I am Dr. Tom Connolly, President of the American College of Dentists, and I would like to welcome all of you to this White Coat Ceremony.

To Dean Ronnie Meyers, the faculty and staff here at Touro, thank you for inviting me to join you today, and for letting me be part of this very special event.

To the family and friends who are here, congratulations. These students have worked extremely hard to get to this point in their education, surely due to your love, support, and guidance.

And students—we are so proud of you. Today you begin a new segment of your journey to become dentists, and you're probably meeting it with equal parts excitement and apprehension.

Excitement because you've been training for years for the moment when you begin to care directly for patients, and that's probably what drove you to enter this profession in the first place.

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Dates to Remember

News of Fellows and News of Sections Submissions to ACD News, December Issue, Due
October 15, 2019

Fellowship Nominations Due
January 15, 2020

Ethics Scholarship Applications and National Award Nominations Due
February 1, 2020

News of Fellows and News of Sections Submissions to ACD News, Spring Issue, Due
February 15, 2020

Section Awards and Model Section Designation Applications Due
March 1, 2020

Nominations for Board of Regents Due
March 1, 2020

Centennial Celebration Cruise to the Greek Isles
June 15, 2020

ACD 2020 Centennial Celebration! Orlando, Florida
October 14-15, 2020

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Board of Regents Meeting Highlights



The City of Rockville preserved the original brick driveway apron at 103 North Adams when the property was redeveloped in the early 1980s

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be purchased by calling the office or through the ACD website.

Research completed by the Rockville Preservation Planner indicated that the property had previously been the site of a brick driveway to a carriage house serving our neighbor at 101 North Adams, one of the oldest structures in Rockville, so all parties were happy to see this small part of the Montgomery Avenue Historic District restored.

ACD Foundation Silent Auction

For over two decades the ACD Foundation has hosted a Silent Auction benefitting its education initiatives during the annual Gala. Within the last 12 months, our online education opportunities were accessed over 100,000 times, and over 6,000 Ethics handbooks were issued to dental students around the country—all made possible through generous contributions from our Fellows and members of the dental community.

This year's lineup of auction items is as exciting as ever, including tickets to a Broadway show, small-batch Kentucky bourbon, Canadian ice wine, and original artwork. Please help make this auction our most successful yet!

The Silent Auction runs all day, Thursday, September 5, in Grand Ballroom A of the Hilton Union Square.

New Board Members Announced

No ballot petitions were received after the slate of proposed new Board members was published. The following Fellows have been duly elected as officers and regents of the Board.

Stephen A. Ralls
President



Mark A. Bauman
President-elect



Richard E. Jones
Vice President



Cecile A. Feldman
At Large Regent



Terry L. Norris
Regent, Regency 4



Lance M. Rucker
Regent, Regency 8



The Executive Office is now accepting nominations for the following positions:

President-elect
Vice President
Treasurer
Regent, Regency 2
Regent, Regency 5

Nominations are due no later than March 1, 2020, and ballots will be sent to the corresponding Nominating Committees within seven days of the deadline. Winners will be announced on the website and in the *ACD News* in May, 2020.

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And apprehension, because this part of the journey comes with a host of new responsibilities and considerations—some of which you have prepared for and some that will test you.

That's ok.

Dentistry can be unpredictable and challenging. It's also very rewarding.

You're entering this profession at an incredible point in our history. Our base of knowledge is growing exponentially, right before our eyes. New technology is paving the way for advancements that haven't been dreamed up yet.



We're becoming more knowledgeable. And with more and more information available at our fingertips, the number of choices we have to make in a day is growing, too.

With more choice, comes more responsibility.

As dentists, and future dentists, there's a lot at stake when we make choices. We make them ev-

ery day, about where to invest our time, how to serve our communities, and the ways—big and small—that we treat our patients and one another.

And the stakes are high, aren't they? There's so much to lose when the choices we make don't live up to the standards we've set for ourselves, because in our work, the consequences of bad decision-making can be life-altering.

That's why you're working hard to acquire not only a solid base of knowledge, but also a solid grounding in what's right and wrong. You're shaping your conscience.

And that's why organizations like the American College of Dentists are more valuable than ever.

The ACD is often described as the conscience of the dental profession. It's also the oldest national honorary organization of dentists. It was founded in 1920 in response to serious challenges facing dentistry, which came about during a period of tremendous growth

and change, not unlike what you're witnessing today.

The College was started by a group of visionary leaders who believed that dentistry must look beyond the "now" and plan for the future.

And those founders understood that as their knowledge about dentistry grew, so did their impact on society. And they believed that as their impact grew, so did their responsibility to be ethical, upstanding members of their communities.

The College's mission is about more than supporting the clinical aspects of the profession, it is about supporting the very heart of dentistry: and that's the people like you and me that practice it.

Over the last 100 years, the ACD has been instrumental in shaping dental education, research, journalism and ethics education. It is our mission to advance ethics, excellence, professionalism, and leadership in dentistry.

The College is comprised of dentists who have demonstrated leadership and made exceptional contributions to dentistry, the dental profession, and society. Fewer than three and a half percent of dentists are invited to be members.

Many of your faculty are Fellows of the College.

I hope that one day *you* will aspire to Fellowship.

What does all of this mean for us today?

You're learning the clinical aspects of dentistry, but your journey is just beginning. Your career will be a process of lifelong learning. And so the question I ask you to think about is, "What kind of professional will you be?"

Dentistry isn't simply an exchange of goods and services. And your white coat—while an important symbol—is not what makes you a professional.

Dentistry requires a strong conscience, a compass that knows right from wrong.

A true professional:

... place patients' interests first and foremost.

... is honest.

... is competent.

... strives to improve personally.

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International Dental Ethics and Law Society

The International Dental Ethics and Law Society had its 25th Congress at the ACTA Dental School in Amsterdam. The ACTA is a very modern and very up-to-date dental school. The Congress is held every other year in various locations throughout the world. Previous Congresses have been held in Belgium, Toronto, South Africa and Chicago. It was well attended with representatives from many countries including Australia, Belgium, Cambodia, Norway and the United States.



The main theme of the 25th Congress was "The Importance of Dental Ethics and Law."

There was much discussion of behavior management for children and special needs individuals, the expansion of dental education, providing dental care in underserved countries, the intrusion of insurance and third party payors into the doctor-patient relationship and a whole host of other interesting topics.

The next Congress is now being developed and will take place in Leuven, Belgium in September 5-7 of 2020. More information can be found at www.ideals.ac/congress/.

The Dr. Cecelia L. Dows Scholarship for Advanced Study in Ethics

Dr. Alma Clark, the 2018 recipient of the \$10,000 Cecelia Dows Scholarship, has completed her first year of the Master of Science in Healthcare Ethics at Creighton University. Dr. Clark, a Supervising Dentist in public health from Northern California, had this to say about her first year in the program:

"I now observe that ethics is neither good nor bad, and there is always more than one side to an issue. I believe it is essential to ask questions such as, 'What is ethically at stake here?' and 'Why is this important?' Respecting contrarian views, and guiding people through the ethical decision process can be challenging."

Applications for the Dows Scholarship will be considered at the spring Board of Regents meeting in April, 2020. If you have ever considered advanced studies in ethics, please consider applying for the Dows Scholarship. It is also open to non-Fellows. Please contact Suzan Pitman in the Executive Office for more information.



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... strives to improve the profession by giving back through teaching, through professional organizations, to the community, and yes, even someday through financial support.

But above all, a professional is ethical. You know right from wrong. You treat people with respect. And you do your absolute best, always.

You follow your conscience.

Students, it is my personal pleasure to welcome you as my professional colleagues. A new moment in this lifelong process begins today and I look forward to you joining me on this journey."

I am looking forward to seeing you in San Francisco.

Section News

Section Spotlight

Ontario Section Leaders Awarded and Elected, Active SPEA Chapters Highlighted

Ontario Section is very proud to announce that Fellow **Jack McLister** received the prestigious Barnabas Day Award from the Ontario Dental Association in Toronto on May 24, 2019. The Barnabas Day Award recognizes outstanding contributions to the dental profession. These contributions could be either sustained service to the profession for twenty years or more, or could be a single outstanding contribution. Jack is a past president of both the Ontario Dental Association and the ACD Ontario Section.

Dr. **Kim Hansen** was inducted as the ODA president at the same gala event. Kim has been a wet-fingered dentist since 1985 while working for the patients and dentists of our province. Fellows **John Glenny, Melissa Milligan, Lisa Bentley** and **Roch St. Aubin** were all re-elected to the ODA Board, and Blake Clemes was ratified to the position of Vice Chair of General Council of the ODA.

Ontario's two SPEA chapters have had a busy and productive year. They organized student events focused on ethics and social media, and made presentations to Ontario's fellows at our November 2018 Annual General Meeting. Both will send representatives to September's Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Ontario is particularly proud of its latest Newsletter, which highlighted the 2018 ACD Annual Meeting in Hawaii and our New Fellows. Drs. **Drew Smith** and **Sonia Slawuta** were applauded by all for their efforts in producing such a brilliant 25 page document.

Over a dozen Ontarian candidates will become New Fellows in San Francisco. We are all looking forward to celebrating their successes.

The **New York Section** held an event at the Whitney Museum in June 1. A docent's tour was given followed by a luncheon. There was great fun and camaraderie finishing a successful year.



In April, the **Metro Washington D.C. Section** convened with the ICD for their combined spring meeting with roughly 50 members in attendance. Dr. **Adam Schneider** began his two year term as section chair and a brief business meeting was held. Meeting highlights included the beginning of a SPEA Chapter at Howard University College of Dentistry, and an upcoming June roundtable discussion involving career options for dental students focused on the pros and cons of general dentistry vs. specialization.

An interesting talk on forensic dentistry by **Moses Schanfield**, PhD was the main event of the evening. A behind-the-scenes look into this important side of dentistry included trips to the Middle East to identify victims of ethnic cleansing, and using dentistry to identify victims of the World Trade Center attack as well as train and plane crash victim identification. Thanks to dental ID techniques, many of these horrific disasters were able to achieve 100% identification.

In addition, the ever-smiling Dr. Grant-Mills from Howard University College of Dentistry presented scholarship awards for dental students' leadership and hard work. Our rising stars thanked the ACD for its generosity and spoke briefly about their future career plans.

Leaders of the **New England Section** met to work on strategic planning in New Hampshire in mid-June.

Voluntary Dues for Life Members

Help Your Section!

If you are a Life Member, please consider supporting your Section and the ACD national organization by paying voluntary dues, currently \$50 annually. Half of your voluntary dues go directly to your Section, and half go to the national organization.

Section News



Paula K. Friedman, Lonnie Norris, Anthony M. Storace, Robert Bartro, Paul Farsai, David Frost. Not pictured: Steven M. Rubin and Howard Hill

Hawaii Section held its annual breakfast meeting in April. Notable guests included Hawaii Dental Association Executive Director, **Kim Nyguen**, and **Gary Yonemoto**, Regent for Regency 7. Keynote speaker, **Peter Moy**, spoke about the challenges facing recent dental graduates and the importance of mentoring from experienced practitioners to guide young dentists in the right direction while encouraging them to take risks. Dr. Moy, Nobel Biocare Endowed Chair in Surgical Implant Dentistry and Director of the UCLA Dental Implant Center and the Straumann Surgical Dental Clinic, reminded the new Fellows that their Fellowship is not an ending, but a beginning, and there is much to do for the younger generation.



The **Hudson-Mohawk Section** of the American College of Dentists annually presents the Dr. Gerard A. Ripp Memorial Award to an outstanding freshman dental hygiene student at Hudson Valley Community College Department of Dental Hygiene. This year's awards cer-

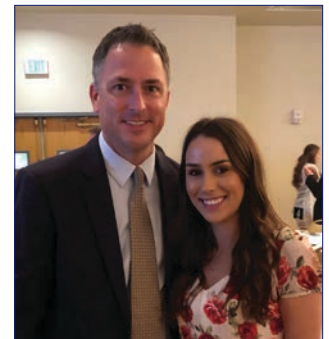
emony occurred May 10 and the award winner was Megan Tomlins. The award is given with a \$1000 stipend.

Dr. Ripp was a prominent local oral surgeon, long-time faculty member of HVCC's dental hygiene program, and a long-time ACD Fellow.

The **Colorado Section** recently presented a hygiene award at the Pueblo Community College to student Riane Bailey on May 11th. Dr. **Jeffrey Kahl**, Colorado Section Fellow, presented the award.



Dr. Mark Bauman, Vice President of the College, and hygiene student Megan Tomlins



Membership Reminders

Retiring?

Please let the Executive Office know.

Retired fellows pay \$50 annual dues and are not required to pay Section Dues.

Turning 70?

Happy birthday!

The process for becoming a Life Fellow, a highly regarded status which carries no dues, is largely automatic, but it never hurts to check in with the Executive Office.

Moving?

The Executive Office needs your new address!

Please email your new contact information to office@acd.org

Please communicate these changes with an email so we have documentation of your request for our records.

ACD 2019 Golden Gate Gala

Inquiries about reservations, seating and special meals at the Gala should be directed to the Executive Office. Please contact Suzan Pitman, suzan@acd.org, or 301-977-3223. We are not able to accommodate special requests after August 30, and onsite registration will be limited, if available.

News of Fellows

Honorary Fellow Dr. **Gerald Winslow**, Southern California, recently organized the 4th Annual Adventist Bioethics Conference, "Ethics for a Whole Community." One of the main goals of the conference was to address some of today's most urgent issues in clinical ethics. Dr. Winslow will be one of the panelists at this year's Fellows Forum at ACD 2019 in San Francisco. The Fellows Forum is free to attend.



l-r Drs. Paul Anderson, Gerald Winslow, and David Anderson



Dr. **Jeffrey Kahl**, Colorado, was named President of the Colorado Dental Association on June 8th. After completing his DDS at the University of Colorado, Dr. Kahl served in the United States Navy Dental Corps. After separating from the Navy, he completed a two-year residency in pediatric dentistry at Children's Hospital, Colorado, where he is still an adjunct faculty member. Dr. Kahl is a past president of the Colorado Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, and has served in several leadership roles in the CDA.

ACD Centennial Celebration Travel Experience 2020



"To Travel is to Live"

— Hans Christian Andersen

CRUISING GREECE'S AEGEAN TREASURES

7-night Cyclades Small Ship Cruise with Delos, Mykonos, Naxos, Santorini, Milos, Paros, Syros, Aegina • Athens

Travel with your ACD family! • Departure day is June 15, 2020 • Family and friends are welcome!

Contact the Executive Office at 301-977-3223 for a price list and more details.

Journey Highlights

- Tour pretty Nafplion and head inland to the ancient capital of the Mycenaean civilization
- Delve into the ancient medical history of Epidaurus and explore the ruins of Corinth, before crossing its canal to Piraeus
- Enjoy a walking tour on Mykonos, with a stop for Greek meze (small plates) and ouzo
- Trace a local footpath to a traditional village, then enjoy local hospitality during a home-hosted lunch
- Tour the glittery isle of Santorini, where bone-white homes overlook the caldera
- Climb to the apex of the Acropolis, perched on a hill overlooking Athens
- Peruse more ancient history at the National Archeological and the New Acropolis museums in Athens
- Enjoy spectacular scenic sailing in between your Greek island hopping
- While on board, relish an enlightening lecture series that brings to life ancient Greek heritage, tradition, and history
- Enjoy the expertise of your Cruise Director, an official guide and historian licensed by the Greek government

Why I Nominate



Submitted by Dr. John Feeney
New Jersey Section

I sincerely believe that the honor of becoming a Fellow of the American College of Dentists is heightened by knowing that someone you nominated was granted that accolade as well.

Each candidate is unique and must exemplify the ACD ideals as judged by a confidential, multi-member committee. In essence, fewer than 4% of our nations' dentists are recognized for their voluntary commitment to self-imposed higher standards in regard to leadership, professional ethics, personal virtues and doctrines of dedication—those principles that advance the intrinsic excellence within the profession, lighting the way for the next generation.

The unifying threads that are inextricably woven into the fabric of the ACD core mission are leadership skills for the beneficence of others. In this dynamic multicultural global village we reside in, servant leadership causes people to do more, learn more, inspire more and become more. As the existentialist philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche wrote, "existieren eis tun anderhe." We exist to do for others. Fellows and desirable candidates of the College choose to make a difference for the betterment of society by serving a cause greater than themselves in order to promote the common good of their community and our profession.

Along with active participation in other organized dental groups and on hospital staff, the ACD has allowed me to enjoy a whole new family of friendships

with like-minded professionals with whom one can civilly disagree during vigorous discussions and whose motivations are the same—the betterment of the public welfare. My experiences have permitted me to recognize, not solicit, those who have exceeded the norm. We are all imperfect beings striving for unreachable perfection. Nobody is perfect. But that doesn't mean we cannot achieve excellence. The role of the nominator is to appreciate their colleagues who demonstrate excellence; those who realize that the purpose of life is a life lived with purpose, and who are the "do-ers" in their immediate and global communities.

I did not know much about the College until I became a Fellow in 2000. Established Fellows should lead by example and should reach out to younger dentists and dental students and share their professional activities so that the next generation is motivated to choose a path that makes Fellowship in the ACD a professional goal.

Literally and figuratively, a very special day in my life was my induction in 2000 at the Chicago Annual Meeting. It was also my 50th birthday, and with my wife present for the multi-day celebration it created memories that will last a lifetime. Nominating my colleagues, and welcoming them into the College, has enriched my life as a dentist and as a family man. Life doesn't get much better than that.

Dr. Feeney received his DDS from Columbia University in 1975 and completed his Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery program at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1978, as Chief Resident. He is founding partner of Coastal Oral Surgery and has practiced for 38 years in Sea Girt, Brick Town and Toms River, New Jersey.

Quality Fellowship Nominations Needed for Orlando, Florida

Most of our Fellows report that the highlight of their career was being inducted into the ACD. Imagine what it will be like for new Fellows inducted next year at our Centennial Celebration in Orlando! The entire meeting will be a celebration of a century summited, energizing the Fellowship to reach new heights at the start of our second century. Please consider nominating exceptional colleagues. The due date for nominations is January 15, 2020, and the forms can be obtained at acd.org or by contacting the office at office@acd.org.

New from the ACD Gallery!

Travel to San Francisco with the American College of Dentists leather luggage tag, featuring the College Seal. Contact Erica Royal at the Executive Office to order at erica@acd.org.



Board of Regents News



Regent **David Anderson**, Regency 2, was recently named Visiting Scholar, National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care at Tuskegee University. He has also been named a Scientist Member of the Allegheny Health Network Institutional Review Board. Allegheny Health Network Research Institute is an affiliate of the Johns Hopkins Institute.

Former Regent Intern **Dan Hammer** was named one of the ADA's "10 under 10" awardees. Dr. Hammer, an oral and maxio-facial surgeon with the United States Navy, will be inducted into the College in San Francisco after delaying due to deployment.



ACD Vice President **Mark Bauman** gave a presentation and led a discussion on Ethics and Peer Review to the SPEA Chapter at Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine. Many excellent questions were posed by the students on a number of topics related to ethics. Peer review informational booklets from the New York State Dental Association were distributed to the ap-

proximately 25 students who attended.

A number of local ACD Fellows from the **New York Section** joined Dr. Bauman and the SPEA students.

Those attending were Drs. **Jeffrey Seiver, Kevin Henner, Maria Maranga, Paul Leary, Tony Maresca, Joe Graskemper** and **Scott Firestone**.



Dr. Mark Bauman with participants in the ACD-SPEA Ethics and Peer Review presentation and discussion.

News from the Office

The Search for Fern

With the office increasingly busy preparing for the Annual Meeting and launching the new dentaethics.org website, our summer intern was given the assignment of researching the history of the Executive Assistants of the College for the upcoming centennial coffee table book.

Only four Executive Assistants have so far been identified as having served the College for more than two years, and none proved more of a mystery than Fern Crawford, long-time devoted secretary to Dr. Otto Brandhorst. There are vague references to Miss Crawford's service all the way back to the early 1940s, but she was not formally employed by the College until the 1950s or 1960s. The lack of information combined with the amazing photograph of Fern in the 50-year history of the College, authored by Brandhorst, led to intrigue so great the entire staff got involved in the search for more information. Sadly, although many creative paths were followed, very little was found about Miss Craw-



Miss Fern Crawford, the only person in *The American College of Dentists History: The First Fifty Years* to have a full-page photo.

ford. Notably, she left over \$113,000 to the Washington University School of Dental Medicine in St. Louis in Dr. Brandhorst's name when she died. No obituary was located, but several press releases were found that detail the gift as well as Miss Crawford's devotion to both Dr. Brandhorst and the profession of dentistry.

In the December 1959 issue of the JACD, out-going editor, Alfred E. Seyler, wrote of his thanks to Brandhorst and Crawford, "... with an especial nod to my indefatigable, efficient commissar and friend, Otto Brandhorst, who, with his amanuensis, Fern Crawford, has guided me and helped when the burden was oppressive."

While the "Fern Follies" was a fun summer detour from the daily operations of the College, Miss Crawford's legacy of professionalism and excellence set the tone for all administrative staff who have come after her, and we honor her for that.

Regent's Reflection — Regency 1



Paula K. Friedman

As a first-year Regent, it is a privilege and honor to serve among such distinguished colleagues on the American College of Dentists Board, and to work with such a talented and dedicated Central Office staff, under the able leadership of our Executive Director, Dr. Theresa Gonzales.

Regency 1 Sections comprise the **Atlantic Provinces** (Tom Raddall, Chair), **Hudson-Mohawk** (Wayne Harrison, Chair), **New England** (Lonnie Norris, Chair), **New York** (John Young, Chair), **Western New York** (Larry Volland, Chair), and **Quebec** (Hubert Gaucher, Chair). Each of the Sections engages in a number of professional activities, learning and mentoring activities with students, and some have enjoyable social functions. The summer provides ample opportunities for engagement in social activities and some upcoming events are summarized below.

The **Hudson Mohawk Section** Summer Social returns for 2019. In recent years the Saratoga Performing Arts Center (SPAC) has introduced the Cinema Series which includes film presentations with the Philadelphia Orchestra performing the soundtrack live. This year the Hudson Mohawk Section of the ACD will attend the SPAC presentation of Charlie Chaplin's film "City Lights." The soundtrack of the film composed by Charlie Chaplin will be performed by The Philadelphia Orchestra.

The **Western New York Section** has planned a visit to the Niagara Wine Trail followed by an excursion to the Lockport Locks and Canal Cruise dock for a two-hour Erie Canal cruise. The event concludes with a dinner at the Lockport Town and Country Club.

Regency 1 has had a long-standing tradition of holding an annual Regency 1 Leadership Conference each January in conjunction with the Yankee Dental Congress. All Section Chairs are invited to attend, the ACD President usually attends, and we have had special guests such as the ACD Executive Director, the SPEA Executive Director, and previous Regents (Tom Connolly, Mark Bauman) initiated inviting student representatives from Regency 1 dental schools who are involved in ethics and professionalism activities at their respective schools to join us. We use this opportunity to provide Section updates and hear from the student representatives. We all learn from sharing information and discuss future plans and opportunities as well as challenges. Hearing from the students is always a highlight of this meeting. We follow the morning session with the New England Section's annual business meeting and awards luncheon, where the senior dental students receiving the ACD student award from each of

the five New England dental schools is recognized by his or her dean. We also recognize 15, 25, and 50-year member Fellows. Following the luncheon, for the past several years the New England Section has presented a continuing education program (as a Yankee Dental Congress offering) on ethics and professionalism with guest speakers and ACD Fellows as presenters. For the past three years, the program has sold-out.

Regency 1 has begun several initiatives to strengthen the Sections and the Regency. As an extension of the Leadership Conference in January, we are asking Sections, if appropriate, to invite all Section Chairs in the Regency to their Annual Meetings to participate in the educational and social events. This will offer additional occasions for the Regent and Section Chairs to interact and get to know each other. In addition, we are emphasizing succession planning. Some sections have greater human and fiscal resources for planning for the future than others; it serves all Sections and the College well to find ways to engage and nurture Fellows to become future leaders. The New York Section has a well-established succession ladder.

The **New England Section** comprises six states. Tony Storace suggested creating an Ambassador Program, in which an ACD Fellow in each of the states would be appointed to help identify and nominate potential Fellows from his/her respective state. The Ambassador would be invited to attend select New England Section Board meetings, and over time, those who are interested may find a pathway to a Board position and leadership role. Ambassadors will have the chance to represent their states at a Section level and to learn how the Board functions, in preparation for a higher level of participation.

We look forward to having increased dialogue and opportunities to work with the dental schools in our Regency. Representing the ACD in White Coat ceremonies, working with dental students in discussing ethics and ethical dilemmas, and supporting dental students' participation in Regency and national activities are among the ways that the Regency can strengthen the nexus with our future professional colleagues.



Herb Borsuk, Tom Connolly, Paula Friedman, and Robert Dorion at the Quebec Section Annual Meeting

Paula K. Friedman, DDS, MSD, MPH
Regent, Regency 1

In Memoriam



Dr. Jerome Bright Miller
January 3, 1941- July 17, 2019

Dr. Jerome B. “Jerry” Miller was widely known for his extraordinary record of accountable leadership in dentistry and his community at large. He was less well known for his philanthropic pursuits and that was by his personal choice. He believed as Churchill believed – “a life is made by what we give” and he gave generously and often. Moreover, he encouraged others to do the same. He believed in having “skin in the game” and advocating fearlessly. His history of philanthropy and support of worthy causes in dentistry remains unparalleled. Throughout his life, Dr. Miller championed educational and leadership opportunities for legions of individuals through the Jerome B. Miller Family Foundation. While serving as the American College of Dentists Foundation President, Dr. Miller informed the Executive Office of his generous planned bequest of an additional \$1 million dollars to the ACD Foundation from his estate. As Dr. Miller so succinctly stated in 2016, *“making a planned gift from my estate allows me to leave a lasting legacy to the dental profession that has been my life’s work and to the American college of Dentists that serves as the conscience of dentistry. The College champions high ethical standards and professionalism that has made our profession great and will continue in greatness long after I am gone.”*

**We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we give.**

— Winston Churchill

It is hard to imagine the American College of Dentists Foundation without the presence of Dr. Jerry Miller as a consultant but his legacy lives on through his generosity and the tireless efforts of Kay Mosley Miller- his beloved wife and lifelong friend of the College. The contributions of the Millers in terms of both time and treasure cannot be overstated. This was abundantly evident at

the memorial service for Dr. Miller on Tuesday, 23 July 2019 in Oklahoma City. The sanctuary was packed to capacity with an overflow into the atrium. The ceremony entitled “A Celebration of Life” revealed to those in attendance what a “purposeful life well lived looks like.” Kay executed

Jerry’s expressed wishes to the letter with no detail left unattended. Exotic flower arrangements herniated out of the chapel and each musical selection complimented the video arrangement. Speakers at the memorial service included Drs. John Rutkauskas, Heber Simmons, Theresa Gonzales, and Raymond Cohlmiia. The speakers representing the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, the American College of Dentists, University of Oklahoma School of Dentistry and Dr. Miller’s lifelong friend and colleague, Dr. Heber Simmons, shared their experiences and reflected on Jerry’s unique brand of leadership and advocacy. A final loving tribute was given by Dr. Miller’s children, Dr. Juli Miller of Phila-

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delphia, Pennsylvania and Mr. Kevin Miller of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

It is widely known that Dr. Miller led at every level of his professional life and devoted considerable time and personal resources in perfecting his leadership style. He was a Past President of the College of Diplomates, American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation, the Southwest Society of Pediatric Dentistry, the Oklahoma Dental Association, the American College of Dentists, and the American College of Dentists Foundation. Dr. Miller invested twenty-eight years of his professional life as a Trustee for the Oklahoma Dental Association and was a five-time Board of Governors Dental Specialty Board Examiner. For eight consecutive years, he served with distinction as a Trustee for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. For twenty years, he dutifully served as a delegate to the American Dental Association. Jerry delivered over seventy-five presentations (lectures, clinics, and table clinics) to various dental meetings and educational groups throughout the United States and was the principal author of over forty-five articles in dental journals or related publications on a variety of topics.

Dr. Miller was the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including the Distinguished Service Award and



Dr. Jerome B. and Mrs. Kay Miller

Dentist of the Year from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and Dentist of the Year from the Oklahoma Dental Association. In 2015, he was uniquely honored by Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children, the Foundation of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry with the opening of the Jerome B. Miller Center for Philanthropy and Leadership. In 2017, Dr. Miller received the American College of Dentists' highest honor – the William John Geis Award – for his sustained contributions to our profession.

“Perhaps, no one has done more to advance ethics and leadership in our profession than Dr. Jerome Bright Miller and we owe him a debt of gratitude that can only be responsibly reconciled with the continued development of the next generation of ethical leaders through the leadership portals that he so generously endowed.”

— Thomas J. Connolly, President,
American College of Dentists

Reflecting on the untimely loss of Dr. Jerry Miller, Dr. Tom Connolly, President of the American College of Dentists, commented that “in the context of a professional career you are truly blessed if you cross paths with someone who has a profound influence on you both personally and professionally. Jerry Miller was one of those individuals for me. I enjoyed our conversations, his wisdom as well as his sage counsel at our board meetings. He was a friend, colleague and mentor and I will miss him dearly.” Dr. Connolly

continued “Perhaps, no one has done more to advance ethics and leadership in our profession than Dr. Jerome Bright Miller and we owe him a debt of gratitude that can only be responsibly reconciled with the continued development of the next generation of ethical leaders through the leadership portals that he so generously endowed.”

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The Foundation also financially supports the Outstanding Student Leader Awards, the Student Professionalism and Ethics Association (SPEA), and the speakers at the ACD Annual Meeting.

So how is the Foundation funded? Funds come as tax-deductible gifts primarily from Fellows.

What options are available for a Fellow to get involved in funding the Foundation? The simplest way is to include the voluntary \$75.00 contribution when paying your annual dues.

The Foundation has three primary support programs—the Gies Fellow Program, the Gies Benefactor Program, and the symbolic Named Funds. Gies Fellows are those who contribute \$1000 to the Foundation over 4 years; Gies Benefactors contribute \$5000 or more over 4 years. Gies Fellows and Gies Benefactors are recognized with a special attachment for their Fellowship pin. Sections, corporations or individuals may establish a named Fund for \$5000 or more to honor a special person (or persons), or entity.

Another means of supporting the Foundation is your donation of an item to the Silent Auction at the Annual Meeting, as well as your purchasing other items up for auction at that meeting.

Lastly, there is the option of a planned gift. This may be in the form of a charitable gift annuity, a charitable re-

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— Andrew Carnegie

mainder trust, a life insurance policy, or naming the Foundation in your will or trust.

So perhaps the question is not “Why the Foundation?” but rather “Why not the Foundation?” No doubt, as we approach our organizational second century our mission requirements in the promotion of excellence in education, ethics and leadership will grow predictably. As Andrew Carnegie famously remarked “I resolved to stop accumulating and began the infinitely more serious and difficult task of wise distribution.” Consider a wise contribution to the Foundation to ensure it has the resources to continue its mission, now and in the future.



Dr. Stilwill congratulates Regent Intern Dr. Ken Randall on a successful term in October 2018. The Regent Intern program was made possible through a generous gift to the Foundation and offers an exceptional guided leadership experience to young dentists with a special interest in ethics and leadership.

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Why donate? We realize our members primarily give because they love the College, they believe in our mission, and they like what we’re doing. The collective effort to further our mission is notable in that it is both broad and deep—the College is able to continuously cast a wide net in multiple arenas through the dedication and ongoing support of its Fellows and Friends.

Contributions are cumulative, and the College tracks donations in order to honor contributors as their com-

mitment to the ACD deepens through successive gifts. If you are interested in making a pledge, please contact Paul Dobson at pdobson@acd.org or 301-977-3223.

The Foundation extends a warm “thank you” to the 846 Fellows who donated a combined \$62,525.78 by sending in a donation with their dues. These donations of under \$1000.00 each power the engine driving our near century-long commitment to advancing excellence, ethics, professionalism, and leadership in dentistry.

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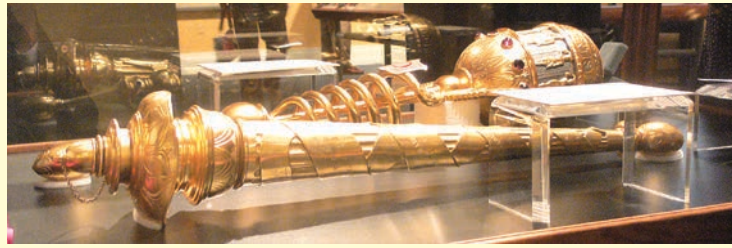
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ACD 2019 Annual Meeting and Convocation



Check-list for New Fellows

- Pick up registration packet, Grand Ballroom A** – your registration packet has your Convocation line-up information, a CE card, and other important information.
Wednesday, September 4 – 8 am – 5:00 pm OR
Thursday, September 5 – 7:30 am – 1:30 pm
- Pick up your cap and gown, Union Square 15-16**
Wednesday, September 4 – 12:00 – 5:00 pm OR
Thursday, September 5 – 7:30 am – 1:30 pm
- Line up for Convocation, Grand Ballroom A**
Thursday, September 5 – 2:15 p.m.
- Return your Convocation gown and pick up your Fellowship certificate, Grand Ballroom A**
Thursday, September 5 – directly after Convocation until 6:00 pm

New Fellows are strongly encouraged to:

- Register for the Special Ethics Course**—one of the highlights of every meeting. This course requires pre-registration with a fee of \$190 (\$210 if there is space still available the morning of the class). This course usually sells out and we are unable to add registrants onsite.
Wednesday, September 4 – 8:00 am - noon
- Attend the Fellows Forum, Grand Ballroom B**
Wednesday, September 4 – 1:00 – 4:00 pm
- Attend the Regency Breakout Session for your Regency** – this is an excellent way to meet your Regent and other Fellows from your part of the country and to learn more about ACD projects and activities. Rooms will be listed in the program.
Wednesday, September 4 – 4:00 – 5:30 pm
- Attend the annual Meet and Greet, Grand Ballroom A** – All Fellows are invited to attend with their guests; cash bar and light h'ordeuvres
Wednesday, September 4 – 5:30 – 7:00 pm
- Attend New Fellow Orientation and the College's annual business meeting, followed by the Keynote Presentation, Grand Ballroom B**
Thursday, September 5 – 8:00 – 9:00 am
- Attend the Convocation Luncheon, Continental Ballroom 4-6** – each new Fellow has one seat at the luncheon included in the registration fee but you must register for the event to activate the reservation. Seats for spouses and guests may be purchased by contacting the office.
Thursday, September 5 – 11:30 – 1:00 pm
- Enjoy ACD 2019's Golden Gate Gala!** Silent Auction and cash bar from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in Grand Ballroom A, followed by a four-course dinner with wine and dancing until midnight in Grand Ballroom B. Each new Fellow has two seats to the Gala included in their registration fee, but you must register for the event to activate your reservation.
Thursday, September 5 – 7:00 – midnight
- Visit the ACD Gallery** for a unique collection of items to proudly display your Fellowship.
- Meet the staff!** Paul, Suzan, Melissa, Erica, and Laurilee are usually found between registration, the Gallery, and the ballroom, and thoroughly enjoy meeting new Fellows.

ACD Hosts Summer Interns

The Boys of Summer

Our inaugural ACD intern, Mr. Matthew (Matt) Pitman is credited with uploading the entire content of the College's ethics teaching modules to the new learning management website. This task required meticulous attention to detail and near virtuosity in digital media applications. He, quite literally, spent weeks inputting data in preparation for extensive beta testing. At the completion of his internship, he drafted a scholarly reflection of the engagement experience. Matthew described "input fatigue" from his self-imposed digitization schedule and commented that he learned that he needed to set more realistic completion goals. Undaunted by his previous experience, he returned to the College on his Christmas break to begin the digitization of the administrative records of our organization. Matthew is a goal-oriented, task-focused young man. Matt set the bar high for all subsequent interns with his notable contribution to the College.

The summer of 2019 proved to be a summer of unique challenges for our former intern. Mathew has always shown considerable interest in military service and he is actively pursuing an appointment to West Point following his graduation from Rockville High School in the summer of 2020. In June of this year, he was chosen from an applicant pool of 6000 individuals to attend a unique program offered by the military academy. West Point conducts the Summer Leaders Experience (SLE) for high school juniors

going into their senior year. This is a fast-paced program of academic classes, military training, physical fitness training and intramural athletics. West Point cadets serve as squad leaders for all aspects of the week-long seminar. When asked about his experience at West Point, Mathew said that he "loved it" and that

it only strengthened his resolve to pursue a position in the starting class of 2020. He particularly enjoyed the lectures on ethics and leadership. It is widely known that the "Academy is focused on inspiring and admitting diverse, high caliber young men and women ensuring that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character, committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country



West Point Summer Leadership Institute

and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army." Mathew understands the importance of discipline and credits his father, David Pitman, with helping him understand that personal discipline, perseverance, and selfless service are essential character traits for the citizen-soldier.



Matthew and his dad before running the Army 10-Miler with the 82nd Airborne Association

Fresh from the West Point experience, Mathew headed straight to Boys State in Westminster, Maryland for the leadership challenge.

Here he participated in geopolitical debates, legislative agenda setting and mock elections. The focus of the event was to discuss American civic principles and the importance of an energized citizenry to democratic ideals. Mathew says from this experience, he learned to appreciate different points of view and to value legitimate differences of opinion.



Boys State at Westminster College

Upon his return from these capstone events, Mathew wasted no time in getting back to work at his summer job where he is employed as a percussionist and camp counselor at a local music studio. He tutors percussion, guitar, and bass guitar students and serves as the house percussionist for student bands as well as the faculty band.



Playing with the faculty band at a charity performance

Soon, Matthew will return to school and actively engage his leadership role at the President of the Student Council at Rockville High School and as the Drumline Captain for the award-winning Rockville Marching Band. Matthew is a man in a hurry and he is destined for greatness as a member of the long gray line. More than most, Matthew understands that the "price for greatness is responsibility."

ACD Hosts Summer Interns

In the summer of 2019, our second ACD intern, Mr. Conor Snyder, continued the digitization of the narrative history of the College. This includes an upload of more than 3000 pages of historical correspondence and more than 2500 individual photographs taken during the period from 1971-1998. The College now has a complete photographic collection that is available upon request. In addition to continued progress in digitizing the archive, Conor has completed more than 44.5 hours of ethics training as part of the beta test of the new ethics website. His review of the materials has sparked an interest in ethics education and primary research in ethics.

Conor is a 2018 graduate of the Virginia Military Institute.

He takes great pride in his alma mater and he credits his experiences at VMI with giving him the necessary discipline to succeed. VMI provides a rigorous education that includes a broad undergraduate program with majors in engineering, science, liberal arts, and social sciences. Woven into every curriculum is leadership and character development that benefits graduates for life.

Conor was drawn to the Institute because of the well-established academic programs and its nationally recognized Division 1 Lacrosse Team. Moreover, the Snyder family has a long and distinguished relationship with the Institute.



Conor Snyder '18 with Anthony Tran '17 in the 2017 Inaugural Parade



Dr. Snyder swearing in his son during the commissioning ceremony

at the Medical University of South Carolina located in the heart of historic Charleston. His interest in den-

tistry developed after he attended a Maryland Mission of Mercy dental outreach engagement with his father. Subsequent to that event, he shadowed at numerous dental offices in the suburban Maryland area including the opportunity to spend some time with highly acclaimed oral and maxillofacial plastic surgeon, Dr Mike Will, and the rest as they say is history. Conor is a recipient of the coveted Health Professions Scholarship Program and he is excited about the prospect of entering the United States Army as a dental officer. Conor's life and career has many parallels to the path his father took and military service is a family tradition.



Conor's VMI graduation with girlfriend Taylor Grover

Dr. Hal Snyder served with distinction for more than twenty-three years in the United States Army Dental Corps. This provided the Snyders with opportunities to travel and explore new vistas. Presently, the family resides in on Braddock Mountain in beautiful Braddock Heights, Maryland.

Like his father, Conor has pursued leadership opportunities at essentially every level of his professional development and he understands that leadership should be borne out of the needs of those most affected by it. His developing leadership style is best described as "servant leadership" and he more than most, understands that the leaders' job is to lead. Conor understands the climate and culture of the United States Army and his role in the organizational framework. Conor is masterful in enlisting the willing cooperation of others in securing mission accomplishment.

Over the summer, Conor has become increasingly interested in healthcare ethics and is planning a multicenter, multivariate cohort study as part of his research project for the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine.

Conor has been a wonderful addition to the Executive Office this summer and he has demonstrated a work ethic worthy of emulation. His efforts have been integral to the preparation of the Centennial Anniversary Presentation Book and the ethics website launch. On behalf of the entire staff of the American College of Dentists, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for a job well done.



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ACD Schedule of Events

Wednesday, September 4

- 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Registration Open
- 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM Gift Gallery Open
- 8:00 AM – 9:15 AM New Fellow Orientation and Annual Business Meeting of the College
- 8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON Ethics Course (\$190); space is limited and pre-registration is required
- 12:00 NOON – 5:00 PM Cap and Gown Pick-up, Portrait Studio Open
- 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Fellows Forum
- 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Regency Breakout Sessions
- 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Meet & Greet

Thursday, September 5

- 7:30 AM – 1:30 PM Registration Open
- 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Gallery Open
- 8:00 AM – 7:45 PM Silent Auction Bidding Open
- 9:15 am – 11:15 am Keynote Presentation
- 11:30 AM – 1:05 PM Luncheon (\$75)
- 2:15 PM Candidate and Sponsor Line-up
- 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Convocation
- 7:00 PM – MIDNIGHT Gala (\$175)

