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"The purpose of life is to contribute in some way to making things better."  
— Robert F. Kennedy

As I write this, I am thinking about how our postdoctoral residency programs make things better for hundreds of thousands of people — people who are facing adversity that has rendered regular oral health care out of their reach, children and adults who return to our clinics because we are transforming their lives and giving them a reason to smile.

While you will see a new name throughout this publication and in new marketing materials, our mission remains the same. Thanks to our extraordinary education model, in which dental residents receive exceptional training while providing equitable and affordable oral healthcare to the world’s neediest populations, 691,700 individual patients received oral health care during the 2016-2017 residency year with procedures valued at nearly $292 million.

This summer we embarked on a video project where we interviewed over 50 faculty, residents, patients, and alumni in four locations across the United States. We heard stories of extraordinary experiences and lifelong connections made because people are a part of the NYU Langone Hospitals Postdoctoral Dental Residency Program family. I encourage you to watch the video online at www.lmcdental.org and share it with your friends, colleagues, alumni, and students.

I hope that you share my pride in being part of the most innovative and largest postdoctoral dental residency program in the world.
Improving Access to Oral Health Care in America

While approximately two-thirds of Americans seek care from a dentist regularly, many of the remaining individuals and families face challenges accessing dental care. These Americans, including racial and ethnic minorities, people with chronic diseases, the frail and elderly, and those whose families are economically disadvantaged, also bear a disproportionate share of dental disease.

Access challenges, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, include:

- difficulty getting to a dental office
- prioritizing dental care among other types of health care and basic needs of living
- overcoming financial barriers
- navigating government assistance programs

It is also true that fewer people have dental insurance than have medical insurance, and this coverage is often lost when individuals retire. Some may need special financial arrangements or case management services to overcome these obstacles, especially those individuals with physical disabilities and/or mental health challenges.

Furthermore, many Americans, due to cultural, language barriers or problems with literacy, lack an understanding and awareness of the importance of oral health and its essential relationship to their overall health.

Action for DENTAL HEALTH

Thankfully, there are organizations and individuals who are studying the problems in oral health access in America and taking action, each and every day. Chief among them is the American Dental Association (ADA) Action for Dental Health: Dentists Making a Difference. This nationwide, community-based movement aims to end the dental health crisis facing America today. The goals of the program are to provide care now to people who suffer from untreated dental disease, to strengthen and expand the public/private safety net, and to bring disease prevention and education into communities through the following eight initiatives...

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"Healthy teeth and gums aren’t a luxury. They’re essential."

"All Americans deserve good dental health."

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AMERICA IS IN A DENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

181 Million
The number of Americans who didn’t visit the dentist in 2010, according to the ADA’s Health Policy Resources Center analysis of 2010 MEOS and U.S. Census Data.

Nearly ½ Over Age 30
Population of adults suffering from some form of gum disease, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Nearly 1 in 4
Children under the age of five who already have cavities, according to the CDC.
1. Collaborations with other Health Professionals and Organizations
   Better collaboration among dental and medical professionals can help more families understand their dental health as a crucial part of their overall health. With minimal training, physicians, nurses, and others can dramatically increase the number of patients and caregivers who receive basic dental health education. These professionals also can be trained to recognize conditions needing diagnosis and possible treatment by a dentist.
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   Goal: Increase the proportion of low income children who received any preventive dental services during the past year by 15% by 2020, exceeding the 10% HP 2020 goal by 50%

2. Emergency Room Referral
   Many people without dental coverage don’t seek treatment until their dental pain becomes so severe that it requires a hospital emergency room (ER) visit. But most hospitals can’t provide comprehensive care, so the problem often isn’t solved. Dentists around the country are working with hospitals to get these patients out of the ER quickly and efficiently delivered, alleviating much of the backlog experienced by many health center dental programs.
   Goal: Reduce ER dependency for patients with dental caries (cavities) and the pain associated with dental emergencies 50% by 2020
   Goal: Reduce the total proportion of ER visits for dental-related issues by 35% by 2020

3. Community Dental Health Coordinators
   Community Dental Health Coordinators (CDHCs) address barriers to oral health by providing patient navigation for people who typically do not receive care for a variety of reasons—among them poverty, geography, language, culture, and a lack of understanding of oral hygiene and the importance of regular dental visits. CDHCs typically work in inner cities, remote rural areas and Native American lands. CDHCs are currently working in numerous states, including Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California and Montana. Educational programs to become CDHCs are available in all 50 states and more than 100 students are currently in training.
   Goal: Increase the number of states with active Community Dental Health Coordinators

4. Fluoridation
   Studies prove water fluoridation continues to be effective in reducing dental decay by at least 25 percent in children and adults, even in an era during which there is widespread availability of fluoride from other sources, such as fluoride toothpaste.
   Goal: Provide fluoridated water to 80% of Americans on public water systems by 2020

5. Medicaid Reform
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6. Federally Qualified Health Centers
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   Goal: Increase patients receiving oral health services 150% by 2020 – target 50% of all FQHC patients to receive oral health services, such as risk assessments, preventive measures, dental referrals and direct treatment

7. Nursing Home Programs
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   Goal: Through ADA ongoing education, train at least 1,000 dentists to provide care in nursing homes by 2020, and increase the number of dentists serving on advisory boards or as dental directors of long-term care facilities

8. Missions of Mercy/Give Kids-A-Smile
   Missions of Mercy events are temporary dental field hospitals that provide free dental care to the underserved. Since 2003, Missions of Mercy events have served more than 143,000 people in 28 states across the country, providing nearly $50 million in free services. Give Kids-A-Smile programs allow dentists across the country to join with others in their communities to provide care to underserved children. An overarching goal is to provide each child with a dental home. At the events, dentists and other team members volunteer their time and services to provide screenings, treatments and education to children.
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**NYU Langone Hospitals Postdoctoral Dental Residency Program** partnered with Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine in 2015 to launch an Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) program at the university’s campus in South Jordan, Utah, with four postdoctoral residency positions.

“Roseman—a private, nonprofit institution—also has campuses in Henderson and Summerlin, Nevada. Roseman University of Health Sciences has helped thousands of students rethink their futures and achieve their dreams in nursing, dental medicine, business, orthodontics, and pharmacy since their inception in 1999.

Dr. Joshua Heyrend shared these thoughts about his extraordinary AEGD residency experience at Roseman.

- The AEGD residency at Roseman has been a huge blessing in my life, because of the growth it has offered me as a dentist. I see a lot of difficult cases that require comprehensive dental treatment, cases I felt uncomfortable properly treatment planning right out of dental school.
- Deciding to do this residency is one of the best decisions that I have made, and I am certain that it will help me to have a very prosperous and successful career.
- Surgery, prosthodontics, and cosmetics are my passions in dentistry and this is one of the few programs that offers such great training.
- We have a very strong surgical and prosthodontic background here that I am very pleased with that includes implant placement, guided surgical stents, implant restorations, implant-supported prostheses, impacted wisdom teeth extractions, surgical extractions, sinus augmentations, tooth removals, crown lengthening, orthodontic, bone grafts, conscious sedation, etc. We are using the latest rotary endos systems (Brasseler XP-3D and BioRaCe), using new dental materials that we have not used before, and are being mentored by renowned individuals in the dental field.
- The Dental Clinic at Roseman offers such great training. One of the highlights of residency is that I have had the opportunity to take a live patient cosmetic course, with Dr. Hornbrook, to prep, provisionalize, and restore 8-14 teeth in two clinical sessions. Having the opportunity to learn from a world-renowned cosmetic dentist and be able to work with one of the best dental labs in the country (Utah Valley Dental Lab) is truly a blessing (and one of the main reasons I wanted to come here). We have many patients who require full-mouth rehab and cosmetic cases and we learn how to properly treat them.

- In the two years we have partnered with NYU Langone Dental we have achieved this and so much more. Our residents see patients in top-of-the-line operatories with access to the latest dental technologies and a wide range of specialists to assist with treatment planning and care of our patients. Residents also serve as mentors to our DMD candidates.”

The Dental Clinic at Roseman University features 105 operatories outfitted with cone beam computed tomography, E4D CAD/CAM, digital impression making, electric handpieces, implantology, monitored sedation, digital radiology, access to electronic health records, and more.
**FACULTY SPOTLIGHT**

**Dr. Michael McCracken**

Michael McCracken, DDS, MPH, PhD, is Associate Director of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) program at The Foundry Dental Center in Bessemer, Alabama, which became a NYU Langone Hospitals Postdoctoral Dental Residency Program training site in 2009. He currently serves part-time as a Professor at the University of Alabama (UAB) School of Dentistry, and part-time as the Associate Director of the Foundry Dental Center. He received his dental degree from the University of North Carolina, and completed a prosthodontics residency at UAB. He earned a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering at UAB for research related to growth factors and healing of implants in compromised hosts, and later a Masters in Public Health in Epidemiology. His past roles within the University include serving as Director of Pre-Doctoral Implant Education, Director of Graduate Prosthodontics, and Associate Dean for Education and Curriculum Development. Dr. McCracken lectures internationally on topics relating to implant dentistry and complex restorations. As one of only 8 board-certified prosthodontists in Alabama, Dr. McCracken enjoys a dual role of both research at the University and clinical teaching and service at the Foundry Dental Center.

**Interview with Dr. Michael McCracken**

**Q. What is The Foundry Dental Center?**

We are a “safety net” dental clinic offering low-cost dental services to patients in the Bessemer and Birmingham communities. We are particularly interested in serving individuals who are striving to be free from addiction, alcoholism, and homelessness. We are partnered closely with the Foundry Rescue Mission and Recovery Center, a Christian-based recovery program in Bessemer with a 40-year history of helping people rebuild their lives. We are also open to persons in the community who cannot afford traditional dental services. We’re seeing thousands of patients a year now—in part because of the 12 AEGD residents who work in the clinic with our faculty mentors.

**Q. What impact does the clinic have on the community?**

Drug addiction is very tough on the teeth and tough on the smile, not only because of the drugs, but the neglect. Many people who are drug addicted don’t have any money. Often, they are homeless. You can go through a nine-month recovery program and be a completely different person, but in our society, if you don’t have front teeth, it’s harder to get a job and it’s harder to feel good about yourself. We hear that all the time from our patients. They say, ‘after going through the recovery, I’m a different person, but when I look in the mirror, I see the old me.’ And not only do they want to be restored in their relationships with their family they want to be restored in their smile, too, and be able to eat and function and look like a normal person should.

**Q. How did you get involved with the AEGD program?**

In the beginning, it was just me and a few volunteers working at the clinic. We were crazy busy. I would have five or six patients in the chair at one time, waiting for me to come around. We had way more patients than we could see. We started thinking we needed to do something different. I was at a meeting with a former dean and I asked him what we could do to get some help? He immediately suggested I contact Dr. Neal Demby, Founder of the then Lutheran Medical Center postgraduate residency program. It turns out Neal was born in Birmingham. He lived here until he was three. He was interested in what we were doing at Foundry with all of the outreach and partnering with what would be their first recovery-oriented clinic. We started our first year with four residents. The next year we had eight. Now we have twelve. It’s nice to be busy, and one thing that we’ve really appreciated about partnering with NYU Langone Dental is that we are able to see such a high volume of patients.

**Q. What type of clinical experiences do AEGD residents get at the clinic?**

Of course, they do a lot of other work, but our residents are very focused on five things: exodontia, molar ends, implants, IV sedation, and Chairside Economical Restoration of Esthetic Ceramics (CEREC)—basically same day crowns—which is great for them to learn. Those five things are really good arrows to have in your quiver when you go into private practice. We do a lot of partials, a lot of dentures, a lot of implants—a lot of everything really—because we are seeing medically compromised patients, in great need. Our goal is to give them the foundation they need to become a leader in their community. And we train them on a broad variety of advanced topics here, so that when they graduate the AEGD program they can be a resource for the other dentists in their community and, of course, be a super practitioner in their own practice and be able to do what they see, do the patients they want to see, and make appropriate referrals.

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**Why a ‘Good Fit?’**

I wanted to do a residency program where I did more in-depth cases. I wanted to do implants and this residency is built around implants and grafting. One of the best things for me is the surgical experience. I’ve been able to extract—hundreds of teeth—place a lot of implants, do a lot of hard-tissue grafting, and IV sedation. That’s why I came here and I got what I came for. The attendings here are absolutely wonderful. They’ll help you as much or as little as you want. Of course, in the beginning they’re going to stay on you pretty good and make sure you’re doing things the right way. They ease up on you a little bit as the year goes on.

**Focus on AEGD Resident, Dr. Derek Warren**

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**Next Steps?**

The next step for me is to buy a private practice in my hometown of Tupelo, Mississippi. I feel like the residency has prepared me for that. I don’t know that I would have been ready had I not completed a residency. But my speed’s there and my confidence is there. I’m ready to take the next step.

The Foundry Dental Center is located within the Foundry Rescue Mission and Recovery Center complex near downtown Bessemer, Alabama.
This event was an opportunity for key leaders and administrators from across the organization to gather for interactive sessions on education, program development and evaluation, and team building. Faculty members had the opportunity to attend presentations related to residency education and working with residents in a teaching capacity.

**Future Opportunities for Oral Health Professionals**

2 CE Credits

**Harold Sliken, D.D.S.**

**MODERATOR: Margaret Manni, M.D.D., VP and Senior Administrator**

- Management of non-cavitated lesions
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**Cariology for the 21st Century- Management of Caries Lesions**

1.5 CE Credits

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**What’s New and What to Review: Prescribing Considerations for Treating Medicated Patients Who Present to the Dental Office**

1 CE Credit

**Aron Sahinier Spolarch, RH, Ph.D.**

**MODERATOR: Barbara Ottenio, D.D.S., M.A., Dental Anesthesia Program Director**

- Discuss how dental professionals can recognize and describe evidence-based strategies for prescribing medications for patients who present to dental offices
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**Strategies for Success**

Adult Learning, Navigating Educating Residents: Theories of adult learning

**MODERATOR: Lara Merker, D.M.D., Ph.D., M.R.C.D.**

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Above: Dr. Bernard Tolpin, former Vice President, Dental Medicine was honored for his 34 years of dedicated leadership and service to the organization during the all attendee dinner held at Faculty Development. He was given a look-a-like bobble head doll and presented a new guitar by the Department.

Upper right: AEGD Program leaders from across the country and Trinidad and Tobago.

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NYU Langone Dental faculty and staff gathered at The Phoenician, Scottsdale, Arizona, December 5-6, 2016.
The NYU Langone Hospitals Dental Residency Program has been instrumental in bringing much needed and highly skilled oral healthcare to underserved communities across the US—regions that are plagued with crippling comorbidities associated with poor hygiene and lack of access to preventive medical and dental care.

During the 2016-2017 residency year, patients were treated in 340 AEGD training, rotational, and educational enrichment sites and 13 Pediatric Dentistry training sites.

In the past year, the number of unique patients served grew from 617,600 to 691,700 individual patients. The number of treatments delivered/procedures completed by the NYU Langone Dental residents during that same time frame increased from 1.75 million to 1.81 million—valued at nearly $292 million.

Total valuation of the NYU Langone Dental Residency Program in 2016/2017 including grants received during the year was estimated at $338 million.
The Dental School Health Program: A Win-Win for Students & Parents!

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NYU Langone Hospitals
Postdoctoral Dental Residency Program

Celebrates 2017 Graduates

Residents, faculty, and staff from eight postgraduate dental residency programs recognized 60 graduates at Brooklyn’s Graduation Celebration held on June 13, 2017 at Giando’s on the Water.

AEGD graduates with Senior Associate Director, Dr. Linda Kotmel.

AEGD graduates of the NYU College of Dentistry program with Associate Directors, Drs. Chrystalla Orthodoxou and Peter Mychajiw.

Orofacial Pain graduate with Program Director, Dr. Omar Suarez and faculty member, Dr. Betty Greenspan.

First graduating Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics graduates with Chair and Program Director, Dr. Laurance Jerrold.

DPH resident, Dr. Martha Mutis with Program Director, Dr. Jay Balzer.

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Short Out!

Congratulations to 2017 Faculty Honoree Dr. Constantine (Gus) Pavlakes. Dr. Pavlakes was recognized by Drs. Lara Merker-Eisen and John Celona for his 20 years of teaching, service, and dedication to the residents and patients of the NYU Langone Dental Program.

Thank you to our graduation sponsors:

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- Patterson Dental
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- Treloar & Heisel

General Practice Residency faculty, staff, and residents with Program Director, Dr. Babak Bina.

Periodontic program graduates with Program Director, Dr. Lara Merker-Eisen and faculty honoree, Dr. Constantine Pavlakes.

Pediatric Dentistry residents, faculty, and staff.
NYU Langone Dental Faculty, Residents and Staff Are Making an Extraordinary Impact Around the World

Welcome DPH Residents!

New DPH (Dental Public Health) residents, class of 2017-2018, had their orientation in Brooklyn Oct. 20-21, 2017. There are 7 residents in the class: 2 in Brooklyn; 2 in Lynn, Massachusetts; 2 in Florida, and 1 in Chicago. In the photo, the residents are joined by their faculty advisors.

Endo Resident Michel Featured on Airforce News

Dr. Stanley Michel, current Endodontic Program resident, was featured on the Airforce News while being stationed at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, NY in January 2017. On any given drill weekend, Dr. Michel provides dental exams to nearly 100 patients. Following this drill weekend, Dr. Michel headed to Haiti to complete a medical mission where he shadowed Dr. Kenji Seo, a visiting professor in dental anesthesia from Niigata University in Japan. Dr. John “Russell” Yancey, a Japanese speaking, current dental anesthesia resident was able to host Dr. Seo during his stay while he shadowed different aspects of the NYU Langone Anesthesia program, Sept. 18-21, 2017.

The question and answer session that followed Dr. Seo’s presentation highlighted many differences between the Japanese and American health science education and health care systems regarding dentistry, medicine, and their intersection within dental anesthesia. Dr. Seo announced that the International Federation of Dental Anesthesia Societies (IFDAS) is holding its triennial meeting in 2018 in Japan and he invited all of his new friends and colleagues to attend the meeting.

New York Area Endodontic Residents Attend Lecture with Internationally Recognized Expert Clifford Ruddle

The six Endodontic residents in Brooklyn joined endodontic residents from across the greater New York area to participate in a course offered by Clifford J. Ruddle, DDS, FACS, FACD, FICD, on factors that influence success in endodontics. Dr. Ruddle is a leading expert in all aspects of clinical endodontics and created the world’s first microendodontic training center in 1989.

Goldstein Recognized for Work with Special Needs Patients

Congratulations to Dr. Gary Goldstein, AEGD Associate Director, for continuing to work to improve health care for persons with disabilities in NYS. Dr. Goldstein serves on the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities Commissioners Advisory Council and Chairs the Sub-committee on Health. The mission of the sub-committee is to make recommendations for meaningful improvements in the behavioral, medical and dental health of people with disabilities while stressing the importance of providing these services in the most integrated community setting that is appropriate. Dr. Goldstein also serves as a Clinical Director for the Special Smiles Special Olympics program.

Extraordinary Achievements and Contributions

Dr. Farshad Seyedein, 2014 graduate and Dr. Ninus Ebrahimi, 2011 graduate and Phillips, 2011 graduate and Dr. Farshad Seyedein, 2014 graduate recently passed the third part of their board exams and are now Diplomates of the American Board of Endodontics. The exam consists of a four hour written exam, a three-part oral exam, and submission of ten cases. It is a grueling process and attaining this goal attests to their knowledge and skill. Two other members of the Dental Medicine team passed their boards and are now Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry: Pediatric Dental attending Dr. Ninus Ebrahimi and Dental School Health provider and Pediatric Dentistry 2016 graduate, Dr. Mal Azar. Congratulations to all!

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Rinaudos Participate in ICD Convocation

Dr. Malik Rinaudo, Director of Graduate Education, NYU Langone Hospitals Postdoctoral Dental Residency Program and his wife, Paula, both volunteer for the International College of Dentists (ICD) USA Section. Paula was inducted as an honorary member at the ICD Annual Meeting and Convocation held in Atlanta, GA, Oct. 16-19, 2017 and served as the meeting planner. Dr. Rinaudo is a member of the Convocation Committee. He was inducted as an ICD member in 2005. Photo of Paula, daughter Ashlie, and Dr. Rinaudo.

Stillwell Inducted into ICD

Dr. David Stillwell, AEGD Senior Associate Director, Southeastern Zone, was inducted into the International College of Dentists (ICD) USA Section by President Dr. Chuck Smith at the ICD Annual Meeting and Convocation held in Atlanta, GA, Oct. 16-19, 2017. Congratulations to Dr. Maria Maranga, Endodontic Program faculty member, for receiving two awards in 2017: the Dr. Bernard Tillis Award for a literary piece in a state journal and the Robert Raskin Meritorious Service award from the Suffolk County Dental Society. Dr. Maranga was also named Top 25 Women in Dentistry by Dental Products magazine, received the Presidential Citation from the Long Island Academy of Odontology, and the Scrubs and Stilettos Leadership in Dentistry Award.

Endodontic Faculty Member Awarded

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AWARDS & HONORS

Pediatric Dentistry Associate Director Appointed

Congratulations to Dr. Shreekrishna Akillesh, Pediatric Dentistry Program Associate Director in Arizona, for being selected for the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) PASS Task Force. His position began during the 2017 ADEA Annual Session in Long Beach, CA.

AEGD Faculty Members Awarded

Congratulations to Drs. Boris Zats, Co-Director, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and AEGD program faculty member, and Gary Goldstein, AEGD program Associate Director, for being inducted into the Pierre Fauchard Academy in June 2017.

Pediatric Alumnus Passed Board

Congratulations to Dr. Christopher Nakamura, an AEGD program (Hawaii) 2013 graduate and Pediatric Dentistry program (Arizona) 2015 graduate for successfully passing his Pediatric Board Certification examination in September 2016. Dr. Nakamura is in private practice in Honolulu and volunteers his services at our AEGD residency program at Kookai Kalihi Valley Community Health Center.

AEGD Alumnus Named Young Dentist of the Year

Congratulations to Dr. Suzan Ly for being selected as Young Dentist of the Year 2016 by the Hawaii Dental Association. Dr. Ly is an AEGD program (Hawaii) 2008 graduate and PGY2 AEGD program (Michigan) 2009 graduate who received her Master’s in Public Health degree from the University of Michigan in 2010.

DPH Alumna Recipient of Leverett Graduat Student Merit Award

Dr. Claudia A. Serna, a 2016 alumna of NYU Lutheran Dental Public Health residency program, is the recipient of this year’s American Public Health Association (APHA) Anthony Westwater Long Memorial Community Dental Health Post-Professional Award. She will be presented the award during the APHA’s Annual Meeting in November.

Dr. Serna also won third place in the 2017 Leverett Graduate Student Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Dental Public Health from the American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD). Both awards applaud Dr. Serna’s work during her residency where she was responsible for the planning, statistical analysis and writing of the article entitled, “Dental-Related Use of Hospital Emergency Departments by Hispanics and Non-Hispanics in Florida.” The article was published in the 2017 June edition of the American Journal of Public Health’s (AJPH) Oral Health Supplement.

The article examines differences between Hispanics and non-Hispanics in dental-related use of hospital emergency departments (EDs) and suggests mechanisms to reorient care for better individual and community outcomes. The findings in her study are consistent with earlier reports indicating high use of EDs for dental problems in the United States and in Florida. Findings for the state and by region suggest that Hispanics in Florida are less likely than their non-Hispanic counterparts to seek care in hospital’s EDs, despite results from other sources indicating that their oral health is poorer. Dr. Serna was at two training sites during her residency: Hialeah Dental clinic in Miami & the University of Florida College of Dentistry in Gainesville, Florida. Dr. Serna’s research represents the only detailed study of dental-related EDs use among Hispanics in the U.S. Further studies among ethnic minorities need to focus on the complex interactions between sociodemographic, behavior, health status, and patterns of access to care that appear to be associated with visits to emergency departments.

Demby Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Congratulations to Dr. Neal A. Demby, Senior Vice President of NYU Langone Hospitals, Postdoctoral Dental Residency Program. Dr. Demby was selected for the American Association for Community Dental Programs (AACDP) Myron Allukian Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Contributions in Community Dental Programs and honored at this year’s Annual Symposium in Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 22-25, 2017. Later in the year Dr. Demby was honored at a Gala Dinner recognizing Senior Dental Leaders at the Harvard Club in Boston, Massachusetts. Hosted by Henry Schein, other honored guests included Professor Raman Bedi, Chair, Global Child Dental Fund, Dr. Anthony “Tony” Volpe, Vice President, Global Oral Care, Colgate-Palmolive, Professor Bruce Donoff, Dean, Harvard School of Dental Medicine, Dr. Dianne Rekow, Dean and Head of School, King’s College London Dental Institute at Guy’s.

Outstanding Faculty Award Given

Congratulations to Dr. Constantine (Gus) Pavlakos for receiving the Outstanding Faculty Award at the NYU Langone Hospitals Postdoctoral Dental Residency Program Graduation Celebration held June 13, 2017. Dr. Pavlakos was honored for 20 years of teaching, service, and dedication to the residents and patients of the NYU Langone Dental program.

Attending of the Year Named

Congratulations to Dr. Sagar Shah for being named Attending of the Year at the NYU Langone Hospitals Postdoctoral Dental Residency Program Graduation Celebration held June 13, 2017 in Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Shah is a 2013 General Practice Residency graduate and current faculty member.

AEGD Alum Passed Endodontics Board

Congratulations to Dr. Farid Shaikh for receiving his board certification in Endodontics. Dr. Shaikh, an AEGD program 2009 graduate who completed his Endodontics residency in 2011 at the Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia, PA, is in private practice in Honolulu and, along with fellow AEGD alum Dr. Blake Ishikawa, is one of only three actively practicing board certified endodontists on the Island of Oahu.

Pediatric Dentistry Associate Director Appointed

Congratulations to Dr. Rajesh Adhia, Pediatric Dentistry Associate Director, Brooklyn, NY for being appointed Pediatric Dentistry Public Policy Advocate in New York State.

GNYDM 2016 Chaired by NYU Langone Dental Faculty

Dr. Lauro Medrano-Saldana, NYU Langone Dental faculty and alumnus, chaired the Greater New York Dental Meeting, held in November 2016 in New York City. The GNYDM is the largest dental meeting, dental convention, and exposition in the US. It is an ADA CERP and AGD PACE recognized provider with over 54,000 attendees every year.

Outstanding Faculty Award Honored for Excellence

Congratulations to Dr. Carly Smith, a 2017 graduate of our General Practice Residency program. Dr. Smith received the Anthony L. DiMango Award for Excellence in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery during the NYU Langone Hospitals Postdoctoral Dental Residency Program Graduation Celebration held June 13 in Brooklyn, New York.
Congratulations to the new NYU Langone Hospitals – Dental School – Santa Barbara, CA and one of our faculty at NYU Langone Dental.

### AWARDS & HONORS

### PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

**Pediatric Dentistry Chief Residents Named**

Congratulations to the new NYU Langone Hospitals – Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry Program Chief Residents for 2017! Each year, individuals from each of the 13 program sites are selected based on their performance, leadership potential, and written personal statement.

- Dr. Kashif Bhatti – Alaska – Alaska Native Medical Center
- Dr. Nicholas Bland – Arizona – Central Parsons Center – CASS (Central Arizona Shelter Services)
- Dr. Allison Inouye – Arizona – South – El Rio Community Health Center
- Dr. Emily Meyer – Arizona – South – El Rio Community Health Center
- Dr. Soo Lee – California – South – San Ysidro Health Center
- Dr. Rachel Mariano – California – South – San Ysidro Health Center
- Dr. Britney Bries – Florida – Suncoast Community Health Centers
- Dr. Kanoeluah “Kane” Baird – Hawaii – Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
- Dr. Benjamin Robinson – Hawaii – Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
- Dr. Mehreen Kassoo – Maryland – Three Lower Counties Health Center
- Dr. Joseph Deschene – Massachusetts – Holyoke Health Center
- Dr. Jared Christensen – Missouri – Jordan Valley Community Health Center – Springfield
- Dr. Lindsay Nichole Lee – New York – NYU Langone Hospitals – Brooklyn
- Dr. Jayshree Nakana – New York – NYU Langone Hospitals – Brooklyn
- Dr. Brian Darling – Rhode Island – St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island – Providence
- Dr. Bradley Crossfield – Tennessee – DSE, Inc – Children’s Dental Health Center – Nashville
- Dr. Victoria Ramirez – Tennessee – DSE, Inc – Children’s Dental Health Center – Nashville
- Dr. James “Dave” Purcell – Washington State – Yakima Valley Farm Workers

**NNOHA Awards Outstanding Clinician**

Congratulations to Dr. Domenic Caluori who won the Outstanding Clinician Award at the 2017 National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) Conference. Dr. Caluori is the Chief Dental Officer at Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics in Santa Barbara, CA and one of our faculty at NYU Langone Dental.

**The NYU Langone Hospital – Dental School Program was recently highlighted at the NYSAGD Conference.**

**Dr. Lynn Gargano**, Director of the Dental School Health Program and alumna of the GPR and Pediatric Dentistry Programs at NYU Langone Hospitals Postdoctoral Dental Residency Program, presented at the New York School-Based Health Alliance Annual Conference on October 27, 2017 on the success of the NYU Langone Hospitals – Dental School Health Program.


**Dr. Kevin Walker**, a 2015 Orofacial Pain graduate and 2017 Orthodontics graduate, had a version of his thesis published in the October 2017 issue of Orthodontic Products, titled “Is Ultraviolet Light the Future? Sterilization in the Orthodontic Office of Tomorrow.”

**Drs. Babak Bina, General Practice Residency Program Director, and Marc Kunin, Endodontic Program Associate Director,** presented to the New York Academy of General Dentistry (NYSAGD) May 4, 2017. The paper, entitled, “True Allergy to Amide Local Anesthetics: A Review and Case Presentation” was accepted for publication.

**Dr. Shreekrishna Akilesh, Pediatric Dentistry Associate Program Director (Arizona),** presented to the American Dental Association Council on the topic of Advocacy for Access and Prevention, highlighting numerous achievements of the residency program on July, 24, 2017.

**Congratulations to Dr. Sanna Charlie, AEGD PGY1 resident in CA, who will have an article published in the Feb 2018 issue of Dentistry Today. Her Minimally Invasive Approach for Restoring Tetracycline Stained, Highly Worn Anterior Maxillary Dentition,” talks about the minimally invasive smile makeover she completed while in residency.

**Dr. Robert Bowe, Director of Oral Pathology, NYU Langone Hospitals – Brooklyn, presented on the topic of oral cancer during Oral Cancer Awareness Month in April to more than 50 older adults at the Sunset Park Neighborhood Center on 4th Avenue. The presentation was designed to raise awareness among Sunset Park Family Health Center members about the risks, recognition and treatment of cancers that develop in the tissues of the mouth and throat.

**Dr. Martin Lieberman, Vice President of Graduate Dental Education, has presented two years in a row at the National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) Annual Conference. Both years he presented as part of a panel of experts at the “Digging Deeper Sessions.” In 2016, his topic was “Using Health Center Dashboards for Tracking Measurement and Improvement.” In 2017, in addition to the Digging Deeper Sessions, he presented on “Developing, Implementing, and Improving a School-Based Sealant Program.”

**Dr. Omar Suarez, Orofacial Pain Program Director, taught a course entitled “Oral Rheumatology – How to Proceed in Practice” in Teresina, Piauí, Brazil in May 2017. The course was offered as part of The Scientific Commission of the 7th Odontology International Congress of Piauí and organized by the Brazilian Association of Odontology with other Commissions and the Presidency of Congresses.**
Perlman Highlights Care for Special Olympians and Others with Special Needs

Steven Perlman, DDS, MsC, DHL (Hon.) global clinical director, founder of Special Olympics Special Smiles, and NYU Langone Dental faculty spoke on the topic of “Special Olympics: From Special Smiles to Healthy Athletes” during a lunch and learn presentation on August 9, 2017 at the University of Pacific in San Francisco, CA. Dr. Perlman shared details about the creation of the Special Olympics Special Smiles program and its involvement at more than 200 Special Olympics International events around the world. Special Smiles offers dental screenings, health education and prevention services, and refers athletes to potential sources of treatment and follow-up care.

Three NYU Langone Leaders to Present at the 2017 GNYDM

Drs. David Okuji, Senior Associate Director, Extramural & Special Projects, Omar Suarez, Program Director, Orofacial Pain, and Nereyda (Nery) Polo-Clark, Graduate Dental Education will present at the 2017 Greater NY Dental Meeting held in New York, NY November 2017. Dr. Suarez will present on “Contemporary concepts in the management of orofacial pain and temporomandibular disorders.” Dr. Polo-Clark will present on “Incorporating the oral cancer exam into everyday practice” and Dr. Okuji will present on “Global Dental Ambassadors: A Mission Program.”

New Oral Pathology Rotation for GPR Residents

New for the 2017-2018 academic year: GPR residents in Brooklyn are now working with Dr. Robert Bower, Director of Oral Pathology, to gain hands-on experience looking at actual clinical cases under a multi-headed microscope.

Residents visit the grossing lab, where they examine surgical specimens as well as see the process by which tissue makes its transition to a stained glass slide. A clinical case is presented and samples of biopsy tissue are examined. Residents get to see examples of the three-dimensional appearance of normal tissue, inflammation and neoplasia. Residents also learn pitfalls to avoid should they decide to perform biopsies in office settings.
Community Outreach Grants Awarded to NYU Langone Dental

HRSA – Dental Faculty Development & Loan Repayment Program (DFDLRP)

The DFDLRP supports activities to strengthen the dental workforce, including: development and eventual expansion of a remote supervision program, planning continuing education activities at the annual Faculty Development Conference, creation and implementation of online educational modules, and tuition and loan repayment support for faculty selected to participate in the Master's Degree program of their choice.

Since receiving the $250,000 award in September 2016, the department used grant funds to achieve the following milestones by the conclusion of the first grant year in June:

• Created and updated asynchronous learning modules with live lectures on selected topics that are available via video-teleconferencing for all faculty and residents
• Selected 5 participants for the Master’s degree and loan repayment program: Jessica De Bord, Bethany Harris, Amanda Pinder Hynes, Margaret Mason, and Fadra Whyte

HRSA – Community-Based Dental Partnership Program

This Community-Based Dental Partnership Grant of $228,436 provides oral health services to HIV/AIDS patients at our affiliate site in Tucson, Arizona (El Rio Health Centers). Dr. Stephen Marshall, Senior Associate Director, conducted a site visit to El Rio in August to meet with the staff, discuss the grant requirements, perform a chart audit for clinical treatment plans, and review site accomplishments and lessons learned over the last year.

HRSA – Ryan White Grant

The department was awarded a Ryan White Program grant for another year that incorporates protocols into the dental residency curriculum to ensure that dental healthcare professionals are well-trained in the safe and compassionate treatment of HIV/AIDS patients. Examples of how grant funds are used include: direct patient services, patient education or outreach, curriculum development, staff education/training, clinic staff salary/support, equipment/instruments/supplies/materials, pharmaceuticals or dental medications, and additional faculty development.

In August, HRSA reduced all grantee awards by 2% from last year, and the department was awarded $919,000 - considerably less than the $1.1 Million from the 2016-2017 program year - to continue its activities.

New York State Department of Health – School Based Dental Sealant Program

Dental School Health Programs (DSHP) was awarded a 5-year, $250,000 grant in July to provide dental sealants and oral health education to 2nd and 3rd graders in 3 selected elementary schools in Brooklyn, NY, and to continue outreach and educational efforts to help students and parents learn healthy habits for taking care of their oral health, including tooth brushing and a healthy diet. Funding will cover staffing, and promotional materials – including toothbrushes and floss, and brochures – to distribute to students and their families during outreach activities. The program year began in September, and aims to provide exams and sealants to hundreds of students by the end of the school year.

Thank You!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Save-the-Date!

January 25-28, 2018
Yankee Dental Conference
Boston Convention & Exhibition Center
Visit our booth 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Boston, MA

February 10, 2018
Second Annual Silvia Perez-Spiess Alumni Conference
Medical Management for Children with Special Health Care Needs
Rady Children’s Hospital San Diego, CA
Register online at www.lmcdental.org

February 22, 2018
American Student Dental Association (ASDA) Annual Session
Anaheim, CA

April 26, 2018
American Association of Endodontics (AAE) Alumni, Faculty & Friends Reception
Denver, CO
www.aae.org/annualsession

May 26, 2018
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) Alumni, Faculty & Friends Reception
Honolulu, HI
www.aapd.org/events/7rst_annual_session/
MEETINGS & EVENTS

NYU Langone Dental Educates, Celebrates, and Networks Around the Country

NYU Langone Dental leaders, faculty and staff are busy throughout the year hosting resident recruitment events, special dinner gatherings, alumni and friend receptions, and national dental meetings to raise awareness and educate constituents about the NYU Langone Dental programs. Thank you to all who have volunteered their time and shared their knowledge with our alumni, prospective residents, faculty and corporate partners.

NYU Langone Dental at Yankee Dental Congress 2017

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• Creighton University Lunch n’ Learn (2016, 2017)
• University of Montreal and McGill University Dinner (2016, 2017)
• ASDA District 5 Annual Meeting
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• University of Pacific Dinner (2016, 2017)
• Western University Vendor Fair
• UCOM Dinner
• Howard University Lunch n’ Learn
• University of Detroit Lunch n’ Learn
• NNOMA Annual Conference (2016, 2017)
• University of Pennsylvania Lunch n’ Learn
• University of Louisville Lunch n’ Learn
• West Virginia University Lunch n’ Learn (2016, 2017)
• University of Indiana Vendor Fair
• University of Indiana Lunch n’ Learn
• Meharry University Lunch n’ Learn
• Greater NY Residency Fair
• Greater NY Alumni & Friends Reception
• Midwestern University Arizona Lunch n’ Learn
• University of Houston Vendor Fair
• Yankee Dental Congress Meeting
• Yankee Dental Congress Alumni & Friends Reception
• ASDA Annual Session
• Boston University Career Fair
• Nova University Lunch n’ Learn
• ADEA Annual Session
• Case Western University Lunch n’ Learn
• Columbia University Vendor Fair
• University of Buffalo Residency Fair
• National Oral Health Conference
• American Association of Endodontists Alumni & Friends Reception
• American Association of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) Conference
• AAPD Alumni & Friends Reception
• Ohio State University Vendor Fair
• Boston Regional Dinner
• University of Michigan Dinner
• Tufts University Presentation

NYU Langone Dental at Yankee Dental Congress 2017

Various faculty members, residents and alumni gathered at a reception at the Yankee Dental Congress, held in January 2017 in Boston, Massachusetts. The annual gathering is New England’s largest meeting for professionals seeking the highest quality dental continuing education, as well as dental products, services, and resources. With nearly 27,000 dental professionals in attendance from across the country, Yankee Dental Congress is the fifth largest dental meeting in the United States.

1st Annual Silvia Perez-Spiess Alumni Conference


Topics and presenters included:
Overview of the Management of Cleft Lip/Palate Patients
Dr. Serena Kassam, Director, NYU College of Dentistry-Predoctoral Pediatric Dentistry, an adjunct faculty and alumna ’07, NYU Langone Hospitals Postdoctoral Dental Residency Program
Management of Infant Patients
Dr. Matt Geneser, Postgraduate Program Director, University of Iowa College of Dentistry-Department of Pediatric Dentistry, alumnus ’08, NYU Langone Hospitals Postdoctoral Dental Residency Program
Surgical Management of Patients from Infancy through Adolescence
Dr. Amanda Gosman, UCSD Associate Professor, UCSD Director of Craniofacial and Pediatric Plastic Surgery; Chief of Plastic Surgery, Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego

Management of Patients from Pre-School through Adolescence
Drs. Serena Kassam and Matt Geneser
Speech & Language Management of Patients from Infancy through Adolescence
Ms. Amanda Kramer, Lead Speech-Language Pathologist, Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego

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• AAPD Alumni & Friends Reception
• Ohio State University Vendor Fair
• Boston Regional Dinner
• University of Michigan Dinner
• Tufts University Presentation
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Special Olympics Smiles Day

Becky Herman, Director of Recruitment and Community Outreach, and Dr. Steven Perlman, DDS, MScD, DHL (hon), Global Clinical Director and Founder, Special Olympics Special Smiles, Clinical Professor of Pediatric Dentistry, Boston University School of Dental Medicine and Faculty at NYU Langone Hospitals, Postdoctoral Dental Residency Program attended Smile Day. The event was hosted by University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine at the Museum of Disability History on Thursday, March 3, 2017 in Buffalo, New York. Dr. Perlman and Ms. Herman visited two area schools and collaborated with faculty and students from UB Dental’s American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry Student Chapter along with staff from the B. Thomas Golisano Foundation to discuss ways to address access to care for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

AAPD Lobby Days

Faculty and residents of the Pediatric Dentistry program participated in the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) lobby days March 11-12, 2017. They met with congress members to lobby for continuation of Title 7 funding, to keep Affordable Care Act expansion and prevent block granting of Medicaid. Faculty participants included Drs. Shina Amin, Mariella De Stefano, and Rajesh Adhia. Dental resident participants included Drs. Paul Zeylikman, Jeremy Morris (Brooklyn, NY), Daniel Gonzalez (Holyoke, MA), Catherine Kolasny, Rhoderick Blasco, Mehreen Kassoo, Jaspreet Ghuman (all Maryland), Aarika Anderson Elter, and Ara Greer (Yakima, WA).

Medical Mission

Faculty and Residents from Hawaii participated in the Aloha Medical Mission, a week-long mission to Manapla, Philippines, where they, along with three other dentists from Hawaii, treated over 860 patients. The mission team also included five anesthesiologists, three general surgeons, one otorhinolaryngologist, two gynecologists, two plastic surgeons and nurses. The Aloha Medical Mission, led by Dr. Brad Wong, has visited the same area for the past fifteen years.

Free Dental Screenings

Teams from the NYU Langone Hospitals Postdoctoral Dental Residency Program provided free dental screenings to 549 preschoolers at District 20 Pre-K Centers in Bay Ridge, Bensonhurst, Dyker Heights, and Sunset Park, Brooklyn, New York, in June 2017.

Dental Van Services

AEGD residents from Kokua Kalihi Valley (KKV) Health Center in Hawaii helped to provide expanded preventive dental services to area public schools in two fully equipped, two-chair dental vans that routinely visit schools within Kalihi Valley. The vans are staffed by a general dentist supervisor and equipped to provide examinations, prophylaxes, sealants, and referrals.
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Visiting a PEDS Site
NYU Langone Hospitals Postdoctoral Dental Residency Program leaders visited Cute Smiles 4 Kids in Phoenix, AZ August 2017. Cute Smiles is one of our affiliated Pediatric Dentistry clinics that host NYU Langone Dental residents.

ADEA Annual Session
Drs. Neal Demby, Senior Vice President, and David Okuji, Senior Associate Director, Extramural & Special Projects of NYU Langone Hospitals Postdoctoral Dental Residency Program, and Dr. Jack Dillenberg, A.T. Still University of Health Sciences’ Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health Dean Emeritus, joined dental leaders from across the country at the American Dental Education Association annual session, held March 18-21, 2017 at the Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center in Long Beach, California.

2017 Halloween contest winner
Snow white – Dr. Sedani
Evil queen – Dr. Bowman
Prince – Dr. Adhia
Dwarfs: Dr. Qayumi, Dr. Brown, Dr. Nakkana, Dr. Lee (dental assistants: Saida, Carolina, Lena, and Lupe)

Spooky Fun
Each October faculty, staff, and residents from our Pediatric Dentistry training sites compete in a Halloween photo competition each October. The event not only brings smiles to young dental patients, but creates team spirit and unity among all 13 training sites. Photos are posted on our Facebook page. The 2016 contest winner, based on the greatest number of “likes” was Tampa, Florida. Congratulations, and thanks to all who participated!

Hawaiian Retreat
Twenty residents, alumni, faculty, and staff of our programs in Hawaii enjoyed a three-day retreat at the Kilauea Military Camp on the grounds of the Volcanoes National Park over the February Presidents Day holiday. Madam Pele did not disappoint as she welcomed guests with a spectacular display of vivid colors and lava flowing into the Pacific Ocean!

From L to R Front Row: Drs. Laura Van (Waianae Coast Comprehensive Healthcare), Leesa Ching and Anita Triou (both Kukua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services [KKV]); Top Row: Natalie Chien (guest), Drs. Kamille Torres (Waianae), Anne Tran, Kathleen Cruz, and Erin McEvoy (all KKV)
MEETINGS & EVENTS

Greater New York Dental Association

Senior leadership, faculty, residents, staff, and alumni gathered to celebrate the year during a reception held at the Greater New York Dental Meeting in November 2016 at the Marriott Marquis in New York City. GNYDM is one of the largest Dental Congresses in the world and features educational programs led by highly regarded educators in the field of dentistry. Leadership in attendance included Drs. Bernard Tolpin, former Vice President of Dental Medicine, Neal Demby, Senior Vice President of NYU Langone Hospitals, Postdoctoral Dental Residency Program, and Anthony DiMango, Senior Vice President, Chief of Dentistry, and Co-Director of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Give Kids a Smile

Faculty and residents from the Heart of Texas Community Health Center participated in Give Kids a Smile, a program that provides free dental care to low-income, uninsured children in Waco, Texas.

Ana L. Gonzalez, DDS (PGY-2 AEGD Resident and GKAS Event Coordinator), Clifton Martin, DDS (Dental Director and GKAS Event Chairperson) and Suzanne Horani, DDS (PGY-1 AEGD Resident and GKAS Event Ambassador) from NYU Lutheran Dental Medicine’s AEGD Program at the Heart of Texas Community Health Center helped coordinate a day of volunteering on Friday, February 3, 2017 to “Give Kids A Smile” in Waco, TX.

Nepal Mission Trip

Various faculty members, residents, and alumni volunteered their time to participate in a mission trip, sponsored by Global Dental Ambassadors, to the South Asian country of Nepal in February 2017. Nepal has only a few hundred dentists to serve a population of 28 million.

AAE Meeting

Endodontics program faculty members, residents, and alumni gathered at a reception held at the American Association of Endodontists Annual Meeting, April 27, 2017 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The event, has grown each year, with more alumni, faculty, and prospective students in attendance. Several alumni shared their memories with the group and recognized the leadership of Program Director, Dr. Robert Goldberger.
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**AAPD Meeting**

An annual tradition, Pediatric Dentistry program faculty members, residents, and alumni gathered at a reception held Saturday, May 27, 2017 during the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) Meeting at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland.

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Dr. Stanford Ballard ‘16
Alabama AEGD

I learned to empathize with special needs patients and truly understand how severe dental health can become. AFTER MY AEGD RESIDENCY I HAD 4 JOB OFFERS and every employer I spoke with was very impressed with the knowledge and experience I gained with NYU Langone Dental.

Dr. Kelly Buoniconti ‘16
Ohio AEGD

It was such A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE and I am so happy I did it! If I compare myself with my friends from school who started working right after graduating, I DID SO MANY MORE PROCEDURES than they did. perfected my skills and had many more post-grad opportunities.

Dr. Julien Rémillard ‘16
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