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**Dr. Carol Blake**

## *A Letter from the DC Dental Society President Carol Blake, DDS*

Dear Colleagues,

As I mentioned at the outset of last month's newsletter, we are getting very close to this year's elections to fill three at-large positions on the 2018-2019 Board of Directors. This month, you will have the opportunity to get to know the six candidates for these open positions, and find out more about why they want to represent your interests on the Board. I encourage you to review each candidate's qualifications carefully, as the three who are elected will have a lasting impact on the direction of the Society. Each candidate's profile can be found starting on page 6. Thank you once again to our talented candidates for making this commitment, and I wish you all the best of luck.

While we would love to have as many members as possible present for the election prior to the Awards Dinner, we recognize that not everyone will be able to make it. For those of you who will not be able to attend, absentee ballots are now available from the DCDS office. To request your ballot, just fill out this [form](#) and a ballot will be sent to you by email. Please note that all absentee ballots must be returned to the office by close of business on **Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** in order to be counted, so be sure to request yours as soon as possible.

For those of you who will be attending the Awards Dinner, we look forward to seeing you at the Westin on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Once again this year we had a number of submissions for each award, and our Awards and Nominations Committee has been hard at work determining the recipients which will be announced later this month. Come out to celebrate the success of your colleagues and to commemorate all that we have accomplished as a society in the last year!

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Speaking of celebrating, thank you to everyone who came out to the DCDS Networking Happy Hour last month. It was great being able to interact with all of you outside of a professional or CE-focused environment, and I personally had a lot of fun. Keep your eyes out for more of these social events moving forward.

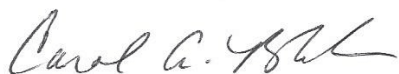
While I have been hinting towards it for a few months now, I am happy to announce some exciting changes to the DCDS CE program in 2018-2019. Like the changes to the elections process, these changes were made with a focus on maximizing accessibility for all members, while preserving the educational value that we currently provide. To this end, next year the Society will be piloting Continuing Education webinars, in addition to our in-person meetings. These webinars will be available live, but will also be made accessible after the fact in an on-demand format. I know that many of you already get some of your CE through webinars, and we are proud to begin exploring this format for our own program.

In recognizing the recent changes to the DC Board of Dentistry's licensing requirements, I would also like to reiterate the Society's commitment to ensuring that all of our members receive the CE necessary to maintain their DC licenses. While the details are still being finalized for next year's monthly meeting series, we will be offering courses over this licensing period that will cover all of the CE required to renew your licenses in 2019.

Returning to the current CE series, we will be holding our final 2017-2018 monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. The topic will be "The Role of First Responders to Dental Traumatic Injuries" presented by Dr. Asgeir Sigurdsson, and a full course description can be found further in this newsletter. Thank you once again to our Society Sponsor Straumann and Spring CE Series Sponsor Sandy Spring Bank! Also, I would like to thank a new sponsor, Blue Shark Digital, for sponsoring the May meeting. All of these sponsors will be present at the meeting and I encourage all of you to introduce yourselves to them.

See you all at the monthly meeting!

Sincerely,

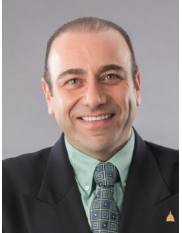


Carol A. Blake, DDS  
President, DC Dental Society

## Welcome New Members



**Dr. Sidalia Reed** — Originally from Atlanta, GA, Dr. Reed received her undergraduate degree from Howard University. She is a 2016 graduate of Meharry Medical College, School of Dentistry, in Nashville, TN and completed a general practice residency at St. Elizabeths Hospital in Southeast DC. Dr. Reed currently works at Unity Health Care Upper Cardozo Health Center .



**Dr. Kiarash Saba**—Dr. Saba grew up in the area and currently resides in Arlington, Virginia. As a third-generation dentist, his passion for dentistry started early and his father was elated when at age 7 he created a dental model out of wood and clay to resemble human dentition. He received his Doctorate of Dental Medicine degree from the University of Pittsburgh, School of Dental Medicine, where he was inducted into the highly respected Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society. Dr. Saba has dedicated a good portion of his post-graduate education to the treatment of sleep apnea, implant dentistry, surgery, and sedation dentistry. He is an active member of the Academy of General

Dentistry, International Dental Implant Association, American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine, and American Dental Society of Anesthesiology. Dr. Saba practices at Capital Dental Center near Farragut Square.

**Dr. Hafiz Sharawi**—Dr. Sharawi is a graduate student at the Howard University School of Dentistry. He will be graduating this spring with a focus in General Practice dentistry. Though Dr. Sharawi is a new DCDS member, he has been to several DCDS events as a student and looks forward to continuing his activity as a member.

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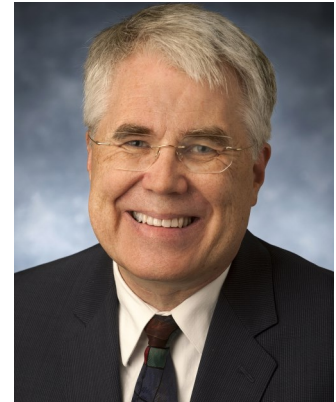
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# The Role of First Responders to Dental Traumatic Injuries

## May Monthly Meeting

The May DC Dental Society monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, May 8th at the Westin Georgetown and will feature a presentation by Dr. Asgeir Sigurdsson entitled “The Role of First Responders to Dental Traumatic Injuries.”



### Session Abstract

For most dental injuries the time from the injury to treatment can differentiate between saving a tooth and losing it to complications. Therefore it is paramount for all dentists to have some understanding on diagnosis and emergency treatment of the most common dental injuries. The first part of the lecture will give a detailed description of diagnostic procedures needed in case of oral and dental trauma. Necessary radiographic, facio-skeletal and oral evaluations will be explored and discussed with support of actual cases. The second part will focus on most common treatment modalities for fractured crowns and roots, luxation and avulsion, with emphasis on the best initial or emergency response. The lecture will include numerous case presentations.

For more information on Dr. Sigurdsson or to register for the May Monthly Meeting, please click [here](#). Space is limited, so as always members are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Pre-registration ends Monday, May 7th at midnight

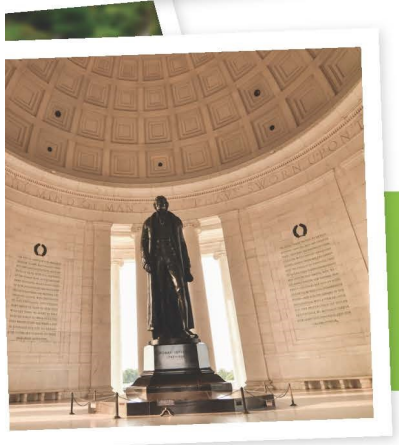
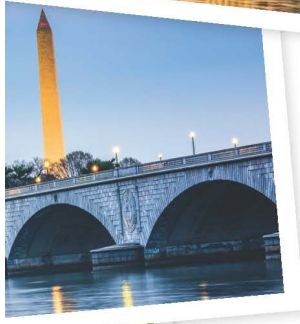
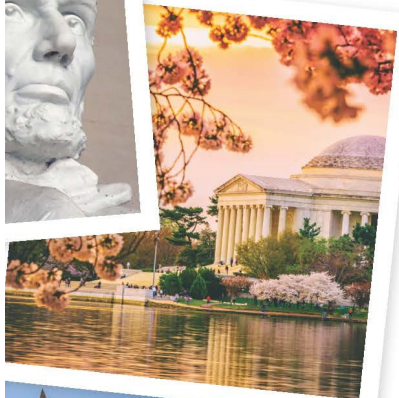
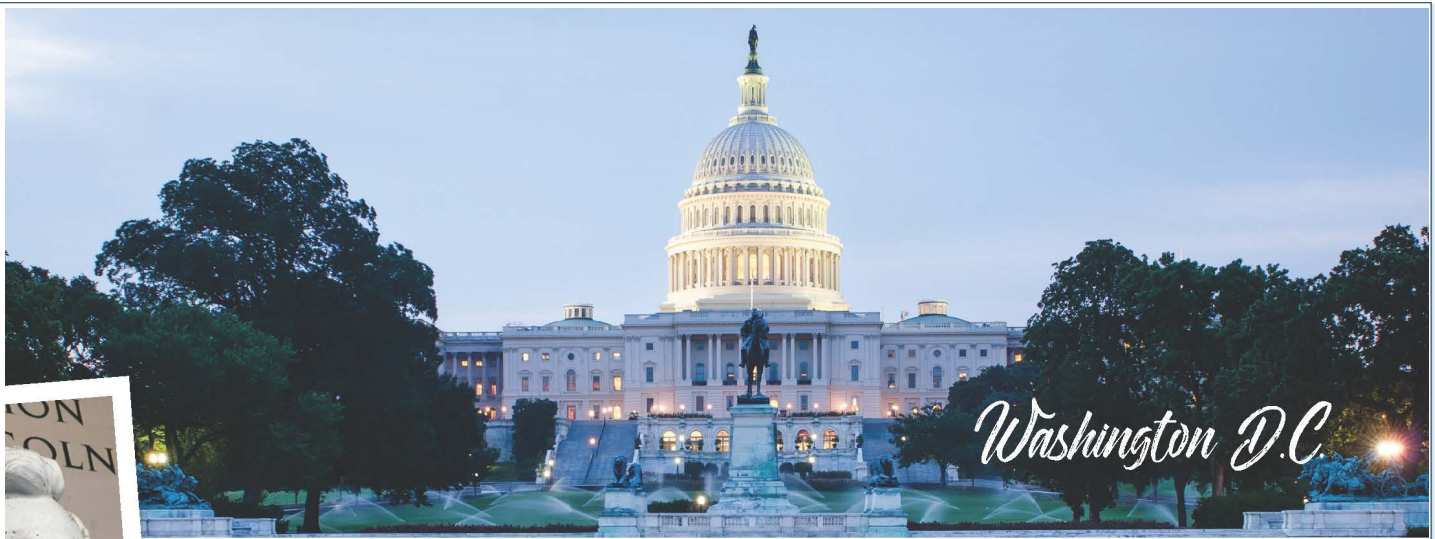
<i>Presentation Topic</i>	<i>Location</i>
The Role of First Responders to Dental Traumatic Injuries	Westin Georgetown 2350 M St NW
<i>Schedule</i>	Washington, DC 20037
5:00 p.m. — Registration	
5:45 p.m. — Business Meeting	<b>Parking at the Westin</b>
6:00 p.m. — Presentation	
8:00 p.m. — Dinner	Before 5:00 p.m.: \$15 After 5:00 p.m.: \$10



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## June Awards Dinner

The DCDS is very excited to invite all of our members to join us once again for the annual DCDS Awards Dinner. The dinner will be held on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Westin Georgetown from 5 PM until 8 PM. This event will include a cocktail hour, dinner, and of course the presentation of the DCDS and DCDS Foundation Awards, including the Sterling V. Mead Award and the Committee Member of the Year Award. We will also be holding elections for three at-large seats on the DCDS Board of Directors. Come out to recognize your fellow DCDS members and look back on the successful year that we have had as a society! For full event details and registration, click [here](#).

This awards dinner is a complimentary member benefit; members may bring one non-member dentist as a guest for no charge. The cost for additional guests is \$75. The student price is \$50. Space is limited.

## Board of Directors Candidate Profiles

In addition to the announcement of the DCDS and Foundation Awards, the June Awards Dinner will also feature an election for three at-large Board of Directors positions. Six candidates are running for the three open seats. Below are statements of interest from each of the candidates, listed alphabetically by last name. Thank you to all of the nominees for volunteering to serve.



**Dr Chad Jones**— If there's something in this world that can never be taken from a person, I believe that it is knowledge. I have applied this maxim throughout various phases of my career, and it is my primary motivator for seeking to serve on the District of Columbia Dental Society Board. As a member of the DCDS Board, I would use my platform to further help shape and strengthen educational opportunities that help raise the bar for health literacy in our profession and the patient community at-large. I have been a long-standing advocate for quality community health care, focusing my dentistry career in serving the most vulnerable patient populations in the community. I am a strong believer that everyone, regardless of income or zip code, deserves high-quality care. As the owner of Navy Yard Dental, I am thrilled to provide preventative and surgical dentistry services to D.C.'s fastest growing neighborhood. As neighborhoods like Navy Yard continue to grow and expand, I believe that healthcare options should increase also.

Outside of my practice, I serve as a volunteer assistant clinical professor at the Howard University College of Dentistry and a courtesy attending doctor for the General Practice Residency at Howard University Hospital, where I mentor student and resident dentists.

In my previous role as a general dentist at So Others Might Eat (SOME), a community health non-profit, I served as attending doctor for rotating St. Elizabeth's general practice residents, providing ongoing mentorship and training. In addition to the DCDS and ADA, I am an active member of the Academy of General Dentistry and have volunteered with the Give Kids a Smile program, providing underserved children with free oral health services.

I have a deeply rooted understanding of the importance of oral health, from spending my childhood volunteering in my father's dental practice in Greenbelt, MD. I graduated from Howard University where I earned both my Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Dental Surgery degrees. I received advanced general dentistry training at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Southeast Washington, the country's first public psychiatric hospital, where I worked with patients challenged by substance addiction, mental illness and living in extreme poverty.

As a recipient of this year's Prince George's County Social Innovation Fund Forty UNDER 40 Award, I was thrilled to share my passion for dentistry with the broader DMV-community.

Outside of dentistry, I enjoy spending time with my wife, Shivonne, playing tennis and exploring new restaurants in the D.C. area. A native of the DMV, I currently reside in Mount Rainier, MD.



**Dr. Aliya Kassam**—I have been an active and dedicated member of the Society since 2014. This prestigious organization is very important to me and I wholeheartedly believe in our mission. As a young dentist and private practice owner, I bring my enthusiasm and energy to our group. Although there are many opportunities for growth and evolution, I would still like to stay true to the core values of the organization. As one who speaks highly of our organization, and has written a handful of letters for potential members, I plan to bring more of my peers into the organization so that we may carry on the torch of the amazing members who have come before us. There is a wealth of knowledge which many of these mentors possess—this is knowledge which I would like for us to share with those who are our successors.

I am extremely committed to organized dentistry. At Howard University College of Dentistry, I actively held numerous leadership and liaison positions in my class, along with being elected as Chair of various organizations. I have also participated in several Mission of Mercy events, in Oklahoma, DC, and Maryland. This past April, I attended the ADA Dentist and Student Lobby Days and meetings, which has given me insight to different facets of our profession. I plan to take these experiences and insights and make an impact in our organization and the dental community as a whole.

Having a positive character is very important for any leader. My willingness to work with and alongside my peers will be an asset to the organization. I will also put forth the effort needed to get projects done efficiently. I was a member of the 2017 Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting Committee, and served as a volunteer for the 2016 Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting. These experiences have given me insight into our organizational strengths and challenges, and I am committed to focus on what makes us a better group. I am a team player, have the ability to listen to others, and constructively solve problems. I endeavor to make objective and fair decisions, and reach a consensus in a timely manner. I promise to continue to exemplify high ethical standards and integrity in all professional and personal interactions. I am honored to be running alongside so many qualified candidates, and thank each of you for your consideration.



**Dr. Kim Menhinick**—Originally from British Columbia, Canada, I made the move to Cleveland to receive my D.D.S. from Case Western Reserve University. Following graduation, I completed a GPR at Illinois Masonic Hospital in Chicago. I then moved to the Washington, DC area to practice as a general dentist. After some time, I chose to pursue a residency in Endodontics at Baylor University in Dallas, where I earned a Certificate in Endodontics and Masters in Oral Biology.

Upon returning to the area, I joined Advanced Endodontic Associates where I have been happily practicing for the past 15 years.

Over my time here in the District I have maintained active involvement with the DC Dental Society on a variety of levels. This has included the planning of Mid-Atlantic/Nations Capital dental meetings, participating in Give Kids a Smile Day, volunteer teaching at Howard University, and providing oral screening and rendering care for Spanish Catholic Charities. In addition, I have previously held positions on the DCDS board and overseen volunteers at the recent Mission of Mercy held here in DC.

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As a longtime member of our society I have always felt it was important to maintain involvement to keep our society strong. It is vital that we remain on the political forefront, at both local and national levels. My intent as a member at large on the DCDS board is to bring a broad knowledge base as well as a unique perspective that spans the period I have practiced in the District. I will dedicate my energy to be a clear and effective voice for the membership, because I believe we are a society that is truly passionate about our profession, our community and our future. I respectfully ask for your consideration and vote.



**Dr. Maya Oliver**—I received my bachelor’s degree in biology from Indiana University-Bloomington and immediately pursued me Doctorate of Dental Surgery at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. Graduating at the top of my dental school class, I then continued my studies at Howard University College of Dentistry, where I completed my postgraduate specialty training in Orthodontics. I am the recipient of the 2014 Renaissance Society Leadership Award and the 2015 recipient of the DC Dental Society’s Committee Member of the Year Award.

In 2013, I established Georgetown Orthodontics, a solo specialty practice located in the Palisades neighborhood of Washington, DC. My practice is dedicated to providing the best in dentofacial orthopedics for children and adults. I am an experienced and highly trained orthodontist utilizing the latest technologies in the field. .

When I am not in the office treating patients, much of my time is spent volunteering with service organizations. I am a member of the Junior League of Washington, DC, where I sit on the Kids In the Kitchen committee. This committee is dedicated to educating children on healthy eating habits along with providing oral health care screenings and oral hygiene education. I am also the founder of the Duke Ellington School of the Arts Orthodontic Scholarship, which awards one well-deserving and high achieving student per year with orthodontic care. This scholarship program has grown over the last five years and is now a highly sought after award. I am also a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

I value active involvement in organized dentistry. I am the Vice President of the Greater Washington Academy of Women Dentists and currently serves on the Membership Committee for the DC Dental Society. I am also a member of the American Association of Orthodontists, the National Dental Association, the Robert T. Freeman Dental Society, and the American Dental Association.

It is a true honor to be nominated to the DCDS Board of Directors. If selected to become a member of the board, I will without a doubt be fully committed to my responsibilities as a board member. I value organized dentistry and specifically value what the DC Dental Society has created for its members. I will uphold the strong reputation of the society and I will contribute my ideas to further propel this organization in a positive direction. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

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**Eugenia Prokopets**— I am a Board Certified Periodontist in the Washington DC area. Originally from the Ukraine, I come from a family of dentists and you can say dentistry was my destiny. After completing dental school and earning my DDS at Marquette University, I went on to train at one of the most prestigious and advanced hospitals in the country, Columbia University-New York Presbyterian Hospital. During my training at Columbia, I obtained advanced training in Anesthesia, Emergency Medicine, and Oral Surgery. My desire to focus on dental implants continued as I proceeded to complete a three-year residency and Master's degree in Periodontics and Implant Dentistry at Louisiana State University. I am trained in all aspects of implants, including esthetic implant surgery, bone grafting, sinus elevation, microsurgery, esthetic gum grafting, and full mouth rehabilitation. I further completed LASER training and certification which includes the use of lasers in gum recontouring, treatment of aphthous ulcers, periodontal disease, and peri-implantitis.

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as the Educational Committee Chair this last year. I feel as though I have been able to contribute a substantial amount to the board by leading this committee. I am interested in continuing on the DC Dental Board as the Educational Committee Chair, although I would be happy to contribute in any other board position. The time I have spent serving this committee, I have been dedicated towards enhancing member experience on multiple levels and platforms. I specifically have experience with incorporating cutting edge CE courses by renowned speakers, increasing member engagement, and social media strategy and growth. I believe my leadership and social networking skills will be highly valuable to take the society to the next level to continue to be the most desired dental group in the Washington, DC area.



**Dr. Armando Retana**—I am originally from Costa Rica and moved to Germantown, Maryland at an early age. I attended Seneca Valley High School in Montgomery County and am excited to come back and practice in the place I call home. I graduated from Thomas Moore College in Kentucky with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology with a concentration in Molecular Biology. I received my dental degree from Columbia University College of Dental Medicine in New York and my medical degree from the University Of Florida College Of Medicine. I completed my General Surgery and Oral and Maxillofacial

Surgery training at UF Health Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida. I then went beyond the usual surgical residency training and completed a General Cosmetic Surgery Fellowship in Tulsa, Oklahoma. My surgical training is extensive in corrective jaw surgery and dentoalveolar surgery, as well as facial trauma, head and neck reconstruction and facial and body cosmetic surgery.

I have dedicated my career to both of my surgical specialties – Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Cosmetic Surgery. I am board certified in both surgical fields. I look forward to Monday mornings because surgery is my passion. I understands what it is like to grow up with limited resources and access to medical care and strongly believe in giving back to both my local community and abroad. I dedicate part of my time to pro bono cases and have traveled to Thailand, the Philippines, Mexico and the Dominican Republic to perform surgery. These cases have been some of the most rewarding of my career thus far and will continue to be an important part of my work.

As a dental student, I was an active member of ASDA. As a resident, I was a resident member and executive officer of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and played a key role in resident and dental student educational programs. I was a chief editor of the "Reference Guide" which is a book used by all OMFS residents in the nation today, and help with many education programs that were implemented at national meetings.

I look forward to being part of the DC Dental Society in order to bring new ideas and play a key role in organized dentistry in the District of Columbia. I am currently in private practice with Dr. Robert Emery in the West End of DC.

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## Absentee Ballots Now Available

DCDS members may now cast absentee ballots for board elections, thanks to a membership-approved change in the bylaws. In order to ensure proper voting procedures, the following guidelines have been put in place:

- Members who need an absentee ballot must request one; the ballot will have a unique number associated with the individual member and cannot be used by anyone else.
- To request an absentee ballot, you must complete a request via the [DCDS website](#) or contact the DCDS at 202-367-1163.
- Your ballot will be e-mailed to you electronically. Please print out the ballot and make your selections by hand, and sign the ballot where indicated.
- **All ballots must be signed.** Unsigned ballots will not be accepted.
- Return the ballot to the DCDS office by fax, scan and e-mail, or mail.
- All absentee ballots must be received by the DCDS office by close of business on **Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**. No exceptions.
- After Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, the only way to vote is to come in person to the June 5<sup>th</sup> Awards Dinner. All voting will occur during the cocktail hour. You do not have to stay for the dinner to vote.

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## Membership Spotlight

The DCDS Membership Committee is on a mission: help all members get to know each other better!

Any member can participate in the Member Spotlight by answering a [few brief questions](#) on-line. This month, we are highlighting Dr. Clare McGorry.



**Name:** Clare McGorry

**Dental School:** The Ohio State University

**Years in Practice:** 1

**Generalist or Specialist?** General Practitioner

**DCDS Member Since:** 2017

**Why I became a dentist:** My mother, aunt and grandfather are all dentists, so they exposed me to the profession growing up and I found it to be fascinating.

**What DCDS means to me:** DCDS is an organization that enables professional discussion and education. It represents dentists and advocates for them with the goal of maintaining the integrity of the profession as a whole.

**Favorite Vacation Spot:** Jackson Hole, WY

**Hobbies:** Skiing, running, cooking.

**One thing people would be surprised to know about me:** Growing up, I was a competitive hip-hop dancer.



## Additional Products Earn ADA Seal of Acceptance

The ADA News reports that several oral health care products have recently earned the ADA Seal of Acceptance. These products include:

- [Phillips Sonicare ProtectiveClean 4100 Plaque Control](#) toothbrush
- [PRO-SYS VarioSonic Powerbrush](#)
- [Quip Power Toothbrush](#)
- [TheraBreath Fresh Breath Oral Rinse](#)
- [Tom's of Maine Children's Gel Fruitilicious](#) toothpaste
- [Waterpik Whitening Water Flosser](#)

The article notes that “the ADA Council on Scientific Affairs’ acceptance” of the items “means the products’ manufacturers met clinical and ADA laboratory requirements in addition to ADA and American National Standards Institute-approved dental standards, when applicable.” To see photos and more information about every product with the ADA Seal of Acceptance, visit [ADA.org/Seal](http://ADA.org/Seal).

## Maryland Approves Bill to Establish Pilot Medicaid Dental Program

The Baltimore Sun (4/7) reported that the Maryland General Assembly approved a bill that would establish a pilot program to cover “routine dental care for the first time” for some adult Medicaid recipients. The bill now heads to Gov. Larry Hogan. The Hagerstown (MD) Herald-Mail Media reported that Del. Mike McKay, who supports the legislation, said that “people who have diabetes, people who have hypertension, those items, will be the ones who are first qualified for it.” The article reported that “once the data from the pilot program are gathered, future legislation could seek expansion of the benefits – and the funding needed.” The Cumberland (MD) Times-News (4/7) reported that the Maryland Dental Action Coalition also supports the legislation. “The single most important step to improve the oral health – and overall health – of Marylanders is a Medicaid program that covers dental services for adults,” Mary Backley, MDAC executive director said Saturday in a news release. “Maryland has become a model for the nation in improving the oral health of children. The passage of SB 284 is an important step forward as we work to do the same for adults.”

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## DEA Warns Public of Extortion Scam

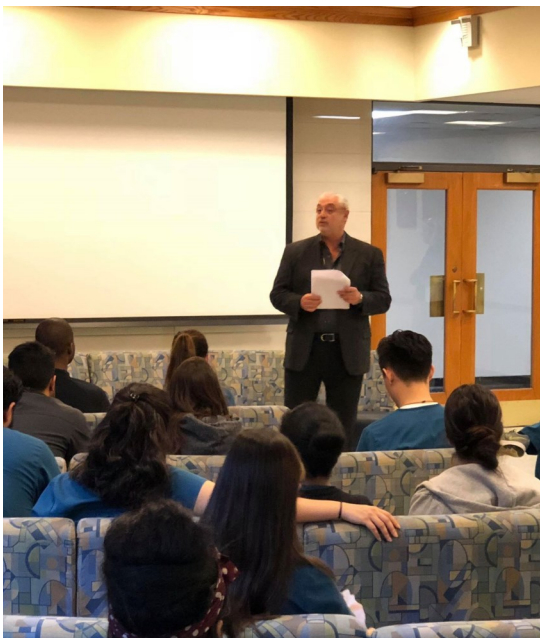
The Drug Enforcement Administration is warning the public about criminals posing as DEA Special Agents or other law enforcement personnel as part of an international extortion scheme.

The criminals call the victims (who in most cases previously purchased drugs over the Internet or by telephone) and identify themselves as DEA agents or law enforcement officials from other agencies. The impersonators inform their victims that purchasing drugs over the internet or by telephone is illegal, and that enforcement action will be taken against them unless they pay a fine. In most cases, the impersonators instruct their victims to pay the "fine" via wire transfer to a designated location, usually overseas. If victims refuse to send money, the impersonators often threaten to arrest them or search their property.

The public should be aware that no DEA agent will ever contact members of the public by telephone to demand money or any other form of payment. If you have been contacted by someone in a manner similar to the scenario described above, please fill out [this form](#).

## Howard University National Signing Day

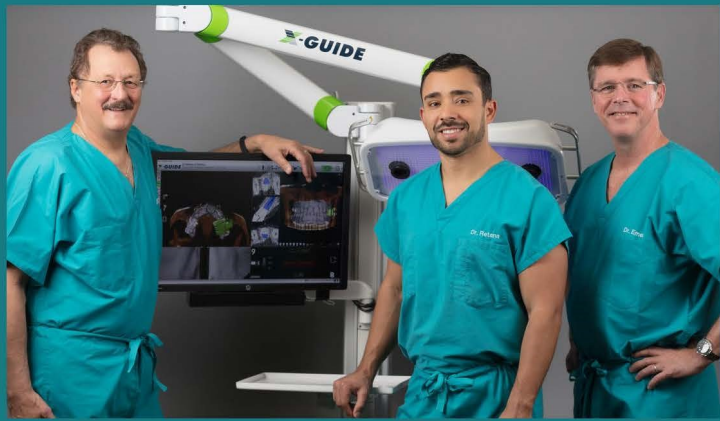
On April 25th, DCDS conducted its annual National Signing Day event at Howard University for all graduating dental school students. Over 95% of D4 students participated in this year's event! The students heard from a number of speakers, including Dean Donna Grant-Mills and DCDS President-Elect Chris Loukaitis, in addition to a panel of Howard alumni, comprised of Drs. Chayne Coston, Aliya Kassam, and Sana Augustus. Thank you to all of our speakers for coming out and congratulations to the Howard University Dental School Class of 2018!



DCDS President-Elect Christos Loukaitis speaks to the graduating students about the benefits of DCDS membership.



The Howard University College of Dentistry graduating class of 2018 poses with the DCDS panel speakers.



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## Study Finds Ibuprofen, Acetaminophen More Effective for Dental Pain than Opioids

The [Cleveland Patch](#) (4/18, Mosby) reports a new study from Case Western Reserve University found that “opioids are not the most effective way to manage dental pain.” Instead, a combination of ibuprofen and acetaminophen provides more effective pain relief for adults, according to the [findings](#) published in The Journal of the American Dental Association. “What we know is that prescribing narcotics should be a last resort,” said Dr. Anita Aminoshariae, an associate professor in the dental school’s Department of Endodontics and one of the study’s authors.

Separately, the [Peoria \(IL\) Journal Star](#) (4/18, Renken) notes that the American Dental Association [announced](#) in March a new interim policy on opioids that supports mandatory continuing education for dentists, prescription limits, and utilization of prescription drug monitoring programs.

The study referenced above is one of four cover articles in the April issue of The Journal of the American Dental Association focusing on the subject of opioids and dentistry. The other cover articles examine [opioid prescribing patterns among US dentists](#); [disparities in opioid prescriptions for Medicaid dental patients](#); and [prescription monitoring programs](#). For more information on opioid prescription for dental practitioners, visit [ADA.org/opioids](http://ADA.org/opioids).

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