



Southern Maryland Dental Society

January 2024

President's Message

Happy New Year! As we usher in the new year and reflect back on 2023, we are beyond grateful for your support. Being a member of our society is an investment in your professional journey. It is a commitment to life-long learning, collaboration, and the advancement of a shared mission—to provide exceptional oral health care to our communities. I encourage you to actively participate, contribute, and make the most of our membership. Together, let us shape the future of dentistry, inspire excellence and create a legacy that benefits not only ourselves but generations of dental professionals to come.



It's January, which means it's time to turn over a new leaf and be optimistic. If you are looking to build your dental team, it might be time for a fresh start. I encourage you to keep an open mind to innovative ways to strengthen and to build a dental workforce. Consider hosting a high school student through the Montgomery County Public Schools Summer RISE program. This is a unique hands-on learning opportunity to mentor motivated rising juniors and seniors about careers in dentistry. The program runs for 5 weeks from June 24 -July 26th, with a minimum of 50 hours of either in-person, virtual or a combination of the two. Registration is open now until March 15, 2024. To learn more, register for an information session or host summit [here](#). For program details click here www.MCPS-SummerRISE.org.

If you are looking to improve your physical and mental wellness in 2024, the ADA offers several webinars and other videos to support you on your path to a healthier life in the new year. The resources, which are free to ADA members, cover resilience, ergonomics, stress and more. Additionally, the ADA is launching New Dentist Learning Networks which connect dentist across the globe with similar interests. These are ongoing live networking series for LGBTQIA+ communities looking to foster patient-centered care, inventors and entrepreneurs, eco-sustainable practitioners, female and pediatric dentist who want to hone their oral surgery skills, and much more. To explore these learning networks look [here](#).

The SMDS has much in store for you in 2024! We are actively working behind the scenes planning and preparing to bring you more high-quality continuing education and hands-on courses. If you are interested in joining the Executive Board, please reach out. We are currently recruiting for Vice President, Alternative and Delegate positions. We are about 1 month away from Dentist Day in Annapolis. If you want to learn more about advocacy or be involved in the legislative process, now is your chance. This is an incredible opportunity to meet lawmakers statewide and help drive change. Let's push boundaries, collaborate, and join the change process together. It's still possible to register, find the link [here](#).



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President Message continued

New changes that will be taking place in 2024. The Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) Exam will now be offered in Modern Spanish starting Jan 10, 2024. The application can be found [here](#) or on the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) website. The text materials by DANB will also be offered in Spanish soon. The RHS exams in Spanish follow the same outline and use the same question bank. Those who opt to take the exam in Spanish can also see the questions in English or Spanish. If your dental assistant has already registered to take the exam in English, you can switch to Spanish by completing a language [change form](#). The DALE Foundation will also offer the DANB RHS Practice Tests in Spanish. Other study resources in Spanish may also be available from other organizations. The DANB is considering offering the Infection Control (ICE) exam in Spanish and potentially other DANB exams. If you want to learn more about this here, you can do so by reading the [FAQs](#).

Don't forget that Children's Oral Health Month is next month. SMDS members are making waves by hosting free dental clinics in their offices or volunteering at an event. Hema Patel, DDS from Wisteria Dental, is hosting a GKAS event at her practice in Germantown, Maryland. She invites you to register for events on Saturday, March 2nd, 2024, and Saturday, August 10, 2024. Please see more details below, including how to [sign up](#). From my experience, this event was fun, well executed, and had a great turnout. In addition, the Maryland State Dental Association Foundation has several exciting oral health events that focus on oral health literacy or provide free dental care across the state. To learn more about these GKAS events, use the link [here](#).

Our next in-person General Membership Meeting is on Monday, February 5th, at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel. Dr. Jeffery Price, DDS, MS, will speak about 3D Cone Beam Computed Tomography Interpretation. Registration is now open. Please email our Executive Director, Valerie Fridley, at valerie@smdsdentists.org to do so.

Thank you for being a part of the SMDS. Your presence strengthens the fabric of our community. I look forward to the incredible impact we can achieve together in 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Halima Karim".

Halima Karim, DDS, FAGD

SMDS President



Summer RISE

Connecting Students to Careers

Calling all Businesses,
Government Agencies,
Educational Institutions,
and Nonprofit Organizations



Become a Summer RISE 2024 Host!

Summer RISE (Reimagining an Innovative Student Experience) is an initiative led by the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Department of Partnerships to provide rising MCPS high school juniors and seniors with enriching summer career-based learning experiences.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Flexible schedule | 5 weeks | 50 hours | 7AM– 6PM
- No cost to hosts or students.
- Matching based on student-desired industry.
- In-person, virtual or hybrid opportunities.
- Hosts complete registration, orientation and training prior to working with students.

BENEFITS

- Develop students for your talent pipeline to serve as Interns, apprentices or future employees.
- Help impact student decision-making about their life after high school.
- Introduce students to career options, helping to prepare a future workforce.
- Teach students the Importance of transferable professional skills.



Register Now

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Program Dates: June 24–July 26
Closing Ceremony: Friday, July 26
Register by: Friday, March 15 at
<https://bit.ly/Host2024>

TO LEARN MORE

Visit: www.MCPS-SummerRISE.org
Contact: David_Gurstelle@mcpsmd.org
Phone: 240-740-5599

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Expanding Opportunity and Unleashing Potential



Summer RISE

2024 HOST SUMMIT

Businesses, government agencies, higher education institutions, and nonprofit organizations, join former and prospective hosts to learn about Summer RISE, becoming a 2024 Host, best practices for hosting, and how to engage with MCPS beyond the program.

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

11 AM - 2 PM

15 West Gude Dr., Rockville, MD 20850



**REGISTER
TODAY!**



Happy New Year
2024



Dear Colleagues,

As we ramp up for the 2024 session of the Maryland General Assembly, the MSDA annually holds the Maryland Dental Leadership Roundtable discussion with the many other dental organizations in the state. During the meeting, we each provide an update on our work and discuss our priorities for the upcoming session.

The goal of the roundtable is to learn the general issues we all are interested in for the session, and then determine if there are ways in which we can help each other on our priorities. We all want to help better Marylanders' oral health, and where we can align on our issues, we should!

On Wednesday evening, MSDA hosted representatives from the Maryland Dental Society, the Maryland Dental Action Coalition, Maryland Academy of General Dentistry, the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners, the Maryland Academy of Pediatric Dentists, the Children's Oral Health Institute, the Office of Oral Health, and the Maryland State Society of Orthodontists to participate in the roundtable. Other organizations involved in dentistry were invited, including the Maryland Dental Hygienists' Association, but did not have a representative at the meeting.

Discussions focused around dental benefits, both Medicaid and private insurance, workforce, expanded function dental assistants, and access to care. We also heard an update from the Office of Oral Health on the progress being made on the implementation of several pieces of legislation that were passed last year.

We also had the opportunity to discuss the topic of CE credits for license renewal. Things you should know:

- 1) Starting with 2025 renewals, a 3 hour Infection Control Dental Board Approved CE Course will be required. It must be a single course, not cumulative over several courses.
- 2) The Dental Board has PROPOSED regulations to eliminate the CE grace period from 1/1 to 6/30 to get all your required courses starting with the 2025 renewal period. Please get your coursework done early. Do not wait until the last minute!
- 3) The Dental Board audits 5 percent of the renewal CE listings checking for compliance. Many renewal applications only list the 30 hours required. Please keep track and list ALL your CE courses taken. I know most of you take 100+ hours of course work every 2 years. Please list all courses so if a course is not Board approved, you have plenty of other courses completed to fill in. The good news is very few of the audited CE applications are found to be deficient! KEEP UP THE LIFETIME OF LEARNING!!
- 4) The Dental Board will now accept the AGD PACE CE Transcript as an easy way to document your course work.

I appreciate the camaraderie of all of our organizations as we head into session and look to better the oral health of all Marylanders.

Stay tuned next week as we recap the opening day of the 2024 Maryland General Assembly and begin outlining MSDA's priorities for the year.

Sincerely,

Charles Doring DDS MAGD
Chair, Legislative Affairs Committee

GIVE KIDS A SMILE : Calling all volunteers!!!

Save the date - March 2nd, 2023

Hope you all had an amazing holiday season and best wishes for a fabulous 2024 ahead.

We are excited to get started early this year on our planning for our Wisteria Dental Care's Give Kids A Smile events as this allows for a smoother flow and the ability to see more patients and provide more care and services to the community. The first one coming up is on March 2nd, 2024 and we would love to see all of you, our wonderful volunteers, to come and help us make these events be the best they can be! The second event is on August 10th, 2024.

For those that are new to this, we have been hosting these events since 2015 to provide free dental care for the uninsured and underserved children in our community. Over the years, we have also incorporated food/clothing/backpacks/school supplies drives and partnered with other organizations like American Diversity Group, Maryland Physicians Care, MoCo Energy Connection, Be The Match etc to educate and obtain help for the families that come to the events. As an example of what we were able to do with your help in 2023: we saw 77 children of ages 0-18years and provided treatment of over \$60,000 in value. We also receive approval from the State Dental Board to provide CE hours for those that require it for licensure.

We are always blown away by the generosity you have all shown with your time, service and loving care that you provide at these events and it inspires us to keep it going. Please use this link <https://signup.com/go/cWKiFWj> to sign up for our next event as we would love to see you again and work with you to give back to our community! And please share this with anyone you know that may be interested too.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you and having fun together at the next GKAS event!

Sincerely,

Dr Patel and the Wisteria Dental Care team.



Hema Patel, DDS and Wisteria Dental Team GKAS Event 2023

**The Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity and
The Maimonides Dental Society present**

**“Impressions, radiographs, printing, materials
and more in this 3D and AI world”
(morning session)**

**“Up close and personal with the latest high
tech products”
(afternoon session)**

Dr. Paul Feuerstein

Friday

March 15, 2024

Registration 7:30 - 8:30 am

Course 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

6.5 CEU



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5333 Wisconsin Ave. NW

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includes breakfast & lunch * convenient parking * easy metro access * 6.5 hours CE

Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity & the Maimonides Dental Society All-Day

Presentation – Dr. Paul Feuerstein – March 15, 2024

Name: _____ Tuition: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

**Please make checks payable to Alpha Omega Washington DC
and mail to**

**Alpha Omega c/o Dr. Fred Simon, Treasurer,
5454 Wisconsin Ave., Suite 1355, Chevy Chase MD 20815**

Course Tuition is \$295

Students, residents & staff \$95

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Maryland State Dental Association

Dentist Day 2024

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ANNAPOLIS, MD



Tuesday, February 20, 2024



8:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Governor Calvert House
Annapolis, MD

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$50

After Jan. 10, 2024 Registration Fee: \$75



ADA American Dental Association®

National Children's Dental Health Month



Give Kids a Smile

MSDA
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"Brush, Floss, Smile!"

We Will Provide:

Oral Hygiene Education
Oral Hygiene Products
MD Healthy Smiles Info
Referral Services
School Supplies



February 2024

Various location's
throughout the state of
Maryland. RSVP to
volunteer. Email
Foundation@msda.com for
questions.