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ACD Annual Meeting Highlights A Memorable Year of Leadership and Growth



This year's ACD Annual Meeting and Convocation in Washington D.C brought energy, celebration, and significant milestones for the College and the New England Section. The ceremony opened with a distinguished procession led by Immediate Past Chair Maria Smith and Charlie Silvius, who carried the ceremonial mace and torch, followed by Tufts Dental School Dean Nadeem Karimbux, proudly bearing the ACD flag.

A highlight of the event was Dr. Bob Faiella's conclusion of his impactful year as ACD President. He now transitions into a new leadership role as President of the ADA Foundation, continuing his long record of service to the profession. The College also welcomed two new Honorary Fellows—Catherine Sarkis and Ralph Fuccillo, both from Massachusetts—recognized for their exceptional contributions to oral health and public service. The ACD Section Newsletter Award was presented to Dr. Celeste Kong for her outstanding contribution as Editor of the New England Section Newsletter.

This year's Convocation was record-setting, with an impressive 348 new inductees, including 27 from the New England Section, marking a moment of unprecedented growth for the College.

The meeting also introduced a new tradition: Regency Dinners designed to foster fellowship, collegiality, and deeper connections among members. The event was warmly received and added a refreshed sense of community to the week's activities.

The 2025 Convocation will be remembered as a celebration of leadership, service, and the strengthening of our ACD community.

Annual Business Meeting

January 14, 7:00 pm via Zoom

Please save the date for our Annual Business Meeting. The link will be sent closer to the meeting. That evening, we will be honoring our 50 Year Fellows: Dr. Daniel Green and Dr. Abe Haddad. We will approve the slate of officers for 2026-27 and hear reports from our Officers.

Winkler Award Announcement
Dr. Robert Bartro



Yankee Dental Congress Events and Updates

Annual Luncheon

Our Annual Luncheon at Yankee Dental Congress will be held in partnership with ICD on Friday, January 30, 2026, in the Light House II room of the Seaport Hotel from 11:45 am-1:45 pm. **No postcards will be sent this year**, so please share this information with your colleagues!

Please register by January 21, 2026. As is tradition, all new Fellows inducted in 2025 are encouraged to attend the luncheon as guests of the Section. Please look for the unique registration code for new Fellows when registering.

At the Luncheon, we are thrilled to be presenting the prestigious Thomas F. Winkler III Leadership Award to Dr. Bob Bartro of Rhode Island, a lifelong advocate for ethical dentistry, public health, and community service whose career spans more than five decades. Join us to celebrate Dr. Bartro and his achievements

Register today by clicking below:

<https://events.humanitix.com/acd-icd-combined-luncheon-da3prg6p>

ACD Yankee Course:

Ethical Considerations While Addressing Oral Health Throughout the Life Spectrum

Thursday, January 29, 2026, 1:00-3:00 pm

Course #419TL

ACDNE is partnering with Yankee Dental Congress to present Ethical Considerations While Addressing Oral Health Throughout the Life Spectrum. Course #419TL will be given by speakers Kadambari (Kady) Rawal, Catherine Sarkis, and Talia Miller and will explore how ethics shape patient care, decision making, and professional responsibility at every stage from pediatrics to geriatrics.

Fellows are encouraged to attend, registration and course details are available at this link:

<https://www.yankeedental.com/event/ethical-considerations-while-addressing-oral-health-throughout-the-life-spectrum/>

2026 New England Section Board of Directors Slate

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Regency 1 Newsletter & ACD SHIFT Program

The American College of Dentists (ACD) **SHIFT program (Shaping the Future)** is a transformative, intensive weekend leadership training workshop for dentists, focusing on building leadership capacity, enhancing communication, and fostering strong connections among fellows for the betterment of the profession, led by experts. Funded by the ACD Foundation, it offers high-level skills development in a small-group setting, with recent and planned sessions in the following locations
May 8-10: SHIFT Vancouver
June 5-7: SHIFT Rockville
Please contact office@acd.org if you are interested in attending.

[Click Here to launch the summer issue of the ACD Regency 1 Newsletter](#)

Nominate A Deserving Colleague For Fellowship: [Click here to nominate today!](#)

CONGRATULATIONS!

2025 ACD Fellows - New England Section, welcome to the College!

Sarina Arteaga CT
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 Varsha Salani CT
 Albert Sandler MA
 Milagros Serrano MA
 Gayathri Shenoy RI
 Gregory Stepka RI
 Thomas Trowbridge MA
 David Ward RI
 Dylan Webber MA
 Jeffrey Vachon VT
 John Zyzo CT



Missions of Mercy Outreach: ACDNE Massachusetts Fellows come together to serve their community

The Massachusetts Dental Society Foundation (MDSF) supported the inaugural Mission of Mercy (MOM) dental clinic on Saturday, Nov. 15, at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA. The clinic provided dental care at no cost to the uninsured, underinsured, and anyone unable to access care. Several ACDNE fellows volunteered to ensure a successful outreach led by MDSF chair Dr. Janis Moriarty.



Regent Report



Hello New England Section, it is hard to believe that we are fast approaching the end of the year! Here is a brief review of ACD National activities from the past few months. The ACD Annual Meeting was held in Washington D.C. this past October. A strong class of Candidates came in to the college at this meeting, 348 to be exact! Keep up your good work nominating worthy colleagues to Fellowship. Nominations are critical to the health of not only our Section but also the ACD as a whole. This year the ACD Board approved a change to the Nomination process to allow Nominators to ask their prospective Candidates if they are interested in becoming a Fellow. Nominators can also talk about the College to their Nominees so they understand what ACD represents better. The rest of the Nomination process does remain confidential, as usual. Nomination applications are due February 1st, 2026. I hope everyone enjoyed reading the Regency 1 Newsletter this summer. Around year's end, I hope to distribute the Winter Newsletter highlighting not only all Regency 1 Sections and their activities but also the wonderful SPEA Chapters which are part of our Regency. I encourage everyone to read the regular emails you get from the ACD National. These emails contain information vital to your Fellowship. In coming weeks and months expect to see emails highlighting: updates to the dentaethics.com educational material, the SHIFT leadership training, the SweetSpot Leadership program and, of course, the year-end Giving Campaign.

I hope everyone has a restful and wonderful Holiday Season.
All the best,
Julie

Chair Report

A few words from our Chair Dr. Janis Moriarty

It has been a busy and fulfilling almost twelve months as Chair of the New England Section. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to the 27 new Fellows inducted at Convocation in Washington, DC! Massachusetts is also home to two of the three new Honorary Fellows of ACD—Catherine Sarkis, JD and Ralph Fuccillo and Immediate ACD President Bob Faiella, and we can't forget Dr. Rich Rosato, ADA President, from New Hampshire. Our Section has much to be proud of!



Attending the inaugural ACD Section Leaders Conference with Secretary Marian Royer and Immediate Past Chair Maria Smith in San Antonio was a highlight of the spring. We gained information about the ACD Strategic Plan, the Fellowship Survey, Stewardship, and the ACD Foundation. Breakout sessions included learning tips on adding value to Section Meetings, on Recognizing Excellence (in other words, how to select and nominate worthy future fellows!) and how to become a Model Section.

I'm pleased to report that our Section has a very strong reputation in our Regency, as evidenced by Immediate Past Editor Celeste Kong winning the Section Newsletter Award in Washington DC. Our Editors work extremely hard to produce our newsletters and we owe them a debt of gratitude. This is Kady Rawal's second edition of our new Newsletter format, which we hope you enjoy.

As we prepare for Yankee and all of our activity there, please be on the lookout for emails from our Section regarding registration and more.

On behalf of our Board and Ambassadors, I wish you a safe, healthy and happy Holiday Season!

Please reach out to us with information about your achievements, contributions and events. Please also share your photos so we can highlight you in our next Newsletter.

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