



FLOSSLINE

Pre-Convention

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FROM THE EDITOR



Dear NDA Family,

As we embrace the arrival of Summer, I am delighted to welcome you to the June/July edition of the Flossline. With each issue, we endeavor to curate a tapestry of insightful narratives, thought-provoking analyses, and inspiring stories that resonate with our diverse readership.

In this issue, we delve into social gatherings and outreach programs hosted by and/or participated by our wonderful members throughout January -May. From highlighting our exceptional members in districts three and four, to

revealing the incredible lineup for our 2024 NDA convention, our dedicated team of writers and contributors has worked tirelessly to bring you content that informs, challenges, and inspires.

At the Flossline, we believe in the power of storytelling to bridge divides, ignite dialogue, and foster understanding. Through our pages, we aim to amplify voices that are often marginalized, champion causes that demand attention, and celebrate achievements that inspire us all.

I am particularly excited about highlighting various pinning and graduation ceremonies for our newest graduates, which encapsulate the essence of our mission and the spirit of our community. I encourage you to immerse yourself in its pages and join us on a journey of exploration and discovery.

As always, I extend my deepest gratitude to our talented contributors, dedicated staff, and, most importantly, to you—our readers—for your unwavering support and engagement. Your feedback fuels our passion and drives us to continuously raise the bar in pursuit of journalistic excellence.

Thank you for being a vital part of the National Dental Association family. Together, let us embark on this enriching adventure, as we navigate the ever-changing landscape of our world with curiosity, empathy, and resilience.

Warm regards,

Marissa Spruell
Marissa Spruell, DDS
Editor-in-Chief
Flossline Publication

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings to Our Esteemed National Dental Association Family,

Thank you for your membership, partnership, and support as we move through 2024 "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants, Launching Into a Future Beyond Imagination." I am so grateful to all our NDA National Office Staff, NDA leaders, Society Presidents, Committee Chairs, our House of Delegates, the Board of Trustees, and especially our Executive Committee for all that we've accomplished this year. As we look forward to our most highly anticipated event of the year, the 2024 NDA Annual Convention, my heart is filled with pride and gratitude for the strides we've made together. In these first months of my presidency, we have already achieved significant milestones, underscoring our unwavering dedication to the NDA's mission to promote oral health equity among people of color by harnessing the collective power of our members, advocating for the needs of and mentoring dental students of color, and raising the profile of the profession in our communities. addressing barriers to oral health

care. Furthermore, we have not only reaffirmed but have doubled down on our commitment to addressing barriers to oral health care; improving the delivery of oral health care in underserved communities; enhancing educational opportunities for dental students and professionals; fostering professional development and networking among our members; and advocating for health policies that support equity in oral health. Throughout our illustrious 111-year history, the National Dental Association has continually adapted to meet the diverse and dynamic needs of our communities. We have evolved with the times to ensure we support our communities and all those who depend on us. Our commitment to community service, educational advancement, advocacy, member engagement, and strategic partnerships remains steadfast.

This year, I have had the enormous honor and pleasure of representing our beloved organization from the East to the West Coast, down South, and so many places in between! At the beginning of the year, I was able to support the expansion of our nationally renowned NDA-signature program, NDA-HEALTH NOW® (Health Equity, Literacy, Technology, and Hope. National Outreach on Wheels), through the addition of our Interprofessional Oral Health Training™ program, "Oral Health for Nurses™", to the Yankee Dental Congress meeting in Boston with support and participation from our CRT partner, Crest Oral-B. This program has reached such

national acclaim that, following delivering the keynote address at Harvard School of Dental Medicine's (HSDM) Diversity Week, NDA was invited back to HSDM to present on our Nurses Training program at their Spring Leadership Forum.

I represented NDA at the Chicago Midwinter meeting and spoke with vendors and exhibitors, including members of the NDA Corporate Roundtable (CRT). From this meeting, NDA was invited to the Global Diversity Event (GDE), held by our CRT partner, CareCredit (Synchrony), where, over two days, Synchrony holds a meeting inclusive of all their employee affinity networks. This incredible celebration of their diverse workforce is a significant factor in their "Fortune 100 Best Companies to Work For® 2024." Also in Chicago, attended the ADA Diversity and Inclusion Committee meeting where I was able to voice the concerns many of you have shared regarding the ADA and Diversity and Inclusion. These meetings serve as a reminder of why it is critical for NDA to be "at the table" when these discussions occur, and I am proud to share that I made sure your voice was heard!

Our National Dental Association Mission and Core Values reflect our deep commitment to serving others. Partnering with RAM (Remote Area Medical) at their national pop-up dental clinics allows us to share our time, energy, and skills. This year, I was proud to volunteer alongside other NDA members at a RAM clinic in PG County, Maryland, and in Anchorage, Alaska. RAM

knows they can call on NDA, and we stand ready to help. We have created a 4-way collab with RAM and CRT partners A-dec and ADI Mobile on a mobile dental van debuting at the annual Convention Community Outreach event in Las Vegas at the Whitney Recreation Center.

As I think about our members, I am reminded of the incredibly warm receptions I have received from all of you as I have traveled and had the opportunity to meet in person this year with Alumni Associations and attend the Georgia Dental Society reception in Atlanta during Hinman. How thrilling to speak at the local NDA society, the Arkansas Medical, Dental, Pharmaceutical Association (AMDPA) Annual Scientific Session in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Our engagement with SNDA and student programs strengthens our collective impact on our current and future dental students, the crucial to moving the needle on our 3.8%. This year, SNDA hosted NDA in their "Office Hours" forum. We also were able to bring back the virtual NDA Pinning Ceremony, began by Immediate Past President Dr. Henderson, conducted this year by NDA Chairman of the Board Dr. Salter and NDA Vice President Dr. Bellamy. Reaching even further upstream to rising 9th and 10th grade high-school students, NDA is continuing our second year of the S.M.I.L.E. (Summer Mentorship and Immersive Learning Enrichment) Healthcare Pathway Program at Meharry Medical College. This year, we will not only bring in a new cohort of students in Nashville to experience the career of dentistry in all its splendor, but we will also welcome back the students from

last summer that, in line with the original design of the program to grown with the students.

Having had the opportunity this year to sit in so many different forums at institutions, corporations and organizations, including the conventions of HDA and SAID, I am reminded that NDA remains at the forefront as innovators, trailblazers and trendsetters. I have had the opportunity to meet with members of other African American organizations, including the National Medical Association (NMA), the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA), the National Pharmaceutical Association (NPhA), and others, which perfectly positions NDA for the highly anticipated Health Equity Call to Action (HECTA). HECTA brings together HBCUs and other organizations with thought leaders in various disciplines to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities and address oral-systemic health as a driver for whole-body health.

I have long admired the Social Justice heart of the NDA, and to this end, Legislative Advocacy has always been a priority for NDA. This year, we have had the privilege of signing-on to legislation to benefit providers, and we have even cheered as our very own member, Co-Chair of the NDA Global Outreach Committee, Dr. Brian Swann, testified before congress. During this this tumultuous time in our nation's history, it is more important than ever to be champions and advocates not only in front of legislative bodies, but also at the ballot, as we must be active in the political process to make sure we have legislators in place to push the policies that we need and support, the policies

that will help move our needle and help our communities!

Reflecting on the past months, our journey has been one of profound achievement. Our upcoming Annual Convention in Las Vegas promises to celebrate our collective achievements and explore new horizons in oral health, technology, education, advocacy, and community service. Together, we will continue to make a difference and leave a lasting legacy. It is imperative that we remain champions for diversity, ensuring we are always on the right side of history.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to our beloved organization.

Nicole Cheek

Dr. Nicole Cheek
President, National Dental Association

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Members of the National Dental Association,

As your new Executive Director, a role I embraced in November 2023, it is with a humble and grateful heart that I reach out to you today. The past seven months have been a whirlwind of learning and growth, and I am profoundly honored to be part of such an extraordinary community. I am particularly excited to attend my first Annual Conference in Vegas from July 24-28, 2024, and to share this momentous occasion with all of you.

The importance of supporting African American dentists and the next generation cannot be overstated, and it has been a privilege to witness and contribute to this vital mission. We have embarked on transformative initiatives designed to propel the association forward, and I am delighted to share some of our achievements.

One of our key accomplishments has been strengthening our organization through the addition of talented new staff members who bring fresh perspectives and expertise. Semiyah Sams has been promoted to lead the SMILE Pathway Program. Caleb Smith and our newly added team member,

Ronnesha Nickens, their dedication and hard work have ensured that the office functions and that this conference will be an outstanding experience for all attendees. We have hired a dynamo event planner, Tonya Horsley, who has led the effort to bring the annual meeting dream together at Caesars. Our collaboration with the Eddie G. Smith Leadership Institute has been gratifying. We launched a Financial Webinar Series with Aprio, Equitable, and PNC Bank, focusing on critical topics such as dental practices' financial health, dentistry's business, and fraud prevention. This initiative underscores our commitment to supporting our members' professional and personal growth.

Traveling with our 100th President, Dr. W Cheek, to national dental meetings in Chicago and Atlanta has been enlightening. These trips have allowed us to forge stronger connections with fellow dentists and innovative companies, bringing back new ideas to enhance the NDA. Learning about the Health Now initiative in Boston has provided us with strategies to improve oral health outcomes in our communities through an interprofessional approach.

NDA is thrilled to announce a new partnership with the Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA). This collaboration led to a national consumer survey that supports some of the work NDA is doing, aiming to expand access to oral care products and promote self-care in the African-American community. The CHPA's support will be instrumental in advancing our educational and outreach efforts, ensuring we continue to promote oral health equity and excellence.

This year's conference offers CE from leadership training to innovative digital dentistry

and community outreach sessions, exemplifying the NDA's commitment to excellence and advancement in dental health. The opportunity to participate in events such as the Eddie G. Smith Leadership Training, the Minority Faculty Awards Luncheon, the Social Justice Luncheon (previously known as the Civil Rights Luncheon), and the various networking receptions is invaluable. These moments highlight our dedication to professional development and reinforce our unity and shared goals.

In addition to education, we are going to have a good time! I am particularly looking forward to the NDA President's Welcome Reception and the 40 Under 40 Gala, where we celebrate the achievements of our members and the future of our profession. We strengthen our bonds through these gatherings and drive forward with renewed vigor and shared purpose. The team and I look forward to meeting you in Vegas! As we gather for this year's conference, I am eager to engage with you all, share our progress, and discuss the future of the NDA. Together, we are poised to achieve remarkable growth and make a lasting impact on the dental profession.

Thank you for the warm welcome and your unwavering support and dedication. I am honored to serve as your Executive Director and am committed to working alongside you to achieve our shared goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tammy Dillard-Steels". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "T".

Tammy Dillard-Steels, MPH, MBA, CAE
Executive Director
National Dental Association

NDA BOARD CHAIR



On behalf of the National Dental Association Board of Trustees, I bring greetings to our members! We have amazing trustees from each of our districts who bring a wealth of knowledge, interests, talents, and ideas that will help propel NDA forward. As Chairman, my vision is to strengthen our Board members' capacity to resource the programs and operations of NDA. It is also my priority to ensure that our membership is constantly growing and that all of our societies are well-equipped to bring NDA values and programs to communities across the nation. We all look forward to welcoming members to the annual convention in Las Vegas, NV this year. I hope that the District Caucuses are engaging and energetic. It will be my honor to meet you there!

In Service,

Reginald Salter
Reginald O. Salter, DDS, MBA, PhD, FICD
Chairman, NDA Board of Trustees

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CONVENTION SCHEDULE

The 2024 NDA Convention Schedule is online for your convenience.



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FLOSSLINE PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

Beginning in 2024, the Flossline will be published three times annually.

Fall 2024 - captures activities during the summer, including the NDA Convention

Publication Date: First Week of October
Content Deadline: 9/1/24

Winter 2025 - includes activities from October through December

Publication Date: First Week of January
Content Deadline: 12/1/24

Summer 2025 - includes all spring and Pre-Convention content

Publication Date: First Week of June
Content Deadline: 5/1/25



The S.M.I.L.E. (Student Mentoring with Immersive Learning and Enrichment) Healthcare Pathway Summer Program offers high school students a comprehensive and immersive experience,

providing valuable insights into the oral health community, its significance, and its profound impact on diverse communities, and exposure to oral health career opportunities.

The first program invited 40 students and will be hosted by Howard University, College of Dentistry which will be split into 2- one-week sessions in June and July of 2023. Our second program will be held at Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry for 40 students July 7 – 12, 2024. The students are divided into groups of four (4), paired with

one (1) chaperone and all are accompanied by 10 – 15 program staff and volunteers. Experiences include tours of dental schools, hands-on in SIM Labs and FQHC, visits to local landmarks and presenting group capstone projects.

Those students who wish to continue in the program are provided with a year-long schedule of activities that keeps the students engaged with hands-on activities, mock college interviews, time management and communication training.



High School students participate in SMILE Pathway programs in Washington DC. Howard University SNDA students taught the SMILE Ambassadors impressions taking techniques. Pictured with Ambassadors are Board Chairman Dr. Salter and SMILE Pathway Program Director Ms. Lavette Henderson, HU SNDA students Henny Shelton and Nnamelu Akunne



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Written by
**LaVette Henderson, CMP, HMCC,
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SMILE Program Manager

Pinning Ceremonies



Univ of Missouri Kansas City SNDA



Univ of MD Dental School SNDA Graduates pinned by Maryland Dental Society



University of Pennsylvania and Temple University pinned by New Era Dental Society



Univ of Missouri Kansas City SNDA Graduates pinned by members of Heart of America Dental Society



Howard University SNDA Graduates pinned by Robert T. Freeman Dental Society

Members Spotlight

Dr. Danté Brown is from Flossmoor, Illinois (no pun intended). He earned his Doctorate in Dental Medicine and Master's in Public Health from the University of Illinois at



Chicago. Dr. Brown practices as a general dentist in private practice.

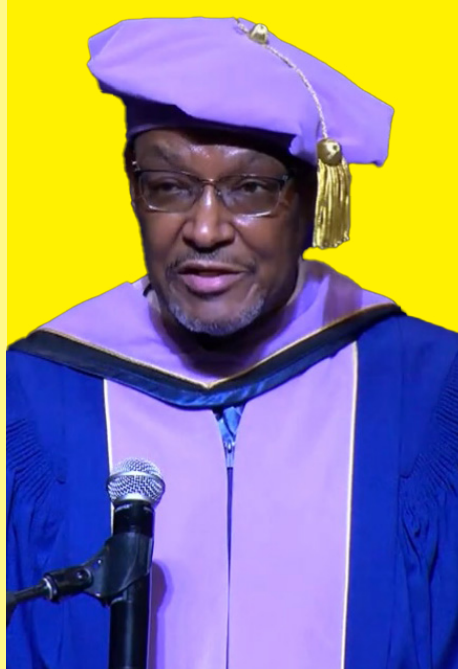
Driven by a dedication to serve, Dr. Brown dedicates some of his time to underrepresented communities. He is on staff at a community health center in Indiana and has sat on the Advisory Council for the National Health Service Corps. He is currently Co-Chair for the NDA Policy

Committee where he has already made significant contributions to various policies presented to the National Dental Association to ensure the voice of the underserved is heard.

Beyond dentistry, Dr. Brown finds joy in reading, exploring Chicago's diverse culinary scene, and engaging in meaningful fellowship with others. He is particularly interested in fostering work-life balance initiatives for fellow dentists within their practices.

Dr. Dennis Mitchell,

Interim Provost, Executive Vice President for University Life, and Senior Vice Provost for Faculty Advancement at Columbia University. Served as orator for the Howard University College of Dentistry's Honors and Oath Convocation during commencement week 202. An expert clinician, researcher, and administrator, Dr. Mitchell has devoted his 30-year career at Columbia to strengthening the community through his commitment to fostering an inclusive campus climate for new and rising faculty members.



to change not only in your practices but in the community you will serve". Dr. Mitchell emphasized, "Your leadership in your communities is needed now more than ever. You're not just graduating as healthcare providers. You are ambassadors of truth and advocates for justice".

Dr. Mitchell received a Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree in 1989 from Howard University.

"Your profession is not just about healing teeth, but understanding people.... You have the power to lead-



With NDA Board Chairman



During the commencement processional with Dean Andrea D. Jackson leading

Dr. Leslie Grant, Past President and Past Speaker of the House for the National Dental Association returned to Boston University with her sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for the centennial celebration of their initiation chapter-Epsilon Chapter. Epsilon chapter was chartered on May 2, 1924. The city of Boston welcomed the sorority with great fanfare. In 1996, she became the first woman to serve as Speaker of the House for the National Dental Association



Dr. Grant is pictured with her Line Sisters during the Centennial Celebration

(NDA) and in 2006, she became the President of NDA. Grant is also a member of the Academy of General Dentistry, the American Association of Women Dentists, the American Dental Association, and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. In addition to her work with dental associations, Dr. Grant served as an Examiner for the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners



Dr. Grant is pictured with her Line Sisters during the Centennial Celebration



Hinman Dental Meeting Atlanta, Ga



Dr. Salter with Volunteer Manager for Remote Area Medical Mrs. Mary Brown at Hinman



Dr. Salter greets NDA members at Hinman social



Ms. Dillard-Steels with NDA Delegate Dr. Aldolphus Jackson



Executive Director, NDA President, and Board Chairman are greeted by Georgia Dental Society members during a social gathering



NATIONAL DENTAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the National Dental Association Foundation, I bring you greetings. The Foundation has continued to work to fulfill its mission to ensure oral healthcare remains a viable profession for African-American and other underrepresented students by supporting aspiring dental professionals through scholarship programs.

We have entered into a partnership with Crest Oral B, the United Negro College Fund, and Family Dollar with the inception of the Bridges Scholarship Program. This program offers a total of 18 scholarships to members of the Student National Dental Association (8 @ \$5,000 each), National Dental Hygienists' Association (8 @ \$3,000 each) and National Dental Assistant Association (2 @ \$2,000 each). We are pleased to report over 400 students have initiated the application process. The awardees will be announced during the Virtual Awards Ceremony on June 15th. Additionally, at the February kickoff of the program,



Howard University College of Dentistry Student Doctors Volunteering at the oral Health Screening at a local Family Tree in Washington, DC.

several individuals were honored with Community Service Awards. The awardees included Dr. Hazel Harper, Dr. Nicole Cheek, and Howard University College of Dentistry Student Doctors Nnamelu Akunne, Thomas Savage, Imari McCullough, Andrew Bynum, and Noah Williams.

Our 40+ year partnership with Colgate enables us to award research fellowships and scholarships and support institutional research at Howard University College of Dentistry and Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry. We congratulate our 2024 TORCH Scholar Fellowship Awardee, Dr. Malika Malik, a PhD candidate at the University of Michigan. The full list of 2024 scholarship awardees will be announced during the 111th Annual NDA Convention on July 24-28, 2024 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Please join us in congratulating all our awardees!

See you in Las Vegas!!!

John T. Daniels II DDS, FICOI, FICD, FACD
President, NDA Foundation



LaVette Henderson, NDAF Consultant; Dr Nicole Cheek, NDA President; Student Dr. Thomas Savage, HUCD; Dean Andre Jackson, HUCD



Dr John T. Daniel II, NDAF President; Student Dr. Noah Williams & Imari McCullough HUCD, Dean Andre Jackson HUCD President; and Dr Nicole Cheek, NDA President



Dr Nicole Cheek, NDA President; Student Dr. Morgan Anderson, SNDA HUCD President; and Dr. John T. Daniels, II, NDAF President



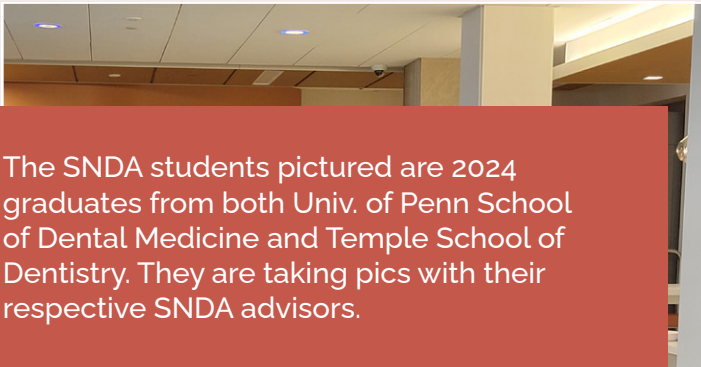
District 1



Dr. Bryant Jones, New Era Dental Society President, presented the Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Allen Champion, New Era Society President. Dr. Champion is the Jefferson Hospital, OMFS Residency Program Director in Philadelphia, PA. He's a graduate of University of Maryland Dental School.



SNDA students and New Era Dental Society members at pinning dinner



The SNDA students pictured are 2024 graduates from both Univ. of Penn School of Dental Medicine and Temple School of Dentistry. They are taking pics with their respective SNDA advisors.



District 2



**Todd V. Ester, D.D.S.,
M.A.**
Clinical Associate Professor
and Associate Dean for
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
University of Michigan School
of Dentistry

Members of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) House of Delegates elected Dr. Todd V. Ester as Chair-elect of the ADEA Board of Directors during the 2024 ADEA Annual Session and Exhibition in New Orleans, LA.

Dr. Ester is a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Michigan where he currently serves as Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Michigan

School of Dentistry. He has served on the Minority Faculty Affairs Committee for the National Dental Association for many dedicated years as well as his active tenure in the Student National Dental Association. He has over 30 years of active membership with ADEA as a dental student, graduate student and faculty member. Dr. Ester shared in his candidate's statement: "ADEA has been an important part of my professional life and development as a dental educator and I have made life-long friends through this amazing organization". I understand the importance of access and opportunity to underserved and underrepresented communities and ADEA has led this charge as The Voice of Dental Education.

Dr. Ester credits his success to the mentorship through the trailblazing efforts of Jeanne Craig Sinkford, D.D.S., Ph.D., D.Sc., who was Associate Executive Director and established the Center

for Equity and Diversity in 1998. Since that time, he has held many leadership roles in the ADEA Council of Sections; the ADEA Access, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee (Co-chair); and major ADEA President and CEO initiatives, such as the ADEA Collaborative on Dental Education Climate Assessment (CDECA), ADEA President's Symposium on Men of Color in the Health Professions; and the ADEA Chair of the Board on the New Thinking for the Century initiative.

As a first-generation college graduate born and raised in Detroit, MI, Dr. Ester states he understands the profound impact the profession of dentistry can have on one's family and community. He has dedicated his life's work to creating inclusive environments for the profession of dentistry and dental education.

Biography of Dr. Eugene Jordan

Dr. Eugene Jordan was many things in his life which ended, sadly, in 2020 at the age of 83.

He served the communities of Cleveland and East Cleveland by providing quality, professional dental services to those who couldn't afford care. Dr. Jordan was well-respected and served as the 69 president of the National Dental Association.

He and his siblings were raised in Columbus by their widower father who was a maintenance worker for the City of Columbus. He attended the Ohio State University and graduated from Capital University in Columbus with an undergraduate degree in biology.

After a stint with

the Army Medical Corps, he worked his way through Howard University Dental School leading to his dental practice.

But his contributions to the community go far beyond his dental services. He was also a beloved civil and human rights activist and Black History historian.

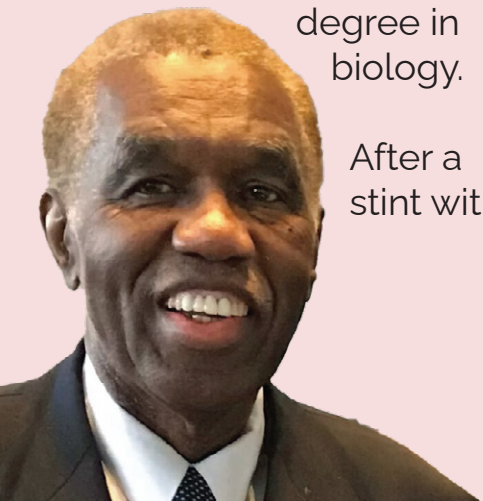
Dr. Jordan was a loyal and lifelong member of the NAACP where he served 20 years on the executive board of the Cleveland chapter. He worked with the NAACP and helped establish Juneteenth and Black History celebrations in Northeast Ohio. He was vice president of the African-American Cultural Garden in Cleveland and led the activist group the



Sabra Pierce Scott and Dr. Jordan cut the ribbon at Phase 1 of the African-American Cultural Garden

Underground Railroad. He marched in the Cleveland Umoja Parades. He was a mainstay at the annual Black History Month Flag Raising ceremony at Cleveland City Hall where he spoke about the ancestors who brought him to that point and the young people who would take the next steps.

Rest in Peace Dr. Jordan.



Dr. Eugene Jordan Cleveland International Hall of Fame Class of 2024

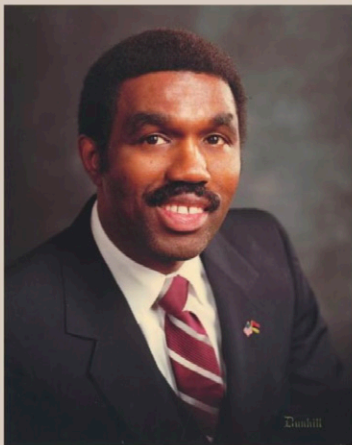
Dr. Jordan was inducted into the Cleveland International Hall of Fame by Rev. Dr. Otis Moss Jr. who is an American pastor, theologian, speaker, author, and activist. Moss is well known for his involvement in the Civil Rights Movement and his

friendship with both Martin Luther King Jr. and Martin Luther King Sr. He was regional director of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Southern Christian Leadership Conference, leading several campaigns to fight various forms of discrimination and segregation. He also participated in the Selma, Alabama civil rights march with King, whom he became close friends with.

Cleveland International Hall of Fame Inductee

Dr. Eugene Jordan was a Renaissance person in all respects of the word. Resolute dentist, husband, son, father, family man, founding father of numerous groups, community-builder, encourager, supporter for the civil liberties of all people, booster of the less fortunate, and exemplifier of benevolence to those around him. He portrayed the Christian attribute of servanthood and carried that from his home to his dental office and out into the world around him. His life of compassion was to share his blessings with those around him and in his presence, people knew they were home.

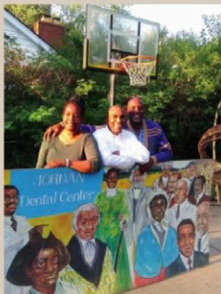
We, his children, Joy, Martin, and Michael, are extremely thankful for this distinction from the Cleveland International Hall of Fame and for the honor bestowed on our dear father. In our hearts we carry not only precious memories but a fire to fulfill his legacy to the next generation in each of our vocations and truly in our lives. We accept this with gratitude.



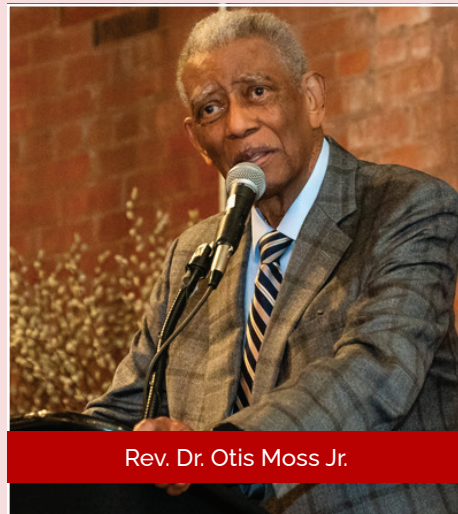
Dr. Eugene J. Jordan

"There's really only one purpose in life, and that is to serve humanity".

Dr. Eugene J. Jordan



*Dr. Joy A. Jordan
Dr. Martin E. Jordan,
Dr. Michael W. Jordan*



Rev. Dr. Otis Moss Jr.



Dr. Eugene Jordan's children



CIHF Co-founder Dan Hanson with Dr. Joy Jordan

District 3

Dr. Nicole Cheek and Dr. Cheryl Lee participate in medical outreach in Anchorage, Alaska.

Lions Club International and Remote Area Medical sponsored pop-up medical clinics in Fairbanks and Anchorage. The clinics offered medical, dental, eye check-ups and care at no cost to patients of all ages.

RAM Anchorage, Alaska Registered 410 patients
\$305, 989 in services

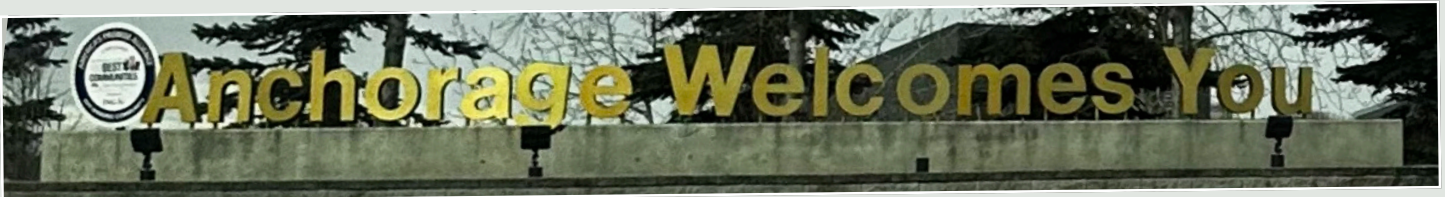


Photo with John Myers, President & Chairman of the Board Remote Area Medical



Dr. Cheryl Lee, the 98th President and current District 3 Trustee



Dr. Reginald Salter, Chairman of the Board and District 3 Trustee, participates in Remote Area Medical (RAM) outreach in Gloucester, MD with Howard University Students. The outreach was in conjunction with Haleon and Walmart. Over \$80,000 in services were provided on the mobile unit provided by RAM

Swearing in Photo of Maryland Dental Society Officers

Dr. Nate Fletcher, Past NDA President and Board Chairman administers the Oath of Office

- President: Dr. Tracy S. King
- Vice President: Dr. May Nicholas -Holmes
- Corresponding/ Recording Secretary: Dr. Sara Nia Coleman
- Parliamentarian: Dr. Courtney Kane
- Treasurer: Dr. Andrew Martin
- Financial Secretary: Dr. Corey Murray



MD Dental Society Officers are sworn in by Past President, Dr. Nate Fletcher.



Dr. Cheryl Lee, 98th President, participates in Lessons In A Lunchbox at Flintstone, Elementary in Oxon Hill, MD. Dr. Lee collaborated with her chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Delta Mu Chi Fraternity, Inc.- Howard University to provide educational resources and fun activities for the students.



District 4



Dr. Kredenna L. Beverly

Dr. Kredenna L. Beverly was appointed to represent the National Dental Association on the Louisiana Health Care Commission (LHCC). On July 14, 1992, the Governor signed into law Act 1068 (La. R.S. 22:2161), creating the LHCC. The LHCC is a 47-member advisory board that undertakes a comprehensive review of complex healthcare issues facing Louisiana, including but not limited to, the availability and affordability of healthcare in Louisiana. Members of the LHCC serve two-year terms.

Dr. Kredenna L. Beverly is a Board-Certified Diplomat, of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and owner of TWINKling Smiles of Baton Rouge.

Dr. Kredenna L. Beverly is a Baton Rouge native. She completed her collegiate and research studies at Southern University A&M College, and her dental education and pediatric residency at

Howard University College of Dentistry in Washington, D.C. In her residency, Dr. Beverly received extensive training in diagnosis, management, anesthesia, and special needs of all children ranging from routine care to full mouth rehabilitation.

While at Howard University College of Dentistry, Dr. Beverly was awarded the Anne Elizabeth "Bessie" Delaney Scholarship. Also at Howard, she conducted research involving human oral cancer cells in which she was the recipient of many awards including first place at the Greater New York Dental Society Meeting.

Since 2008, Dr. Beverly has rendered her services to the following organizations:

- Capitol City Dental Association – local component of National Dental Association: (President 2013- present),
- Pelican State- state component of National Dental Association: (President 2020-2023),
- Rotary of Baton Rouge,
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Baton Rouge Chapter of the Links, Incorporated and others.

Dr. Beverly is the daughter of the late Roosevelt and Kattie Beverly. She has three sisters, Dr. Richelle Beverly, Dr. Katina Beverly, and Attorney Miesha Beverly. Dr. Katina Beverly, her identical twin sister, is also a pediatric dentist at TWINKling Smiles of Monroe. Drs. Katina and Kredenna Beverly are part owners of TWINKling Smiles of Oakdale, which is a satellite dental practice located in central Louisiana that focuses on increasing access to specialty dental care. Dr. Beverly and her husband, Steven Sumbler, an attorney and JAG officer in the Louisiana National Guard, are the parents of two beautiful girls



Dr. Janet Southerland

Congratulations on your selection as a 2024 Distinguished Service Medal recipient

This is the highest honor bestowed by Carolina Alumni and acknowledges your infectious passion, undeniable dedication, and unwavering support to Carolina. I am excited to welcome you to such a dynamic group of Tar Heels.

I look forward to celebrating with you during this year's Carolina Alumni Awards Gala.

Carolina Alumni's Distinguished Service Medal has been awarded since 1978 to alumni and others who have provided outstanding service to Carolina Alumni and/or the University. It is presented at the Annual Alumni Luncheon each spring.

District 5



Dr. Dan Burch has been selected to participate in the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Leadership Institute. Dr. Burch is a Clinical Associate Professor and Chief for Community and Hospital dentistry at Texas A&M University.

The ADEA Leadership Institute is a yearlong program designed to develop the most promising individuals at academic dental institutions to become future leaders in dental and higher education.

District 6



Angel City Dental Society (California) elects new officers



Invitation to Engage

At the inaugural meeting, the National Dental Association board members, including the newly appointed Executive Director, Tammy Dillard-Steels, President-Dr. Nicole Cheek, and the Chairman of the Board, Dr. Reginald Salter gathered with representatives from its associate, the National Dental Hygienists' Association. Among these representatives were President- Tonia Tolbert-Moore Baillargeon, Vice President- JaNae Jamison-Kimbell, Secretary- Barbara Seldon, and Ways and Means- Amy Porter; fostering an atmosphere of anticipation and camaraderie.

From the outset, it was evident that inclusiveness and collaboration were paramount in shaping the dialogue. Discussion centered on the prospect of hosting conventions in underrepresented locations and outside the timeframe aligned with ADHA events. Additionally, there were deliberations on optimizing

the vendor presence at conventions, ensuring that the focus remained on enhancing the professional identity of dental hygienists.

The wealth of knowledge, expertise, and experience embodied by Tammy Dillard-Steels, the newly appointed Executive Director, left a lasting impression on all present. Her accolades and vision for the organization resonated deeply with the board members, fostering a sense of enthusiasm for the journey ahead.

As the meeting progressed, Secretary- Barbara Seldon articulated a powerful mantra that encapsulated the ethos of the dental hygiene profession: "I don't clean teeth, I prevent disease, preserve health, reduce infection and inflammation. I help a person have a better quality of life. I am a primary caregiver; therefore, I am an Oral Health Practitioner."™ This

declaration underscored the importance of elevating the role of dental hygienists and recognizing them as integral members of the healthcare team. Furthermore, there was a concerted effort to uplift dentists as Tooth Physicians™, and primary care providers, positioning them as vital allies in promoting oral health and overall well-being.

In reflecting on the essence of who we are as dental hygienists, the board members acknowledged the significance of their name and reputation. They affirmed that their word and their profession were intrinsically linked, emphasizing the need to elevate their collective identity. As the meeting concluded, there was a sense of unity and purpose—a shared commitment to advancing the field of dental hygiene and dentistry, amplifying its impact on society.

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NDA Committee on Global Outreach

With many regions of the world in crisis today there is an increasing need for humanitarian aid and global outreach. The NDA Committee on Global Outreach supports the mission of the NDA in working to increase access to quality oral health care for vulnerable populations domestically and abroad. The committee meets regularly throughout the year to discuss ongoing outreach projects as well as new service opportunities to support. Some of the efforts that the Committee has directly supported are in Haiti, the Bahamas, Jamaica, and Cape Verde.

Additionally, members have collaborated with organizations such as Remote Area Medical (RAM) to deliver care to underserved areas within the U.S.

Remote Area Medical

Remote Area Medical is an organization that provides free healthcare services by operating pop-ups in underserved areas. RAM volunteers have treated over 940,000 emergency dental patients, providing an estimated \$200 million in free care. The NDA has

collaborated with RAM on projects throughout the continental United States, Alaska, and the Bahamas, relieving pain and infections of vulnerable populations.

Aquinnah Wampanoag Project

Committee Co-chair, Dr. Brian Swann leads a project to promote oral health for the Wampanoag Native American tribe in Massachusetts. This year, the Aquinnah Wampanoag project was able to help secure a \$200,000 grant. These funds will be used to purchase equipment for dental clinics on Martha's Vineyard and in New Bedford on Cape Cod, which will serve the Wampanoag Native American Tribe. Currently, care is rendered within the clinics by students and faculty from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine but the next phase of this project will bring oral health care to this indigenous population using portable equipment. This project will expand to include dental students from Boston University and Tufts University.

Jamaica Outreach (July 23 – July 30, 2023)

Last July, students from Howard University volunteered with Zion Care International to provide dental examinations, dental prophylaxis treatment, extractions and education to communities in Kingston and Spanish Town, Jamaica. The trip was led by Dr. Bishop Brown. Dr. Brian Swann, Dr. Reginald Salter, and Dr. Israel Adeloje along with other volunteer dentists worked alongside Howard University dental students and faculty members to provide over 6,000 medical and dental patient encounters.



Dr Israel Adeloje providing care in Jamaica



Dr Reginald Salter providing care in Jamaica

Cape Verde (October 6, 2023 – October 17, 2023)

Dr. Nicholas Gordon volunteered with the Brockton, Massachusetts-based group, Cape Verdean Women United and participated in a dental outreach trip to Cape Verde last October. The dental need in Cape Verde is great, with children bearing the highest burden of dental disease. Low numbers of dental providers make access to prevention limited. In addition to this, increased access to sugar-sweetened beverages such as fruit juice contributes to the high prevalence of dental caries among children. The team visited the islands of Sal and Boa Vista, providing dental care to over 1,000 children and adults.



Dr Nicholas Gordon providing care in Cape Verde

Haiti

The NDA Committee on Global Outreach has maintained a longstanding relationship with the University of Haiti School of Dentistry in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. In previous years, the NDA has partnered with Dr. Samuel Prophete, Dean of the dental school to provide oral health prevention and treatment in rural communities in Haiti. After learning that the recent political upheaval and instability in the country put a dire strain on the dental school, the Committee discussed ways in which it could help.

Through a generous donation, committee member, Dr. Israel Adeloye was able to secure \$9,850 in dental equipment and supplies for the University of Haiti School of Dentistry.



Dental Equipment donated by NDA to University of Haiti dental school

Symposium on Global Outreach

The NDA Committee is excited to be hosting its annual Symposium on Global Outreach at the 110 Annual NDA Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. The symposium will feature a panel of speakers to further highlight these and other global projects that members are a part of. Anyone interested in learning about best practices in global outreach and exciting opportunities to serve in marginalized and resource-limited communities, won't want to miss this symposium. The symposium will be held on Saturday, July 27 from 10:45 am – 11:45 am in Caesars Palace, Las Vegas.

Submitted by **Nicholas B. Gordon, DMD, MPH**

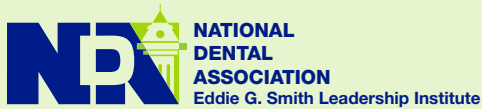
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May 21, 2024

Our Programs



Formed in 1996, the NDA-CRT serves in an advisory capacity to strengthen the organization's growth and development. This is achieved through corporate giving, in-kind donations, administrative contributions, and active engagement in NDA programs.



Eddie G. Smith, Jr., DDS, FACD, FICD, authored the first Constitution of the NDA, served as the first Speaker of the House of Delegates (1967-1970), and served as President of the NDA from 1972-1973.

Dr. Smith fervently believed that the future of the NDA would be determined by the strength of its leaders; that the duty and obligation of current leaders is to sufficiently train and mentor future leaders; and that the information, history and knowledge must be preserved and passed on to the next generations. He also believed that those who have the capacity to lead must do so and that to carry the mantle of leadership, leaders must devote themselves to becoming students of the leadership process.



Interprofessional Oral Health Training™

Programs designed to accelerate medical-dental integration; improve non-dental health professionals' oral health competencies; increase awareness about the oral-systemic link; increase inter-professional

communication and collaboration; and improve health outcomes. Includes hands-on training for dental screenings; as well as accredited C.E. courses for mixed audiences of dentists, physicians, nurses and pharmacists.



Interprofessional Student Leaders Colloquium and Summit™

Leadership training for students in multiple disciplines is essential for transforming America's health system and achieving optimal health for all

Americans. The goals of the initiative are: To strengthen the health leadership; To focus training on areas that characterize a transformational leader; to provide leaders of tomorrow with the skill sets they will need over the span of their careers, to achieve goals that will impact systemic, social and behavioral change for improved population health; to develop a program uniquely suited for leaders for whom health equity is a matter of social justice, and health leadership is a moral obligation; and to identify and collaborate with institutions and faculty mentors dedicated to diversity and training student leaders in their respective disciplines: medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, social work, public health, public policy, communications, business and law.



NDA's signature program provides programming for service, education and access across the lifespan in underserved communities. Includes education programs for senior citizens and their caregivers; age-appropriate oral health STEM programs; training programs for non-dental health professionals and students (nurses, Pediatricians, OB-GYNs); community outreach and health fairs; back-to-school events; donated products for free clinics; and disaster relief supplies.

The NDA-HEALTH NOW® endeavors to:

1. increase health care access;
2. eliminate disparities;
3. increase health literacy, and
4. promote prevention.

NDA-HEALTH NOW® relies on corporate and foundation donations, in-kind support, engagement of community partners, development of local leadership teams, the formation of inter-professional health teams and volunteerism.



Women's Health Symposium™

Following the formation of the Association of Black Women Dentists in 1982, the WHS was formed in 1993 to address the needs and concerns of African American women dentists; to advocate for the health of vulnerable populations; and to recognize and acknowledge the achievements of phenomenal women.



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Tickets: www.ndaonline.org



Greetings ANDA members and friends. As we welcome summer, we are continuing to prepare for the **111th Annual Convention** which will be held in at **Ceasar's Palace, Las Vegas, July 25 – 28, 2024.**

Last year at the ANDA 110 th Annual Dental Convention in New Orleans we hosted our Annual Business meeting, Happy Hour with ANDA and 2 successful raffles, one was for cash and the other was a basket of New Orleans flavors.

ANDA's 2024 convention engagements include:

- Working with the **NDA's Health Now Project**. We encourage ANDA members to participate in this off-site event which benefits the community in the convention host city
- **Executive Board Meeting** on Thursday at 1:00 p.m.
- **General Business Meeting** will be on Friday at 1:00 p.m. Business to be attended to during the meeting will include, election of new officers, discussion on resuming **Dental Student Scholarships** and our financial support to a local **Community Service Organization**. Donations to these efforts can be made during registration.
- **ANDA fun in the Casino**

Registration is open on-line at: <https://cvent.me/k01ar7>

For more information and to sign up to join the planning conference calls contact ANDA's President, Glenna Livingston at gdliving57@gmail.com

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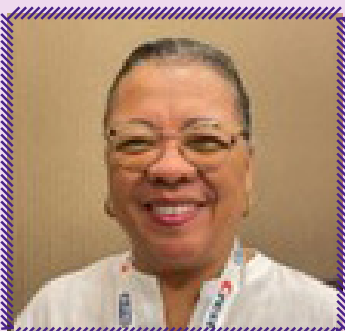
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