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A Letter from the DC Dental Society President Julian Moiseiwitsch, BDS, PhD



Dr. Julian Moiseiwitsch

Dear Colleagues:

I look forward to seeing each of you this month at the Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting, **March 24-26** at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. The meeting is a perfect opportunity for you and your entire dental team to make connections and gain valuable education. Take this opportunity to enhance your practice and provide professional development for your full team – your dental assistants, dental hygienists and office staff. To view the program and

register online, please visit: www.midatlanticdental.org.

I'd also like to remind you that nominations for open board and committee positions are now being accepted via the [DCDS Website](http://www.dcdental.org). As has been customary, nominations for open officer and board positions will also be accepted at the April 12th monthly meeting. The Awards & Nominating Committee will review all nominations and vet all candidates for inclusion on the 2016-2017 board of directors ballot (for opposed positions) and make recommendations to the board of directors on committee assignments. I encourage you to nominate yourself or a deserving colleague for a leadership position to actively contribute to the Society's strategic goals, develop crucial leadership skills and make important career connections.

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I'd also like to specifically encourage new dentists (those out of dental school less than ten years) to nominate others or self-nominate. The deadline to submit nominations for volunteer positions online is **Friday, March 18th**.

Finally, both the Society and Foundation are seeking nominations for its esteemed awards, including the Sterling V. Mead, Community Spirit and Humanitarian Awards. I urge each of you to consider nominating a deserving colleague or member of our community for one of these awards. A description of each award, including eligibility requirements and the online nomination form are available on the [DCDS website](#). Nominations must be received by **Wednesday, March 16th**. This year's awards recipients will be honored at the Society's annual awards dinner which will occur on Tuesday, June 7th at the Westin Georgetown Hotel.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or anyone on the Society's board should you have any questions or comments.

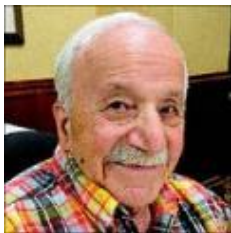
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Sincerely,



Julian Moiseiwitsch, B.D.S., Ph.D.
President, DC Dental Society

DCDS Mourns the Passing of Dr. Anthony P. Culotta



The DC Dental Society regrets to announce the passing of friend and colleague, Dr. Anthony P. Culotta who passed away February 9th. He was 96 years old. Dr. Culotta was a Past-President of the DCDS and a member of the organization for more than 60 years. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his name may be made to the Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund, 1019 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 or www.jpmpf.org. You may post a memory or condolence [online](#).

Nominate a Colleague for a DCDS Award – Deadline March 16th

DCDS and the DCDS Foundation are now accepting nominations for its esteemed awards that recognize the contributions of our members and community leaders working towards improving oral health in the District. Recipients of this year's awards will be honored at the June 7th DCDS Awards Dinner.

To view details for each award and to nominate a colleague, please visit the [DCDS website](#). The deadline to receive award nominations is **Wednesday, March 16th**.

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Time is Running Out! Twenty-Two Days until the 2016 Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting

We are just a few weeks away from the [2016 Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting](#), and the clock is ticking! There are only twenty-two days left to register for the meeting, being held March 24-26 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. Dental professionals from over twenty states are coming to our Nation's Capital this month to build connections, learn best practices, and share ideas and experiences. This preeminent conference features an engaging and extensive program, including over twenty free sessions geared towards the different members of your dental team; the average attendee will be able to leave the meeting with up to twenty-four CE credits.

Our popular exhibit hall is not to be missed, as the Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting features over one hundred exhibitors who showcase the latest in groundbreaking dental technology and tools. Take the opportunity to speak one-on-one with suppliers to discuss your office's needs and learn more about the innovative technologies that are taking the dental industry by storm! Be sure to view the complete list of exhibitors on the [Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting website](#) to best plan your exhibit hall experience.

When you aren't taking courses, strengthen existing business relationships and build new ones during the [Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting networking receptions](#). Held at the end of each day, attendees have the opportunity to unwind and connect with other dental professionals as they discuss the day's programming and industry updates.

Be sure to review the [Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting's preliminary program](#) to view opportunities available to you and the different members of your dental team.

DCDS Member Featured on CBS Radio

DC Dental Society member Ricardo A. Perez, DDS, PC of Metropolitan Pediatric Dentistry was featured on the Washington Report, a CBS radio public affairs show, last month. February was children's dental health month and Dr. Perez discussed the importance of children's dental health and shared tips for proper dental care for kids.

Register for the 2016 Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting



Join the D.C. Dental Society, Delaware State Dental Society and Pennsylvania Dental Association March 24-26, 2016 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center for the **2016 Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting!** This year our educational program offers something for every member of the dental team. Learn more about the sessions being offered at the Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting by clicking [here](#).

Register Today

Ready to get social? Follow the Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting on Twitter [@DCDental](#) or like DCDS on [Facebook](#) and use our hash tag #DCDS2016! Our social networks are where you can see what's happening at the Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting and enjoy other posts of interest to the dental profession.

Election for Open Alternate Delegate Position Set for April 12th

The contested election for the Society's one open alternate delegate position to the ADA House of Delegates will occur on Tuesday, April 12th prior to the Monthly CE Meeting at the Westin Georgetown. Each candidate, Dr. Eugene Giannini and Dr. Angela Noguera, will give a two minute speech to the membership prior to the opening of voting. Biographies and statements of interest from each candidate are below.

Eugene Giannini, DDS



I am asking your support to serve our society as an alternate delegate to the ADA. I am proud to be a DCDS/ADA member dentist. Our delegation to the ADA serves to bring the voices of our society's members to our national organization. In attending our regional caucus, the delegation represents our society's members and the issues important to us. When our local regional caucus attends the national meeting, our delegates work to strengthen these relationships to promote our society. It involves being aware of the issues facing our profession and advocating in the interests of our members.

My commitment to organized dentistry began my freshman year at Georgetown, when I served as an ADA Washington intern. Continuing as the legislative consultant for the American Student Dental Association (ASDA), I was elected to serve two terms as ASDA's National Vice President. I served on the ADA's Council on Legislation as an ASDA representative and saw how the work of volunteer dentists enacts change in the ADA House of Delegates. I was there when the ASDA President became a member of the ADA House in 1985.

After dental school and residency, my return to DC allowed me to become a part of this dynamic dental society. My business partner and mentor, Dr. Bernie McDermott was an influential part of my continued involvement in organized dentistry. After several years serving on committees, I chaired our annual meeting and subsequently served as DCDS President. I was fortunate to serve a 4-year term on the ADA's Council on Communication and also sat as a consultant on the ADA's Council on Government Affairs.

My interest in legislative matters affecting our profession resulted in me chairing DCDS's Public Policy Committee where I have been able to advocate our profession's interests before members of the DC Board of Dentistry, DC City Council and other health related groups. I continue to represent DCDS on the national level at the ADPAC and ADA Lobbyists conferences.

Being a small dental society does not mean that we have to have a small voice. DCDS has a strong reputation on the national level in providing leadership and we have our current delegation to thank for this. I have worked to foster the relationships that began in my early years of involvement and they have grown to a network of ADA member dentists, delegates and others who are committed to strengthening our profession. I believe that I have demonstrated to my fellow members that I have a proven record of service and results. I know what it takes to serve on the national level and I am prepared to continue the excellent work of Dr. Alan Singer in advancing DCDS and our profession in the coming years. I ask you for your support in this election.

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Angela P. Noguera, DDS, MS



I am an active member of the DCDS for more than 25 years. I have served on numerous Society committees, culminating in the chairmanship of the Nation's Capital Dental Meeting (NCDM), in 2003. I rose into leadership becoming Vice-President, President-Elect and finally, President in 2006. Subsequently, I was active on the Finance and Advisory Committee, Chaired Give Kids a Smile Day, and was a member of the Advisory Committee to the NCDM. I am currently an active member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Outside the DCDS, I hold membership with the Hispanic Dental Society, am a former President of both the Maimonides Dental Society and the Edward C. Penick Endodontic Study Club; the most prestigious Endodontic Club in the nation. I have volunteered with the Spanish Catholic Center Dental Clinic for over 25 years, and I currently hold a seat on the Advisory Council of Hispanic and Latino Affairs of Catholic Charities. I am an assistant professor at GW University, Oral & Maxillo-Facial Surgery and Dentistry division of the Surgery Department. I graduated from University of Maryland, BCDS, Postgraduate-Endodontic program in 1988 with a degree of Master in Science and a Certificate in Endodontics. I became a Board Certified Endodontist in 1994. I am married to Dr. Ali Fassihi and have three daughters, Eliana, Maryam and Roxana.

I am interested in serving on the delegation because I feel strongly that I can have an impact in carrying the voice of our members to the ADA House of Delegates. I am in touch with the everyday needs, challenges and concerns of our profession. My work as a volunteer and business owner has given me a unique perspective of the challenges we all face as dentists. Most importantly, times are changing and we must adjust as well, in order to represent and advance our profession. The demographics of the DCDS membership have changed dramatically over the last decade. Our membership reflects the evolution in our nation, as both have become increasingly diverse racially and ethnically. As a Hispanic woman, I feel I would bring "diversity" to our delegation that more accurately represents the make-up of our society. If elected, I will bring new energy and full commitment to ensure our issues are heard at the national level. I am a true representative of the DCDS mission statement: *passionate about our profession, our community and our future!*

Oral Cancer Foundation 5K Walk/Run



The 2nd annual Oral Cancer Foundation (OCF) 5K Walk/Run In Memory of Peter McGee Hoffman will take place on April 16, 2016. This is the only oral cancer awareness event in the Washington D.C. area with the mission of informing the community of the signs of oral cancer, and raising money to help OCF spread awareness on a national level. The District of Columbia Dental Society Foundation is a proud sponsor of this

event. To learn more about the event please visit Peterswalkrun.com or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/Peterswalkrun).



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Members Urged to Nominate a Deserving Colleague, Themselves for Open Volunteer Positions

We need you! DCDS volunteers play an active role in developing and leading the dental profession within the District of Columbia. Nominate yourself or a colleague for a leadership position to actively contribute to the Society's strategic goals, develop crucial leadership skills and make important career connections. The DCDS Awards and Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to fill open officer and board positions for the 2016-2017 term. The committee is also seeking candidates for appointment to Society committees, including:

- Awards & Nominating (2 members)
- Constitution and Bylaws (2 members)
- Education (1 member)
- Membership Benefits (3 members)
- Membership (2 members)
- Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting (4 members)
- Professional Standards (2 members)
- Public Policy (2 members)
- Public Relations (2 member)
- Strategic Planning (2 members)

[View the committee charges](#)

Both board and committee terms will begin in the summer of 2016. The DCDS strives for diversity with respect to its volunteer leadership and specifically encourages new dentists to nominate others or self-nominate.

To nominate a colleague, please complete the [online nomination form](#) by **Friday, March 18, 2016**.

Questions? Call the DCDS Business office at (202) 367-1163 or email info@dcdental.org.



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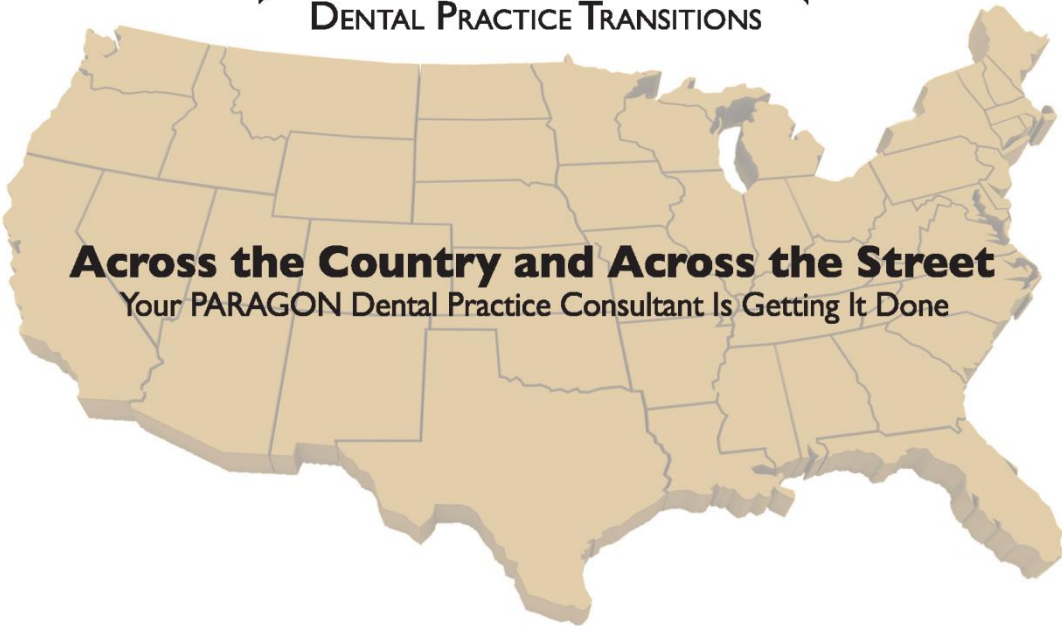
The DCDS Foundation is calling upon Howard University College of Dentistry (HUCD) alumni, Foundation mentors and DCDS members to support the 2016 HUCD class by making a donation to this year's "White Coat Fund". White Coats will be presented to each graduate during the May graduation ceremony. Your donation will help to defray the cost of the coats.


The recommended donation is \$50 which covers the cost of one white coat. You may give a general donation or specify a specific student which you would like to sponsor. Those interested in donating should contact HUCD Alumni Association President Dr. HUCDAA Reginald Salter on [Facebook](#) or by email at rsalterdds@gmail.com. Or you can mail a check, made payable to "HUCD Class of 2016", to:

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DCDS Voices Concerns on Proposed Universal Paid Leave Act

The DCDS submitted written testimony to the DC City Council Committee of the Whole's February 11th Open Hearing on the Proposed Universal Paid Leave Act. The proposed Universal Paid Leave Act of 2015 would establish a universal paid leave system for all District residents and for workers who are employed in the District of Columbia. If passed in its current version, the bill will allow for 16 weeks of paid family and medical leave and will amend the D.C. Family and Medical Leave Act of 1990 to increase job protection status for some employees. In its testimony, the Society voiced the following concerns with the currently proposed legislation:

- The payroll tax will result in increased fees charged to patients.
- The payroll tax should not be solely paid by the employer.
- Small employers should be exempt from the legislation.
- There should be a waiting period before a new employee is eligible to leave on the program and a minimum period of time identified between leaves.
- Only full-time workers should be eligible for the program.
- The legislation does not take into consideration employers' current vacation and sick leave benefit programs.
- There is no incentive for an employee on the program to return to work sooner.

Comments on a revised version by the Council Chairman Mendelson enact many of DCDS's concerns. The DCDS will continue to monitor this legislation. We encourage members to contact their council member to make their individual opposition known.

Spread Smiles for Oral Health Day

Dental professionals from more than 70 countries will celebrate World Oral Health Day March 20. The 2016 theme is "It all starts here. Healthy mouth. Healthy body." The observance, which the FDI World Dental Federation organizes in collaboration with Henry Schein, Philips, Unilever and the Wrigley Oral Healthcare Program, offers the global dental profession a chance to take action in a worldwide effort to reduce tooth decay and organize programming and events under a single, unifying message.

"It's supposed to be a fun day," said Iowa-based dentist Dr. Kathy Kell, president-elect of the FDI and an ADA trustee from 2004-08. "It's a good day to get the news out and to promote oral health. It's something we can all rally around."



Those interested in honoring World Oral Health Day are encouraged to organize efforts on March 20 or within the month of March. Coming soon, participants can upload their own photos and create a customized World Oral Health Day poster to share via Facebook or Twitter with colleagues and friends worldwide. Downloadable materials are available at worldoralhealthday.com.

ADA Launches One-Stop New Dentist Web Portal

The ADA launched this month a new Web portal, www.ada.org/newdentist, designed to provide a one-stop shop for new dentists seeking information, ranging from finding a job and managing finances to better understanding employment agreements and compensation.

The portal provides new dentists easy access to a variety of new dentist-specific ADA resources and benefits, including the ADA job board, reduced dues program, details on the New Dentist Conference, and the New Dentist News and New Dentist Now blog.

The Web page will be regularly updated with new and noteworthy information and resources. For more information, visit www.ada.org/newdentist or contact the ADA New Dentist Committee at newdentist@ada.org.

New Member Spotlight

Following is a list of members who have recently joined DCDS, along with the dental schools from which they graduated. Welcome new members!

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Columbia University, 2014

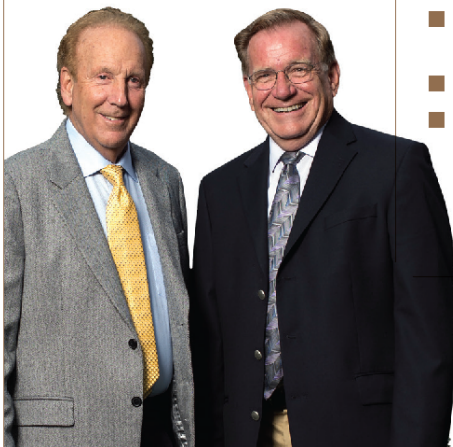
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~ Shannon L. Moran, DDS, PA

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