

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF DENTISTS



New England Section Newsletter

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Mission Statement

To advance excellence, ethics, professionalism and leadership in dentistry.

Honoring our 15 and 25 year members:

The sections have a long tradition of recognizing these Fellows to acknowledge their service and ongoing commitment to the College.

15 Years (Inducted in 2009):

Howard D. Hill
Pamela Z. Baldassarre
Mark D. Zajkowski
Edward N. Friedman
Janis Moriarty
Lisa Vouras

25 Year (Inducted in 1999):

Charles A. Gagne

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HONORING JANIS B. MORIARTY



Janis B. Moriarty

She attributes her success launching into dentistry to her family dentist and mentor, Dr. Frederick J. White Jr., who practiced in Pembroke, MA for over 50 years, and for whom she worked starting as a sophomore in high school and for many years after until becoming his first associate. From him she learned the value of organized dentistry, as well as the importance of getting outside the office to volunteer in whatever way was needed.

Volunteering was further ingrained during her associateship with Dr. Kathleen O'Loughlin, who introduced her to what continues to be an important part of her life: Yankee Dental Congress. Dr. Moriarty has served on many committees in Yankee planning, culminating as General Chair in 2011 appointed by MDS President Dr. John P. Fisher. She was honored as a Massachusetts Dental Society Volunteer Hero Award in 2004, and with the John Golden Award for her service to Yankee in 2015.

Dr. Moriarty's work with Yankee led to leadership roles in the Massachusetts Dental Society. She was a member of the inaugural class of Guest Board Members in 2005, and elected Trustee of the Middlesex District in 2006, a position she held until 2012. She ultimately became President of the MDS from 2019-2020, only the third woman to hold that prestigious position. The last quarter of her presidential year was spent navigating the tumultuous and challenging times of leading during the pandemic.

Moriarty is an alumna of the ADA's Institute for Diversity in Leadership and served as the Secretary/Treasurer of the ADA First District Caucus from 2015-2019, appointed by First District Trustee Dr. Judi Fisch. She completes her four year term as the First District representative to the ADA's Council on Membership this fall.

Her dental alma mater is important to her and she served on the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine Alumni Association for a total of twenty years both before and after she served as President in 2004. She has co-chaired all of her dental reunions and is looking forward to planning their 30th Reunion in 2024! She was elected to the Board of Trustees of Tufts University in 2020 and sits on the Committee for University Advancement, the Committee on Trusteeship, and serves on the Board of Dental Advisors. She has been an avid supporter of Tufts University's new initiative Women Impact Tufts, which aims to inspire women's philanthropy across the university. She spearheaded Dental Women Impact Tufts- a new endowed scholarship at Tufts Dental School, which to date has raised over \$200,000. This scholarship will be awarded annually to a student with financial need, prioritizing a recipient who is working to elevate women in dentistry.

She is an avid fundraiser and has participated in the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk since 2011 when Dr. Barbara Kay invited her to be on a team she started while her husband Tom Winkler was undergoing treatment at Dana-Farber. The Miles and Smiles team began in 2012 and Dr. Moriarty has been Captain or Co-Captain every year. Annually, they are a top fundraising team and have raised over \$725,000 to date, for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. Miles and Smiles earmarks 50% of all funds raised to directly support oral cancer research. Captain Moriarty received an award of achievement in 2023 for surpassing \$250,000 raised personally.

Dr. Moriarty has maintained her full-time private practice in Winchester, MA since graduating from her GPR.

The New England Section is pleased to honor Dr. Moriarty by bestowing upon her the Thomas F. Winkler Award for her leadership in our profession, her exemplary commitment to volunteer service, and her steadfast embodiment of the ACD Mission Statement.



Dr. Julie Connolly

Regent Report

It is hard to believe that I have been Regent of Regency I for over a year now. This past year has been a whirlwind with the ACD. I am grateful that in my first year I was able to visit the New England Section in Boston last January. Your section is most impressive with your dedicated and hard-working Board as well as your annual Luncheon & Ethics CE Course at the Yankee Dental Meeting. I look forward to hearing about your upcoming Spring Ethics Course in 2024.

At our Annual meeting in October, Dr. Terri Dolan became the President of the ACD. We learned that in the first half of 2024 the new ACD National strategic plan will be released and it is anticipated there will also be the introduction of a new Executive Director. At the Annual Meeting, a Regency I Breakout Session was also held. It was well attended with several members of the NE Section present. At the

Breakout Session, Section provided an activities update and we went through a Nominations exercise.

In the short term, I would ask each of you to consider nominating a colleague (or colleagues) to Fellowship. There is a new tutorial on the nominations process that Past President Dr. Robert Lamb and Current Regent Dr. Bob Plage put together. Additionally, in the NY Section we have developed a Nominations “Cheat Sheet” and sample Nomination Letter packet which I have shared with all Section Chairs. Please reach out to your Section Chair, Dr. Marie Smith, for guidance through the nomination process. Nominations are due on January 15th, 2024.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday season. May the new year bring you peace, joy and much happiness.

Kind regards,
Julie



Maria Smith

A Message from our Chair

It's hard to believe that one year has passed since I was elected ACD New England Section Chair. It truly has been non-stop activity since our meeting at the Yankee Dental Congress in January, 2023. Our section has remained strong primarily due to a committed and dedicated group of both past chairs and current

leaders and the addition of new leaders to our board that I am honored to have had and will have the opportunity to work with. Many thanks to those who moved off the board in January – Drs. Pam Baldassare, Paula Friedman, Lonnie Norris and Tony Storace. Working with them has been a true pleasure and I am humbled by the vast experience and skills that each of them brought to the table to help our section which has contributed to it having Model Section Status by the national American College of Dentists. We are all very proud of this designation since it is the culmination of efforts by all who worked diligently to elevate our New England section in four different areas—Membership, Section Projects, ACD Foundation Support and Commitment and Communication—to further the mission of the ACD.

We have been very busy this year first, in our assessment of our New England section to determine where we needed to focus our time and energy to have most benefit to our fellows and second, in implementation of these priorities over the course of the year. Some of the multitude of projects included a new strategic plan creation, section bylaws review, update and passage, membership list information review and update, a new annual meeting format by video conference, increased communication with our fellows, planning educational offerings, a new awards luncheon format at the Yankee Dental Congress for the first time with the District I International College of Dentists, increased interaction with the New

England SPEA chapters, distribution of the ACD Ethics Booklets, succession planning and much, much more.

And, I would be remiss if I did not include recognition of all of our 31 new fellows this year at our October 5, 2023 convocation in Orlando, FL. We had a record number thanks to the efforts of our Ambassador representatives in each of our states. These dentists have exemplified excellence through outstanding leadership, ethics, professionalism and personal contributions to both dentistry and society. I thank them for their dedication and commitment to our profession and welcome them into their new “family”, the ACD. I also again congratulate our 5 American College of Dentists Outstanding Student Leader Awardees as well as Dr. Janis Moriarty, our Thomas F. Winkler awardee.

I look forward with our new board to moving our section further forward with many of our identified projects this year. But, all of these are only as important if you our fellows believe they are. So, to help the board in its deliberations and action, all of you will be receiving a short survey soon to give us your thoughts and comments as to what your needs are and what ACD New England can provide for you in the coming year. We need to remain relevant and provide value for you as a fellow so that you not only remain member fellows, but also will continue to be advocates for ACD in ethics and professionalism for others and the public at large. Please fill out this important survey. And, please consider volunteering for some of our committees this year as well.

Thank you all for your membership and continued support of the ACD and our New England section. Engagement and communication ultimately are the key for our mutual success. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of our board members with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
Maria A. Smith, DMD
Chair, American College of Dentists, New England Section



SAVE THE DATE for
2024 ACD ANNUAL MEETING
New Orleans, LA • October 16-17, 2024



DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD



President Dr. Robert Lamb, Dr. Paula Friedman, Dr. Richard Jones (Immediate Past President)

Awards of the American College of Dentists recognize unique and exceptional efforts of Fellows, non-dentists involved with the profession or oral health, and Sections of the College.

The Distinguished Leadership Award is the College's newest award. This award recognizes individuals having a record of significant and distinguished leadership in dentistry, public health, or national health policy while in a position of national or international responsibility. Nominations are by the Board of Regents, however, any fellow may submit names and supporting information to the Board for consideration. The 2023 Distinguished Leadership Award was bestowed on **Dr. Paula K. Friedman** in Orlando last October.

(Content modified from Dr. Friedman's nomination letter authored by Dr. Richard E. Jones)

Dr. Friedman's 45 years of consistent and significant contributions to our profession leaves us in awe, as she served various leadership roles locally, nationally, and internationally. To work with her is to experience an exemplar of leadership that is understated, incisive and courageous enough to take on the least noticed as well as the most challenging of tasks.

Dr. Friedman spent several years as the Associate Dean for Administration, followed by her position as Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives, all while fulfilling her responsibilities as Director of the Geriatric Fellowship Program at Boston University's Henry M Goldman School of Dental Medicine. Her current title is Professor Emerita of General Dentistry.

Dr. Friedman served as Chair of the New England Section of the College for two years. Her goals included having the Section present programs on Ethics and Professionalism at the Yankee Dental Congress for the first time. Those programs continue today. Following her service as Section Chair, Dr. Friedman was elected to a four-year term as Regent of Regency 1 of the College. As our ACD Regent, she served her Sections with tireless innovation and commitment. She engaged and empowered Section leaders. As a Senior Regent she successfully tackled problems and led two significant Task Force Committees that led to expanding the opportunity for Fellowship to all qualified individuals and as Chair of the ACD Finance Committee, she incisively promoted transparency and professional competency.

Her dedication to Dental Education led Dr Friedman to become President of ADEA. Her ADEA tenure focused on *Mentoring: Leading, Learning, Legacy* and included the successful passing of the Sarbanes-Oxley guidelines for the ADEA Board. That effort typifies the Paula effect: noticing an opportunity for improvement, developing an intelligent plan, having the courage to advance the initiative, and leaving a quiet legacy of betterment.

Dr. Friedman sees issues unnoticed by others and then she creates solutions. She exemplifies what it is to be a successful leader and as such is well deserving of being the first recipient of the Distinguished Leadership Award of the American College of Dentists.

NEW ACD FELLOW SPOTLIGHT: DR. BRENO REBOUCAS

Inducted at Orlando Florida October 2023



*(Excerpt from bu.edu/dental, **Research Spotlight: New Pediatric Disability Educational Program Starts this Academic Year**)*

Dr. Breno Reboucas, is the principal investigator for a \$1.5 million, five-year grant awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to develop a new pediatric educational program for predoctoral dental students and a training program for practicing dentists in community health centers. Dr. Breno Reboucas is Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine's Director of Predoctoral Pediatric Dentistry and a clinical associate professor in the departments of general and pediatric dentistry.

"The goal is [improving] care and increasing access to care for patients [with disabilities], and at the same time making our students competent and comfortable in treating patients [with disabilities] once they graduate," Reboucas said of the program known as "Innovations in Pediatric Dentistry Special Needs Training."

The term "special needs" captures a broad spectrum of mental, physical, and behavioral disabilities.

Retraining current practicing dentists can alleviate barriers to accessing care for patients with disabilities. Towards this effort, Dr. Reboucas said his team is working with the University of Massachusetts Medical School and Codman Square Health Center to develop a training program that will provide tailored skills and knowledge to current dentists to later implement in their workplaces.

CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME TO OUR 2023 FELLOWS



Photo taken in October 2023, at Orlando FL, of some of the new bumper crop of ACD Fellows and a couple of their sponsors.

MOHAMMED MOEEDUDDIN AHMED BDS, MDS practices in Bristol VT.

DR. KATHY ALIKHANI received her DMD from the Henry Goldman School of Dentistry at Boston University. She received her post-doctoral training in Endodontics from the Goldman School, as well. Dr. Alikhani still works in private practice while also teaching as an Assistant Clinical Professor in the pre- and post-doctoral endodontic departments at Boston University.

CHARILAOS "HARIS" ASIKIS Graduated from: Aristotle University Dental School of Thessaloniki, Greece, 1988 and Post Graduate Prosthodontics, Tufts University, Dental School in 1994. He was the owner of Private Practice, limited to Prosthodontics from 1994-2013 in Greece where he was also Rt. Lt. Colonel, Greek Army, Dental Corps: 1982-2006. He is currently a Clinical Associate Professor and Group Practice Leader at Boston University where he has been since 2014.

DONNA BALASKI DMD, is a Manager of Medical Care Administration for the Connecticut Dept of Social Services.

CHARLOTTE BIGG received her DMD from Boston University Henry M Goldman School of Dental Medicine. She is owner of Bigg Smiles Dental North Kingstown, RI and is LCDR in the Navy Reserves.

ETHAN CHASE received his DMD from Boston University Henry M Goldman School of Dental Medicine. He then went on to complete his AEGD at the University of Connecticut. He is currently a Clinical Instructor in the department of general dentistry at Boston University where is also a Group Practice Leader. He practices dentistry at JD Howard Dental in Dover NH.

JEFFREY ESKENDRI received his DMD from Temple University, Kornberg School of Dentistry. He completed his training in Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology at New York –Presbyterian in Queens New York. He is currently an Assistant Professor Adjunct in Pathology at Yale School of Medicine.

RONALD FRIED D.M.D., M.M.Sc graduated from Boston University Henry M Goldman School of Dental Medicine. He then went to Harvard School of Dental Medicine to specialize in Periodontology and earned M.M.Sc. His is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology and Practices at Brookline Periodontal Associates. He is a Former Assistant Professor Harvard School of Dental Medicine. Department of Oral Medicine, Infection and Immunity

ANGELICA GIL-LEVIN received her DDS from Inca Garcilaso de la Vega University in Lima Peru. She completed another DMD at Tufts University School where she also completed her CAGS in Esthetic Dentistry. She has been an associate in private practice on the South Shore of Massachusetts since 2014. She is currently a part-time Assistant Clinical Professor at the Boston University Henry Goldman School of Dentistry.

JOHN ICTECH-CASSIS DMD received his CAGS in Prosthodontics in 1986 and his DMD in 1988, both from Boston University Henry M Goldman School of Dental Medicine. He is currently a Clinical Professor in the Department of Restorative Sciences and Biomaterials at Boston University and he serves as the program and clinical director of the Postgraduate Esthetics, Digital and Operative program. He is also the Director of the 635 Albany Street Dental Health Center. Previously, he was the Director of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at Boston University for 25 years. He has been recipient of several awards, including the Spencer N. Frankl Award for Excellent in Teaching in 2006. His private practice is in the Greater Boston area.

PELIN FATMA KARAGOZ MOTRO DDS MSc PhD received her dental degree from Yeditepe University, Istanbul, Turkey along with her training in Prosthodontics and Orofacial Pain. She currently works as a Clinical Associate Professor and Group Practice Leader in the Department of General Dentistry of Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine.

RHONDA KAUFMAN received her DDS from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH. She followed this by completing a GPR at Albert Einstein School of Medicine in the Bronx, NY and then completed a General Anesthesia Residency at Mt Sinai School of Medicine, NYC. She was the owner and practitioner of General Dentistry at Comprehensive Dental Care of Westchester and Putnam P.C. from 1994-2016. She is currently a Clinical Associate Professor at Touro College of Dental Medicine, where she is also the Associate Dean for Clinical Education.

JAMES EMMANUEL LEE received his DMD from Boston University Henry M Goldman School of Dental Medicine. His practice is in Malden, MA (Boston Family Dental). He is currently the Chair of the East Middlesex District Dental Society and very active with the Massachusetts Dental Society and the American Dental Association.

ERIC LEVINE received his DMD from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. His is in Private Practice in General Dentistry in Farmington, CT.

VASILIKI MASELI received her DDS from University of Athens School of Dentistry, Greece. She completed her Master of Science Degree and Certificate in Restorative Dentistry from University of Michigan School of Dentistry, Ann Arbor, MI. More recently she earned her Master of Education in Educational Leadership & Policy Studies from Boston University Wheelock College of

Each of our new Fellows has a distinguished list of achievements, honors, and contributions to the profession in leadership positions. We have presented brief highlights for each individual as space does not allow us to list all of their accomplishments.

Education and Human Development, Boston, MA. She is currently a Clinical Associate Professor in General Dentistry at Boston University Henry M Goldman School of Dental Medicine where she is also the course Director for Clinical Operative Dentistry.

MICHAEL MAYR graduated from Boston University Henry M Goldman School of Dental Medicine and he practices at Harmony, in Boston MA.

LEE W. MCNEISH DDS graduated from University of Pittsburgh and completed the Oral/Maxillofacial surgery program at the University of Connecticut. He practices at 650 Chase Parkway, Waterbury CT.

ANDREW MILLER received his DMD from Boston University Henry M Goldman School of Dental Medicine. He followed this by competing a Certificate in Advanced Graduate Studies in AEGD followed by another CAGS in Endodontics from the same school. He is currently a Clinical Associate Professor in the department of general dentistry where he is also the Director of pre-doctoral endodontics.

THEODORE R. NELSON DDS graduated from Loma Linda University School of Dentistry and is currently a Clinical Instructor at Boston University School of Dental Medicine. He had a General practice in Lancaster MA from 1986-2022.

SEPIDEH NOVID received her DMD in 2004 from Boston University Henry M Goldman School of Dental Medicine. She completed the AEGD program the following year from the same school. She is currently a Clinical Assistant Professor in the department of General Dentistry at Boston University. She is also the current Dental Director at Greater Roslindale Medical and Dental Center

BRENO REBOUCAS DMD graduated from Federal University of Ceara, Brazil. He then came to Boston University where he earned his DSc in Oral Biology, a CAGS in Pediatric Dentistry, and an MBA at Questrom School of Business. He practices at Boston University and is a Clinical Associate Professor and the Director of Predoctoral Pediatric Dentistry in the Department of General Dentistry at BU.

MOUHAB RIZKALLAH DDS MSD CAGS, Completed his DDS at SUNY Stony Brook and his, MSD CAGS at Boston University in Orthodontics. He is the Owner of 6 Offices in the Greater Boston area and the Author: Massachusetts Question 2 which was the ballot Initiative to establish medical loss ratio for dental insurance plans.

SHEILA RODRIGUEZ-VAMVAS received here DMD from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and her MPH from Tufts University School of Medicine. She is currently a Clinical Assistant Professor in the department of General Dentistry at Boston University Henry M Goldman School of Dental Medicine where she is also a Group Practice Leader. Her practice is in Cambridge, MA.

LAURIE ROSATO DMD is in Private Practice - Concord, NH. She is the NH Dental Society's Second Vice President and serves as the Chair of the NHSD Council on Government Affairs. She also Chairs the Concord Dental Sealant Coalition.

DR. SOPHIA SAEED graduated from Harvard School of Dental Medicine (DMD) and completed her GPR at University of California, San Francisco. She is currently the Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and a Clinical Professor at the University of Connecticut.

DEBASHREE SAXENA received her BDS from Sardar Patel Institute of Dental and Medical Sciences in India. She received her DSc. & C.A.G.S in Oral Biology & Periodontology from Boston University Henry M Goldman School of Dental Medicine. She is currently a Clinical Assistant Professor in the department of general dentistry at the same school and practices as a Periodontists at 2 Community Health Centers: Whittier St and Codman Square

MICHAEL A. SCIALABBA received his DDS from SUNY Stony Brook '03 then went to the VA West Palm Beach from 2003-05. He is a guest Lecturer at SUNY Stony Brook and at Harvard. He is currently the Chief Clinical officer of 42 North Dental and Chairman of the Board in Registration in Dentistry in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He practices at Great Hill Dental in Peabody, MA.

SAMIRA SHEIKH received her DMD from Boston University Henry M Goldman School of Dental Medicine. She completed a Certificate in Advanced Graduate Studies in Advanced Education in General Dentistry at Harvard School of Dental Medicine. She is currently a Clinical Assistant Professor at Boston University Dept. of General Dentistry where she is also a Group Practice Leader. She practices at Millennium Dental Associates in Boston.

JIANGYUN SHENG is a Clinical Assistant Professor in Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine. She received her DMD, from the same school in 2011. Dr. Sheng owns a private practice in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Over her 26 years of dental practice and teaching, Dr. Sheng is dedicated to her patients and her communities, especially to the people underserved unconditionally.

DR. GARRETT WINGROVE, a native of Toronto Canada, graduated from Boston University's DMD program in 2017. He later completed a General Practice Residency at Montefiore Medical Center in Bronx, NY. Dr. Wingrove practiced general dentistry for 5 years in downtown Boston and Central Massachusetts and now currently an endodontics resident at Boston University. Dr. Wingrove has interest in returning to BU to be an educator part-time and plans to start a private practice limited to endodontics.

BRADLEY WOLAND received his DMD from Boston University Henry M Goldman School of Dental Medicine in 2011 and his MSD in Orthodontics and Dento-facial Orthopedics in 2014 from the same school. He lectured and taught clinically in Harvard until recently. His private practice in is Weymouth, MA.

Nominate A Deserving Colleague For Fellowship

The American College of Dentists through our New England Section seeks nominations for Fellowship. A nomination is a gift you can bestow upon a meritorious colleague and it is both a distinction and an honor. Entrance into the College is only through that nomination process and the College depends upon our Fellows to identify those individuals worthy of recognition.

These nominees, be it through teaching, research, dental organization participation, or community service, have advanced excellence, professionalism, and leadership. These are the core principles embodied in the mission statement of the College. Nominees can be from New England as well as anywhere in the United States, Canada, or internationally. The College encourages nominations from all area of the profession and with a broad range of experience from newer professionals to those with many years of experience.

The nomination process is confidential and can be accomplished by email, fax, or mail. The nominee should be asked for their curriculum vitae without revealing that it is for the purpose of Fellowship nomination but rather that they are being nominated for an award. A Fellow familiar with the applicant should serve as a seconder. The nominees are then reviewed by a committee of the ACD Board without knowledge of the name of the nominee, the nominator or the seconder.

The deadline for nominations for induction at the next annual meeting was January 15, 2024. We are now accepting nominations for 2025. The nominating forms and the profile summary can be downloaded through the ACD website after logging on to the Members Section and completed after obtaining the curriculum vitae. The completion of the forms requires a statement from the nominator and should be seen by the seconder. The statement is a critical part of the process for the committee reviewing the Fellowship application. Please do not forward any part of the completed application materials to the person being nominated as that is a violation of the ACD confidentiality requirement. If any additional information is needed please contact the ACD Executive Office at (301) 977-3223 or email at suzan@acd.org. The link to the nomination forms are on the ACD website (www.acd.org/nominations/).

Just as a colleague recognized that you would be a valued member of the College and nominated you, so should you seek to recognize and nominate a deserving colleague for Fellowship.

The candidates name is not disclosed to the committee that reviews these applications for fellowship.

FIRST ICD & ACD COMBINED LUNCHEON AT YANKEE 2024



NEW ENGLAND AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT

The Ambassador program helps the Regent and Chair to keep in touch with our Fellows at a local level and help to find new colleagues to nominate for the ACD.

Here is an introduction to our Ambassadors from New England



Debra Hong Pan, DMD, MS, is a Clinical Professor in the Department of General Dentistry and a recipient of The Dean Spencer N. Frankl Excellence in Teaching Award at Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine (BUGSDM). She is an Examiner with the CDCA-WREB-CITA Licensure

Testing for the Dental Health Professions. She is also a Site Visitor in Predoctoral Clinical Sciences with The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

Dr. Pan owns a private family dental practice, Pan Dental Care in Melrose, MA, with her husband Dr. Nelson Pan. They are proud that their three grown children have joined their practice, and they work together to provide a full scope of dentistry for adults and children. Their sons, Dr. Jeffrey Pan and Dr. Jason Pan completed their advanced education in general dentistry (AEGD). Their daughter, Dr. Katelyn Pan, specializes in orthodontics and Invisalign, and in addition to private practice, she is also a Clinical Assistant Professor and Course Director of Orthodontics at BUGSDM. The Pan family enjoys Alpine skiing, fishing and golfing.



Dr. Ura attended the University of Michigan obtaining both his engineering and dental degrees. He has operated a restorative practice in Nashua NH for the past 35 years. Dr Ura has also done extensive training in Dental Sleep Medicine achieving Diplomate status with the American Board of Dental Sleep Medicine. He operates a separate Dental Sleep Medicine

specialty practice in addition to his restorative practice. Dr. Ura is a past president of the New Hampshire Dental Society and a past member on the American Dental Association Council on Dental Benefits program where he chaired the Committee of the Code for 2 years as well as Vice Chair of the Council.

Dr. Ura has been a Fellow of the ACD for 15 years. Dr Ura lives by his understanding of the definition of a “professional”: Someone who leaves their profession in a better place than when they found it. Dr. Ura understands this is a Core concept of what the ACD strives for. As an Ambassador for the ACD, he feels that he has the opportunity to help expand this organization to better our profession.



Dr. Marian Royer is a 1980 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. Immediately after dental school she started a career in the United States Navy Dental Corps. During that time, she completed a Comprehensive Dentistry Residency at the National Naval Dental Center in Bethesda, Maryland and a Masters in Business Administration from National

University in San Diego, California.

After completing a Navy career in 1980, she purchased a private practice in Portsmouth, Rhode Island and practiced general dentistry there until last year.

In 2018, she was awarded fellowship in the American College of Dentists. Since 2020, she have been an Ambassador and for two years she has been Secretary of the New England section.

She is proud to be part of an organization that promotes dental ethics in our profession and has been honored to work with the outstanding people on our section board.

She still works part time delivering much needed care in skilled nursing facilities and performs dental screenings in schools but being on the ACD-NE board keeps her more in touch with her profession. She is also a CDCA examiner.

She enjoy spending time with family and loves her new title of Abuela. She does daily walks and yoga and enjoy stime with friends.

2024 New England Section Board of Directors Candidate Slate

Chair/Ambassador DR. MARIA A. SMITH Shelton, CT	Editor DR. CELESTE KONG Boston, MA	Ambassador DR. DEBRA H. PAN Melrose, MA
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Treasurer DR. MARY JANE HANLON Wolfeboro, NH	Member at large DR. MEREDITH BAILEY Boston, MA	

Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine presented by Dean Cataldo Leon to Mary Morcos. Mary Morcos received a Bachelor of Arts cum laude in Neuroscience from Boston University in 2020 and is a candidate for a Doctor of Dental Medicine in Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine's Class of 2024, where she will become a double Terrier. While at GSDM, Mary has served as teaching assistant for several courses and has also been involved in various research efforts, including researching Oral Lichen Planus and constructing a manuscript for publication discussing an overview of the disease, its potential or malignant nature, and clinical management of patients diagnosed with the disease. Mary is actively involved in several student organizations and has participated in a number of community outreach events. In July 2022, she received a Spencer N. Frankl Scholarship Award for professionalism and academic achievement. After graduating from GSDM, Mary is interested in pursuing a residency either in General Dentistry or Orthodontics.

Harvard University School of Dental Medicine presented by Dean Sang Park to Joe Montesano. Joe Montesano is an exemplary member of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine Class of 2024. He is known within the dental school for his incredible work ethics, collaborative and service mindset, academic and clinical excellence, as well as his maturity. With a background in Philosophy from his undergraduate studies, he took part in developing the medical student COVID-19 curriculum to help guide teaching in academic institutions worldwide, with particular emphasis in ethics. Also, during his first year, Joe represented HSDM and won his place at the Yankee Dental Congress ASDA district 1 Debate. He has actively engaged, serving as the HSDM ASDA Pre-Dental Chair, a Harvard College Non-Resident Tutor, an admissions Ambassador, and several other roles, spending countless hours dedicated to introducing undergraduates to dental school and the process of applying, from personal statements to interviews. He has served as his class Ethics and Professionalism Representative for the past two years and as a student representative on the HSDM Environmental Health & Safety and Infection Control Committee. In January 2023 he was selected to serve as the HSDM Student Delegate for the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS). Joe truly represents the principles of high achievement, strong leadership, and high ethical standards for which this award was created. Upon graduation, Joe will pursue a MMSc degree and Certificate in Periodontology at HSDM.

Tufts University School of Dental Medicine presented by Dean Nadeem Karimbux to Zana Hunt. Zana Hunt was born to a Jamaican family and raised in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She earned a full academic scholarship to Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University where she graduated magna cum Laude with a Doctorate in Pharmacology in 2019. As a Tufts Dental Student Zana has successfully pursued her interests in leadership, teaching, and research. For three years she has been president of the D24 class, effectively representing her classmates as a leader of an executive board solely composed of women, the first of its kind at TUSDM. In addition, Zana is an executive board member of the Tufts Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Club. For the past four years Zana has been a D24 Virtual Education Co-ordinator. Zana is working with a faculty member on Basal Cell Carcinoma research and was accepted to participate in the Bate's-Andrew's Summer Research Fellowship Program where she presented her research. Last October Zana was selected to speak on behalf of all graduate and professional students to welcome the new President of Tufts University at his inauguration ceremony. Zana has a background in music and lent her voice to several events including the annual Empowering Women in Dentistry event, the student National Dental Associations Annual Black Legacy Dinner, and the Music in medicine club's organizational Event. Zana aspires to practice as an oral and maxillofacial Surgeon and establish a career focused on the surgical management of benign and malignant pathology.

University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine presented by Dean Steven M. Lepowsky to Jerry D. Gargano. Jerry Gargano completed a degree in International Business before coming to the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. He was also a competitive swimmer and worked full time as a teacher in Ecuador, and conducted research in molecular and cellular biology. He was a research extern with Cigna. For the past four years Jerry has distinguished himself through community service, leadership, and academic achievement. He leads the HPV Vaccine initiative for the CT Cancer Partnership in both the School of Dental Medicine and School of Medicine to raise awareness of HPV vaccination and has volunteered at the South Park Inn Homeless Shelter dental clinic and the Hartford Health Education program where he has provided weekly health lessons to elementary school children in Hartford. Jerry has volunteered with the CT Mission of Mercy for more than six years and has also volunteered with the Rhode Island Mission of Mercy. For the past two years Jerry has been the coordinator of all student activity for the CT Mission of Mercy, working on the leadership team for the CT Foundation for Dental Outreach. In addition to his continued work with Adopta Una Familia, in Ecuador, he provided dental care to rural communities in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. Jerry will be pursuing postdoctoral general dentistry residency training after graduation in May.

University of New England School of Dental Medicine presented by Dean Nicole Kimmes to Macy Punzalan. Macy Punzalan is a fourth-year dental student at University of New England College of Dental Medicine in Portland Maine. While at UNE CDM, Macy has served as a Class officer and a student leader in many student professional organizations. She founded the Dentist Anesthesiologist Club for Students at UNE and organized the College of Dental Medicine's first Multicultural Appreciation Event. She has also taken part in multiple inter professional projects offered through UNE's co-curricular inter professional health care practice initiative. Additionally, Macy is an actively involved in many areas of service to UNE, including as an admissions ambassador and as a liaison with the UNE board of trustees. Her passions are in social justice issues, public health, and creating art in all forms. Also, she is a published poet and artist who loves to paint. After graduating Macy will attend Boston University's Orthodontic Residency Program. She intends to practice as an orthodontist in Maine following residency and will work toward being involved in organized orthodontics and academia.

ABOUT THE THOMAS F. WINKLER AWARD

The Thomas F Winkler Award was first awarded to Dr. Winkler at the 2007 American College of Dentists New England Section annual meeting at the Yankee Dental Congress in Boston, Massachusetts. The reasoning for the creation of the award was to recognize him for all that he had done over the years to promote the mission of the American College of Dentists through leadership, education, and ethics. Dr. Winkler, a mentor and role-model, served in leadership for the New England Section of the American College of Dentists and as the 2011 President of the American College of Dentists.

Each year the New England Section of the American College of Dentist considers potential nominations and selects the individual that best represents the high standards set by Dr. Thomas F. Winkler, both in professional and private life. Recent awardees include Dr. Paul S. Farsai who was honored in 2022 and Dr. Pamela Z. Baldassarre who was honored in 2023.

Nominations for the Thomas F. Winkler Award

In recognition of Thomas F. Winkler's distinguished professional career, commitment to service, and leadership in advancement of the American College of Dentists, the New England Section of the American College of Dentist is now seeking nominations for the Thomas F. Winkler Award for 2023. The candidate must possess:

**Membership in the American College of Dentists*

**History of a distinguished career in dentistry that exemplifies the American College of Dentists mission "to advance excellence, ethics, professionalism and leadership in dentistry"*

**Service to the American College of Dentists with characteristics that exemplify high standards as a role model, both in professional and private life*

As qualified candidates are selected, the award is presented at the American College Of Dentists New England Section annual business meeting and awards luncheon during the Yankee Dental Congress meeting. In certain years there may not be a candidate selected to receive the award.

You are invited to submit a nomination for a qualifying candidate with their credentials and summary of their accomplishments for consideration by the New England Section of the American College of Dentists Board.

Nominations may be submitted by mail to Dr. Marian Royer, 428 Gibbs Avenue, Unit 5, Newport, RI 02840 or via email to: drmarianroyer@gmail.com