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Dr. Cheryle Baptiste

**Letter from DC Dental Society President Cheryle Baptiste,
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Dear Members of the DC Dental Society,

Happy New Year! As we welcome 2025, I want to wish each of you a year filled with health, happiness, and success. It has been my privilege and honor to serve as your president of the DC Dental Society (DCDS) over the past year, and this letter marks my final message in this role. On January 14, 2025, the gavel will officially pass to Dr.

Hillary Abel, who I know will lead our Society with passion and dedication.

The month of January holds special significance with events that resonate deeply with our profession and our community. As we observe **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** on January 20, let us reflect on his unwavering commitment to equality and service. Later in the month, we celebrate **National Fluoride Day** on January 25 and **Dental Drill Appreciation Day** on January 26, both of which highlight the tools and practices that have transformed dental care. Additionally, the **4th week of January is Medical Group Practice Week**, a time to recognize the value of collaboration in healthcare.

Looking back on 2024, I am immensely proud of the strides we have made together. Early in the year, DCDS adopted a new strategic plan focused on growth and supporting members in key areas:

- **Strong Membership:** Recognizing the power of unity, we initiated efforts to strengthen our membership base, including participating in a three-year ADA pilot program to provide members with customizable benefits and reduced dues.
- **Ardent Advocacy:** We championed DC dentists by opposing restrictive legislation, securing increased Medicaid fees, and ensuring active practitioners were appointed to the Board of Dentistry.
- **Member Education and Development:** From organizing our first-ever Welcome Home Summer Networking Event to planning the 2025 Symposium for Licensure, we have prioritized continuing education and professional growth.

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Important DC Licensing Update

Board of Dentistry Announces Incentivized Time Period For Registration of Dental Assistants Through April 30

The DC Board of Dentistry recently adopted a temporary policy to reduce the monetary penalties on unregistered dental assistants who work in DC when they apply to register following a specified process. The registration application must be accompanied by the "Incentivized Dental Assistant Registration Application Cover Letter" and the "Unregistered Practice Admission and Agreement."

Under the policy, a monetary penalty of \$250 will be assessed on a dental assistant who applies to register with the Board of Dentistry and a monetary penalty of \$500 will be assessed on the supervisory dentist or dental practice owner for each unregistered dental assistant. The person applying to register as a dental assistant as well as the supervisory dentist or dental practice owner will be required to complete two credit hours in Board-approved continuing education in ethics. The incentivized policy and reduced penalties are in effect until April 30. **Outside of the incentivized period, the monetary penalties can range as high as \$5,000 for dental assistants and \$30,000 for dentists**, depending on the number of years of non-compliance, if the Board of Dentistry identifies an non-registered dental assistant working in a practice in the District. Click on the button below for more information on the Board of Dentistry website.

**Board of Dentistry Packet on Incentivized Time Period
for Registration of Dental Assistants**

Update from the ADA (in case you missed it)

Requirement to file Beneficial Owners Information with Dept. of Treasury Blocked by Federal Court

The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals panel reinstated the nationwide injunction against the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) Dec. 26. Impacted small businesses are therefore no longer required to comply with the law's reporting requirements until further proceedings take place.

"In order to preserve the constitutional status quo while the merits panel considers the parties' weighty substantive arguments, that part of the motions-panel order granting the government's motion to stay the district court's preliminary injunction enjoining enforcement of the [Corporate Transparency Act] and the Reporting Rule is vacated," reads the ruling.

The panel announced it would hear arguments March 25, 2025 on whether to keep the injunction in place while the broader case is heard by the full court. This means the injunction will likely stay in place through March 2025 and businesses will not be required to file beneficial ownership reports until then, at the earliest.

[Read the full article](#) from December 31 on the ADA website.

Note that this latest action comes after the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas enjoined the federal government from enforcing the CTA on December 3, and then on December 23, a Fifth Circuit panel granted an emergency motion from the DOJ to stay the nationwide injunction.

NEW MEMBER BENEFIT

Introducing the New DCDS Member Benefit to Support Wellness for You, Your Staff and Your Families

The DC Dental Society has partnered with AllOne Health to provide an Assistance Program to help you, your staff and members of your household reduce stress, improve mental health, and make life easier by connecting you to the right information, resources, and referrals. This benefit is made available to all DCDS members free with your membership as a thank you.

AllOne Health offers a range of services, many of which are listed below. Support is available 24/7/365 through the Member Portal, toll free number and online chat.

Every AllOne Health benefit that you use is confidential. That means that no one, including the DC Dental Society, will know that you are using the services. Your information will not be shared with anyone. A listing of many of the services, free to you with your DCDS membership, is provided below.

To access this member benefit, log into the DCDS “Member Assistance Program” page.

Visit the DCDS Member Assistance Program Page

Life comes with challenges. **Your Assistance Program is here to help.**

Your Assistance Program can help you reduce stress, improve mental health, and make life easier by connecting you to the right information, resources, and referrals.

All services are free, confidential, and available to you and your family members. This includes access to short-term counseling and the wide range of services listed below:

Mental Health Sessions

Manage stress, anxiety, and depression, resolve conflict, improve relationships, and address any personal issues. Choose from in-person sessions, video counseling, or telephonic counseling.

Life Coaching

Reach personal and professional goals, manage life transitions, overcome obstacles, strengthen relationships, and achieve greater balance.

Financial Consultation

Build financial wellness related to budgeting, buying a home, paying off debt, resolving general tax questions, preventing identity theft, and saving for retirement or tuition.

Legal Referrals

Receive referrals for personal legal matters including estate planning, wills, real estate, bankruptcy, divorce, custody, and more.

Work-Life Resources and Referrals

Obtain information and referrals when seeking childcare, adoption, special needs support, eldercare, housing, transportation, education, and pet care.

Personal Assistant

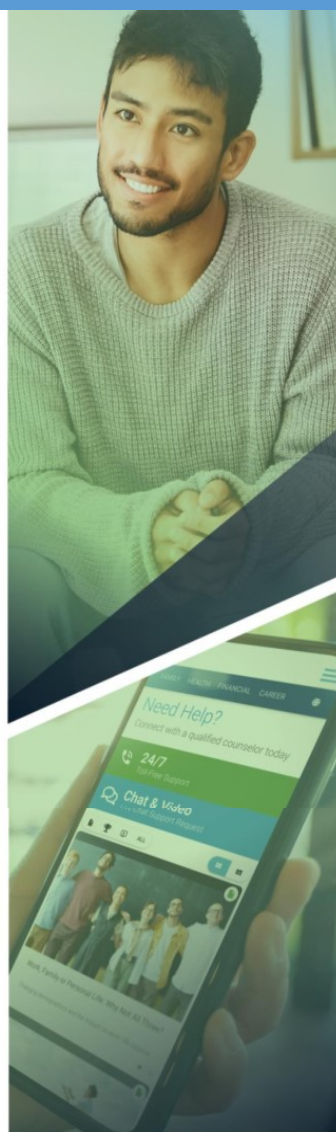
Save time with referrals for travel and entertainment, seeking professional services, cleaning services, home food delivery, and managing everyday tasks.

Medical Advocacy

Get help navigating insurance, obtaining doctor referrals, securing medical equipment, and planning for transitional care and discharge.

Member Portal

Access your benefits 24/7/365 through your member portal with online requests and chat options. Explore thousands of self-help tools and resources including articles, assessments, podcasts, and resource locators.



Letter from the President, Continued

Member Success: By launching programs like the new Employee Assistance Program in 2025, we continue to support the well-being and success of our members and their practices. For more information, see page 3.

Our collective advocacy efforts yielded significant victories. The defeat of the Dental Specialties Licensure and Scope of Practice Amendment Act preserved the rights of specialists to practice openly. Meanwhile, our ongoing discussions with the Department of Health Care Finance hold promise for much-needed Medicaid fee increases. Additionally, the reconstituted Board of Dentistry, with four new practicing members, is already making progress on key issues.

None of this would have been possible without the tireless work of our dedicated staff, officers, board members, committee members, and the Foundation. I extend my deepest gratitude to:

Mr. Kurt Gallagher - Executive Director

Ms. Maeceon Lewis - Education and Community Programs Senior Coordinator

Ms. Cheryl Michi - Membership and Operations Senior Associate

Mr. Guy Nagbe - Operations Senior Associate

Your contributions have been instrumental in advancing our mission.

As I transition into my new role as President of the National Dental Association, I remain committed to supporting DCDS. Although my duties will require extensive travel, I will be behind the scenes, cheering for the continued success of our Society. To all members, I encourage you to get involved. Whether it's through continuing education, advocacy, or wellness programs, your participation strengthens our community and ensures a brighter future for our profession.

Thank you for trusting me with the honor of serving as your President. I look forward to witnessing the remarkable achievements that lie ahead under Dr. Abel's leadership. If you have any questions or would like to contribute to our initiatives, please don't hesitate to reach out at info@dcdental.org.

Warm regards,

Cheryle Baptiste, DDS
President 2024-2025

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Join Us for the DCDS Annual Awards Meeting

Meet the New DCDS Officers and Board Members and Help Us Honor Dr. George Thomas, 2024 Recipient of the Sterling V. Mead Award

Tuesday, January 14th at Maggiano's Friendship Heights

All DCDS members are invited to attend. This event is complimentary for all DCDS members.

Doors will open at 5:00 PM with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by dinner and the program at 6:00 PM.

During the event, the incoming DC Dental Society officers and board members will be installed. DCDS will also honor Dr. George Thomas, recipient of the 2024 Sterling V. Mead Award. Other honorees will include the recipients of the new DCDS Foundation scholarship. We hope you will join us for this festive evening as we start the New Year.

RSVP by close of business on Thursday, January 9 using the registration button below.

[Register for Awards Meeting](#)

Event Schedule

5:00 - 6:00 PM Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres

6:00 - 8:00 PM Dinner and Program

Location

Maggiano's Little Italy
5333 Wisconsin Avenue, NW



About Dr. George P. Thomas, 2024 Sterling V. Mead Honoree

Dr. George P. Thomas is Professor Emeritus of the Howard University College of Dentistry. He has taught at Howard University for 39 years, where he received his postdoctoral training in Pediatric Dentistry and the MPH degree. After serving as Department Chair for 26 years he retired in 2021.

Dr. Thomas is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry where he served as an Advisory Council member. In 2006, Dr. Thomas was selected to participate in the Johnson & Johnson/UCLA Health Care Executive Program conducted at the UCLA Anderson School of Management. He was very active in organized dentistry, especially in the DC Dental Society, where he served in various capacities including as a member of the Board of Directors. He was Deputy Regent and Vice Regent in the International College of Dentists.

In 2011, he was presented with the Alumni Association's Distinguished Faculty Award from Howard University College of Dentistry during its 64th Annual Awards and Class Reunion. He is a life member of the DC Dental Society/ADA, Fellow of the American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Pierre Fauchard Academy and a life member of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon dental honor society.

Incoming Officers



Dr. Hillary Abel
President



Dr. Kim Menhinick
President-Elect



Dr. Charles Coulter
Vice President

Announcing the 2025 Continuing Education Program

All members of the DC Dental Society, including those in a residency program, are invited to attend our monthly CE meetings at no cost. We hope you will join us in-person at the DCDS office to reconnect with your friends and colleagues in the dental community over dinner, while earning up to 2 hours of continuing education credits.

The monthly business meeting begins at 5:45 p.m. Educational session begins at approximately 6:00 p.m.

[Visit the DCDS website](#) for course information, speaker bios, fees and cancellation policy.

About DCDS Speakers

Your DC Dental Society has developed a continuing education program that features leading experts in dental care whether they practice across the country or down the street. The inclusion of local presenters on the program for DCDS monthly meetings is intended to foster collegiality and support our local community. DCDS does not endorse one specialist over another, but celebrates DC talent.

2025 Meeting Date	Meeting Topic	Speaker
February 11 Webinar Only	Cements and Restorations	Dr. Robert Margeas
March 11	The Wild World of Dental Insurance	Ms. Teresa Duncan
April 8	Elevate Your Everyday Anterior Composites, a Practical Predictable Approach	Dr. Marcos Vargas
May 13	Utility of p53 Immunohistochemistry in Oral Epithelial Dysplasia	Dr. Yen Chen Kevin Ko
June 10	Restorative Prosthodontics	Dr. Kenneth Kurtz
September 9	Antibiotic Prophylaxis - The Adoption of Recent Concepts	Dr. Ronald Brown
October	No monthly CE meeting. This year DCDS will host the Symposium for Licensure in conjunction with ADA SmileCon. Watch for details.	
November 11 Webinar Only	Update on Dental Materials	Dr. Lee Ann Brady
December 9	Proven Methods to Build a World-Class Practice	Dr. Roger Levin

Continuing Education Disclaimer: The District of Columbia Dental Society is an ADA CERP Recognized Provider. ADA CERP is a service of the American Dental Association to assist dental professionals in identifying quality providers of continuing dental education. ADA CERP does not approve or endorse individual courses or instructors, nor does it imply acceptance of credit hours by boards of dentistry. It is the responsibility of each participant to verify the CE requirements of his or her licensing or regulatory agency and to contact them with any questions regarding licensing. The DC Dental Society designates the above presentations for 2 CE credits each.

Concerns or complaints about a CE provider may be directed to the provider or to the **Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition** at [ADA.org/CERP](https://ada.org/CERP).



About the DCDS Election

The 2024 DCDS election is being conducted by electronic ballot via the solution provider Ballotteer. Login credentials have been sent to all members eligible to vote via email. The election will close at 6 PM on January 14. For assistance with your ballot, contact the DCDS office at 202-367-1163 or info@dcdental.org.

DCDS Officer Candidates

Dr. Kim Menhinick - President-Elect

Born and raised in British Columbia, Canada, I moved to Cleveland, Ohio in the mid-nineties to complete my dental degree at Case Western Reserve University. This was followed by a GPR at Illinois Masonic Hospital in Chicago. Upon completion I relocated to the Washington, DC/Maryland region to work as a general dentist. This was my first exposure to practicing in the district and would not be my last. After two years of practice, I would go on to complete a certificate in Endodontics as well as Master in Oral Biology at Baylor University in Dallas, Texas. Returning to the area I would again choose to practice in the district. I joined Advanced Endodontic Associates celebrating my twenty-first anniversary this year.



During my time in the District, I have maintained active involvement with the DC Dental Society on a variety of levels. This has included involvement in the planning of Mid-Atlantic/Nation's Capital Dental Meetings, participating in Give Kids a Smile Day, acting as the Chair of the Fall Symposium for Licensure, and rendering care for Spanish Catholic Charity patients. In addition, I have previously held positions on the DCDS board as well as overseeing volunteers at the Mission of Mercy held here in DC in conjunction with the annual ADA meeting.

Having spent a total of twenty-three years practicing in the district is no coincidence. Our society is unique. It has a "small town feel" and having grown up in a town with a population of seven thousand I feel I can speak to what that's like. We value and support our professional relationships with our members, staff and those around us supporting those efforts. There have been several changes over the years, however, staying involved and connected has remained constant. It is vital we put forth a united front both at the local and national levels. My intent as a member on the DCDS board is to bring a breadth of knowledge as well as a unique perspective that spans the period I have practiced in the district. I will dedicate my energy to being 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. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Dr. Charles Coulter– Vice President

Dr. Charlie, a born-and-raised Washingtonian, is a practicing Pediatric Dentist and has been practicing dentistry since he graduated from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry in 2005. As a specialist in his field, he not only offers a comprehensive understanding of pediatric dentistry, but the compassion needed to put patients at ease. Dr. Charlie has served Washington DC families at his pediatric dental office and orthodontic office in the friendship heights community of Washington DC.



Shortly after completing his residency in pediatric dentistry, Dr. Charlie co-founded D4C Brands, the nation's largest and fastest-growing dental service organization (DSO) focused on pediatric dentistry and orthodontics. He served as the company's Chief Dental Officer for ten years. He currently still serves as a board member for the corporation's charitable foundation, D4C Cares. Dr. Charlie has been honored with the Baltimore Humanitarian award for his work with under-served children in Baltimore Community.

Board Director Candidates

Dr. Caroline Berman, DMD

I am a dedicated dentist with a background in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery from Colombia. After earning my DMD at the University of Pennsylvania, I established my private practice in Washington, DC, where I have been serving patients for over 17 years. As a committed member of the DC Dental Society since 2004, I take pride in being part of a group that works to uplift and support the community and the institutions that support our dental profession.



Dr. Urwashi Dubey, DDS

Urwashi Dubey, DDS was born and raised in New Delhi, India. She graduated from Dental School in India and wanted to pursue further education here in the United States. In 2015, she earned her DDS degree from New York University College of Dentistry with Honors in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and Radiology. After graduation she moved to Washington DC and has been practicing her passion since then. She has been a DCDS member since 2015 and has been actively participating in their public policy committee meetings this past year. The District of Columbia is a melting pot of different cultures and backgrounds. As a member of this community, her background as an immigrant, who has also embraced American culture, has enabled her to empathize and provide proper care to the ever-growing and changing population of the area. She hopes to bring the same enthusiasm, compassion, diversity and dedication to the board. In her free time Dr. Dubey loves to travel with her family and explore different countries and cultures. She is also learning to be a Padi diver.



Dr. Austin Harbison

Dr. Austin Harbison is a general dentist working at Capitol Family Dentistry and is originally from North Carolina. Dr. Austin is running for the position of DCDS Board Director. Dr. Austin has been active in the Dental Society since he moved to DC in 2021, serving on the Membership/New Dentist Committee and the Public Policy Committee. Dr. Austin has also worked closely with DCDS staff to run the DCDS social media for various DCDS initiatives. Dr. Austin has also been involved with the ADA's Institute for Diversity in Leadership serving as a member of the 2024 cohort. Outside of organized dentistry, Dr. Austin works with HIPS providing free dental exams and oral cancer screenings for their clients, is an active member on a kickball team in the Stonewall Sports League and is working hard to learn to speak Italian. Dr. Austin is passionate about ensuring safe, equitable and diverse healthcare for every person.



Dr. Austin hopes to bring his energy, creativity and passion to the board. Key initiatives for the board include membership retention, membership recruitment and the upcoming symposium in combination with SmileCon. Dr. Austin will rely heavily on his experience planning conferences and events in the past while working closely with members and the board to plan engaging events and clinically relevant educational programming. As a board member Dr. Austin will work tirelessly to maximize the society's benefits for all members, advocate for expanded scope of practice for DC dentists, and better our profession in the district.

Board Director Candidates

Dr. Chris C. Loukaitis DDS, MS, FICD, FACD

Dr. Chris Loukaitis is a longtime member of the DC dental community, having practiced as a Washington dentist since graduating from the Georgetown University School of Dentistry in 1984. He is a life member of the DC Dental Society, has served as an assistant professor at Howard University since 2000 (associate professor since 2018), and has held numerous volunteer and leadership positions within DCDS, including the office of president. In 2023 he was recognized with the DCDS Sterling V. Mead Award.

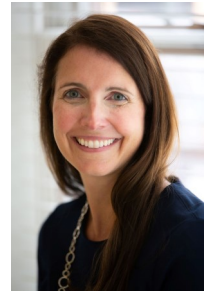


- 2012-2019 Board of Directors
 - 2017- 2018 President-Elect
 - 2018-2019 President
- 2011-2017 Nation's Capital Dental Meeting Committee Member
 - 2016-2017 Nation's Capital Dental Meeting General Chair-Elect
 - 2017 Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting General Chair
- 2015 Committee for Local Arrangements to the ADA in Washington DC (Programs Committee Co-Chairs)
- 2012-2015 Educational Committee Member
 - 2012-2013 Chair of Educational Monthly Meetings
- 2019-2021 Constitution Bylaws Committee
- 2019 to Present Finance and Advisory Committee
- 2022-2024 Board Presidential Appointee

DCDS Delegation to the ADA House of Delegates

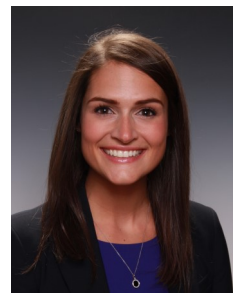
Dr. Katie Clark– Delegate

As someone who grew up just outside of DC, I am incredibly thankful to now be practicing here and part of this amazing dental community. I completed my dental training at the University of Maryland Dental School and my orthodontic residency at Oregon Health Sciences University. I received my undergraduate degree in Neuroscience from the College of William and Mary. I have been in practice in Tenleytown for the past 14 years. I am an active member of the ADA, AAO, DCDS, ICD and GWAWD. I served on the Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting Committee from 2015-2017 selecting the capsule clinic lectures and coordinating the volunteers. Currently, I am serving as an ADA Delegate and member of the DCDS Board of Directors. I am an ADA Wellness Ambassador and will work to enact a Wellness Committee for the DCDS to enhance the wellbeing of all our members. In my spare time, my husband and I enjoy watching our three kids participate in their many sporting events and activities. With whatever time is left, I also love to knit, read, cook, and travel. Finally, I am frequently reminded of a story from dental school in which I had relayed a dental joke to my sister that my classmates and I had found funny. She responded that I had, “found my people!” I truly did, and I hope to have the opportunity to continue to represent our local dentists as an ADA Delegate.



Dr. Clare McGorry– Alternate Delegate

Dr. Clare McGorry is a third-generation general dentist practicing in Washington, DC. She graduated magna cum laude from Ohio State University College of Dentistry in 2016 and completed a general practice residency at the Washington Veterans Affairs Medical Center in 2017. She joined DCDS in 2017 and immediately became involved. She served on the DCDS Education Committee from 2018-2020, the DCDS Strategic Planning Committee from 2020-2021, the DCDS Membership Committee from 2018 and has served as chair of the Membership Committee since 2022. She has been a Board Member at Large for DCDS since 2020 and served as an Alternate Delegate to the ADA since 2022. Outside DCDS, Dr. McGorry is a Diplomate of the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine. She has served as the chair of the AADSM Education Committee since 2022 and was recently elected to sit on the Board of Directors for the AADSM in 2024. Dr. McGorry was named "Top Dentist" in *Washingtonian* Magazine in 2023 and was the readers' choice runner-up for Best Dentist in *Washington City Paper's* "Best of DC" edition in 2024. Originally from Buffalo, NY, she is a passionate Buffalo Bills football fan and comes from a large, blended family. Dr. McGorry has five nieces and one nephew whom she adores. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, exercising, hiking, and skiing.



DC Dental Society Foundation Board of Directors Candidates

Dr. Margaret Culotta-Norton

Dr. Margaret Culotta-Norton graduated from the Georgetown University School of Dentistry in 1979 and immediately reported for active duty in the United States Naval Reserve. She was stationed in San Diego, CA. In 1982 she returned to the Washington, DC area to join her father, Dr. Anthony P. Culotta in his general practice. She enjoyed 26 years with him in his practice before he retired in 2008. Margot has been an active member of the DCDS since 1982.



Throughout her 45 year career, Dr. Culotta-Norton has established a distinguished history of professional and service involvement. Margot chaired the District of Columbia Dental Society's Nation's Capital Dental Meeting, served as the Society's President, has been an ADA Alternate Delegate and was a member of the ADA Local Arrangement Committee. She continues her involvement today, serving on the DC Dental Society Foundation and several other committees. In 2008 she received the Sterling V. Mead Distinguished Service Award for her dedication to the DC Dental Society and her profession and in 2017 she was awarded the Maimonides Dental Society Israel "Sonny" Shulman Memorial Award for her lifelong dedication to the profession of dentistry. Giving back to the community is a priority for Margot. She participates in several service programs including GKAS, Donated Dental Services, Missions of Mercy, and the Archdiocesan Healthcare Network in Washington, DC, for which she received the groups Pro Bono award in 2009.

In 1997, Dr. Culotta-Norton was asked to "share the honor" and became an ICD Fellow. As an active member of this organization she assumed many leadership roles including President of the ICD USA Section in 2016 and then the President of the ICD USA Section Foundation in 2021. Margot currently holds the office of Treasurer of the ICD USA Section Foundation and she is also a Councilor to the ICD Global College. In addition, Margot enjoys Fellowships in the American College of Dentists, the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the Academy of General Dentistry.

Dr. Culotta-Norton sold her practice this past year and is enjoying her free time, traveling to babysit her four grandchildren, spending more time at her beach home and of course she keeps busy with her volunteer organizational obligations. Giving back has always been important and so Margot is now volunteering at the Spanish Catholic Center in Washington, DC. She and her husband have several overseas trips planned in 2025.

Dr. Charles Dietrich

Dr. Charles Dietrich is a graduate of the University of Maryland Dental School in Baltimore, Maryland. He has been in practice in Washington, DC, since 1977. Dr. Dietrich has been active in the DC Dental Society and the American Dental Association since starting his practice, participating in various leadership roles and committee positions. He also enjoys involvement in several study clubs and continuing education programs. Dr. Dietrich is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, The International College of Dentists, and The Pierre Fauchard Academy.

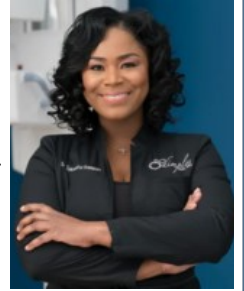
After graduating from dental school, Dr. Dietrich taught undergraduate dental students, both in the lab and clinic at the University of Maryland, for several years. He continued to be an involved alumnus, teaching Dental Ethics as a member of the Dean's Faculty at University of Maryland Dental School.

Having grown up in the Washington, DC area, he graduated from the University of Maryland in College Park with a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology. In graduate school, he researched nutrition and dental decay prior to attending dental school in Baltimore. For over 25 years, Dr. Dietrich has been (and continues to be) a local dental clinic volunteer at the Spanish Catholic Dental Center. He has also been a dental mission volunteer in the Dominican Republic for ten years.

DC Dental Society Foundation Board of Directors Candidates

Dr. Takeisha Presson

Dr. Committed, charitable, focused, this is Dr. Takeisha Presson; a woman who has transcended her beginnings yet remained loyal to uplifting those in her path. Raised on the callous streets of the District of Columbia in Langston Terrace Public Housing Development, Takeisha is a native Washingtonian. Shaped by obstacles and an unwavering drive to excel both academically and socially, as president of student government in high school, she involved herself in a number of activities in and around the school. Always focused on making others smile, Takeisha was known as an avid songstress, her propensity for entertainment was nurtured by the choir director and soon enough she became heavily involved in the Eastern Senior High School Choral Arts Society where she had the opportunity to work with such greats as Gloria Estefan, James Taylor, and Stevie Wonder; and even performed for the Clintons during the annual Christmas in Washington Concert. Being recognized as a Who's Who among American High School students never compromised her advocacy for the disadvantaged, evidenced by her community service work throughout the district at such institutions as the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Her hard work and contribution to the community did not go unnoticed, with awards from Eleanor Holmes Norton, such as the Congressional Special Recognition and the Mayor's Youth Excellence Grant and Merit Award, her shining example become a beacon in the community.



As the world traveler returned to her native Washington upon graduating with honors from Ohio Wesleyan University, her next triumph came on stage as a contestant and winner in several categories in the 2002 Miss District of Columbia Scholarship Pageant, a preliminary to "Miss America". Continuing her studies and career in health sciences, Takeisha worked as a Research Biologist at the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition and then moved into the world of dentistry as an Office Manager, for a well-established Dental Office in the heart of Northeast; ironically it was in this very office where she first became interested in dentistry as a small child. Those many visits to the dentist as a young child also gave her a passion to deliver that same smile to others. Soon thereafter, Takeisha began the precursor to her dental career at Howard University. While there, her inclination towards leadership and community involvement took center stage with first place awards at several open conferences and in spite of the weight of school and surrounding activities, this member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority still donated the majority of her weekends to providing charitable dental services, a phenomenal demonstration of commitment and charity. In lieu of her drive to serve Dr. Takeisha Presson's next challenge came with a residency at the Post-Doctoral General Practice Residency at St. Elizabeth's Hospital where she provided comprehensive and compassionate quality oral health care to the inpatient and outpatient population of the DC Dept. of Mental Health. Takeisha took great pride in making sure that her patients, though considered apart from common societal norms, felt comfortable and accepted. This charitable heart and keen focus paved the way for her position as the Lead Dentist at Small Smiles Dental Centers, a now abolished nationwide organization geared towards addressing the underserved child population. Well liked, highly requested and regarded, Dr. Presson enjoys serving the community from which she was raised, a Washingtonian giving back where it counts. Dr. Presson holds membership in numerous professional and social organizations, served on the Oral Health Coalition Task Force for the District, serving on the provider relations panel for DentaQuest and has been bestowed throughout the years several service and merit awards-all too many to name. She dreamed of opening a private practice in her beloved neighborhood in Northeast of the District. Dimples Dental Suite is her dream in reality. In her words, she is "proof positive" of what a great smile can do for a young child as with every day she strives to provide that same smile, that same feeling of health and esteem."

Dr. Alan Singer

Dr. Alan Singer graduated from Howard University and practiced as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon in the District for more than four decades. Dr. Singer is a longtime member of the DC Dental Society, who served as president from 1993-1994, and who currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the Foundation. Dr. Singer retired from his OMS practice in 2024.



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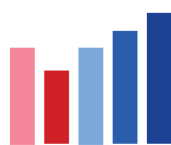


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