



2025

Annual Report





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Reflecting on 2025: A Note from the Executive Director

Michael A. Graham

As I traveled throughout the country in 2025, I was gratified and inspired by the love and devotion that so many Fellows have toward the College. In particular, I heard many Fellows say that they were proud of the College's improved and frequent messaging on our growing ethics and leadership programming that will serve our Fellows and organized dentistry. Our improved communication highlights our achievement-filled 2025 year that enhanced engagement and excitement in the College and all we are doing!

The year was marked by numerous accomplishments, including a record-breaking number of ACD candidate nominations and inductions, our first Spring Leadership Conference, the launch of our inaugural Sweet Spot Leadership Training Program, as well as another successful ACD Foundation fundraising year.

Starting the year with 455 ACD candidate nominations fostered momentum for the months ahead -- many Fellows submitted multiple nominations for distinguished candidates, whom I believe will continue to uphold and embody our cherished legacy. These nominations converted into inducting

a record-breaking 345 ACD candidates into the College during the ACD Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. We also celebrated a marked increase in Fellows attending (600 Fellows) the meeting, which radiated positive energy throughout the weekend.

By closely following our strategic plan, we focused on one of our four pillars—leadership—through initiatives including the inaugural Sweet Spot Leadership online training program, the two SHIFT Leadership Programs, and the Spring Leadership Conference in San Antonio. These new programs position us as leaders in advancing leadership within the oral healthcare profession. I am genuinely excited about the continued growth of these initiatives and the opportunities to build on our early successes.

These achievements reflect the dedication of our ACD leadership and Fellows, who consistently exemplify our mission to promote excellence, ethics, professionalism, and leadership in oral healthcare. While I am immensely proud of what we accomplished in 2025, I am even more inspired by the opportunities that lie ahead. Our journey has just begun, and I look forward to further building this momentum. Together, there are no limits to what we can achieve as the leading society committed to our great profession.

2025 ACD Highlights



ACD 2026 was notable for being the largest meeting since the COVID-19 pandemic, with more inductees and more Fellows in attendance than in recent years. The format was updated to include two different tours of Washington, D.C. and a luncheon honoring ACD Foundation donors who contributed \$1000 or more over the previous 12 months.

Also new in 2025 was a Regency Dinner, where the geographic regents hosted individual events for their local Fellows to enjoy a meal together.

The College conducted its first large-scale fellowship survey to help guide ACD leadership in adjusting the strategic plan priorities. Notable responses indicated that the more respondents knew about the College the more they felt they belonged. These results drove decision making in several ways, including the launch of the Spring Leadership Conference, programming at the annual meeting, and increased information





sharing through more predictable Section Leader and Fellowship email blasts.

Additionally, the ACD increased the number of issues of the JACD each year from 3-4, and in early 2026 the JACD will be indexed on ADA Commons. This will allow for individual article downloads and make the Journal easier to find. The JACD will also be available in a print edition on Amazon.

Also in 2026, the ACD will produce six short issues of the ACDNews rather than three longer ones.





*"It was one of the best
Leadership Workshop events
I've been to in the industry...
and I've been to quite a few!"*

– Gary Dougan
Southern California Section Chair

The Spring Leadership Conference was launched in 2025, bringing together section leaders to work directly with the Board of Regents on issues of concern for the sections and College. The conference was held at La Cantera, in San Antonio, Texas. The 2026 conference will be held at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, April 30-May 2, and the Standards for Leadership in Oral Healthcare will be under final review by the section leaders and board members.





SHIFT Leadership Workshops were held in Rockville, Maryland at the ACD House and in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the Indiana University School of Dentistry. SHIFT sessions are intentionally small and build personal leadership capacity in early-mid-career professionals in a warm, inclusive setting. Two more sessions are scheduled for 2026—one in Vancouver, BC, May 8-10 and the other in Rockville, June 5-7.



The Sweet Spot Leader program was launched with 25 ACD Fellows enrolled in this year-long, hybrid experience. Participants work through modules independently, participate in required on-line small group coaching sessions, and will attend one in-person leadership lab, which will culminate with a certificate in Human Centered Leadership. This program is currently offered free of charge through an application process. The 2026 application is available at acd.memberclicks.net/ssl2026. Mid-career professionals ready to deepen their leadership capacity are encouraged to apply.

ACD Fellowship

2893

Active Fellows

235

Retired Fellows

4126

Life Fellows

What's the Difference?

Active Fellows

Pay full national and section dues, are under 70, and work more than 40 hours a month.

Retired Fellows

Pay \$75, total, annually, which is retained by the ACD, and are strongly encouraged to pay section dues; 70 years of age or younger and work no more than 40 hours a month.

Life Fellows

All dues are encouraged but voluntary beginning the year after a Fellow turns 70.

In 2025, 214 Life Fellows paid a self-selected amount in voluntary dues.

86

Honorary Fellows

Honorary Fellows are those who have made significant contributions to the profession of oral healthcare and society but are not dentists.

The ACD awarded Honorary Fellows to 3 people in 2025.

349

Nominations for Fellowship

An increase of 106 from 2024. Of those nominations, 405 were approved with 168 Candidates delayed until 2026.

50

Average Age of New Fellows

The average age of new fellows in 2025 was 50, the youngest fellowship class on record. The youngest was 29 and the oldest was 79.

345

New Fellows Inducted

The ACD Annual Meeting and Convocation welcomed 345 new Fellows at the JW Marriott, Washington, DC.

Local Awards and Special Designations

5

Model Section Designations

Carolinas, Florida, Georgia, Northern California, Southern California Sections

The Model Section Designation is the hallmark of a well-run Section. The standards for attaining the designation are a common floor of excellence meant for all Sections. The designation may be applied for every three years.

3

Section Newsletter Awards

Florida, New England, Washington Sections

Good communication within the Section keeps Fellows connected to the College and one another. All Sections are strongly encouraged to have a central, reliable, method of communication. This recognition may be applied for every three years.

14

Outstanding Hygiene Student Awards

The Outstanding Hygiene Student Award was created by Dr. Paul Bottone of the Colorado Section and has expanded to other Sections.

70

Outstanding Student Leader Awards

Section Leaders work with the dental schools in their areas to identify and award exceptional emerging leaders.

9

Lifetime Achievement Awards

Lifetime Achievement recipients have been Fellows for 50 continuous years.

2025 Lifetime Awardees

Ronald Baker

Henry J. Bianco

Richard W. Chaikin

Gale E. Coons

Willis B. Irons

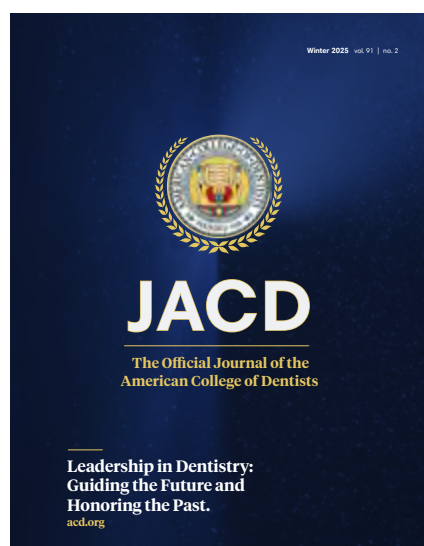
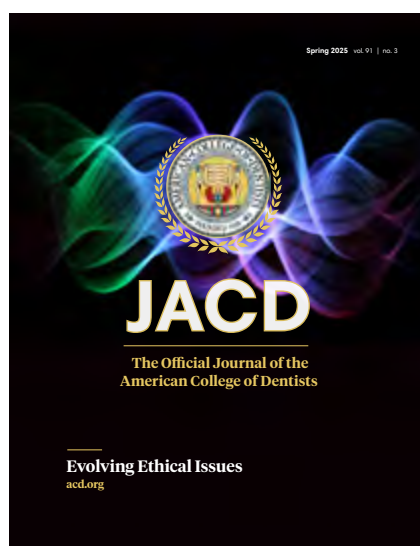
Will Nichols

Ronald L. Occhionero

Max J. Perlitsh

Robert O. Wilson

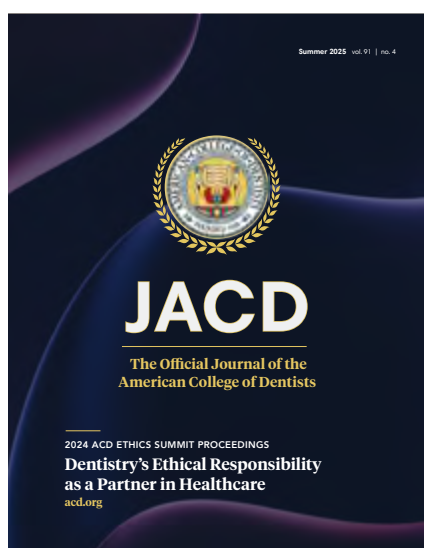
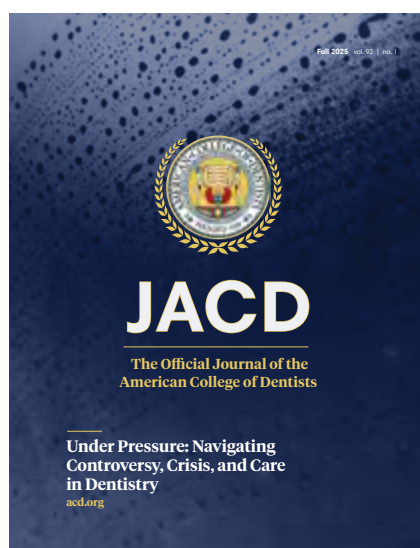
Publications & Communications



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Issues of the JACD

The *JACD* is one of the oldest continuously published journals for oral healthcare professionals.

It is available free of charge on ADA Commons and is sent electronically to ACD Fellows.



5
Issues of the ACD News

The ACD News was spun off from the *JACD* decades ago, and while it has evolved over time, its purpose remains the same—to keep ACD Fellows connected to one another and to the organization.



ACD Handbook for Dentistry



4,874
Distributed in hard copy

2526
Accessed online

Social Media & Email



1931
Followers

Up from 1432 in 2024.



1988
Followers

Up from 1422 in 2024.



1854
Subscribers

Up from 1779 in 2023.



17,700
Video Views

Down 13% from 2024.

27

Email blasts sent on behalf of Section Leaders and Regents to their local Fellows.

12

Email blasts sent to Section Leaders to ensure they had information needed to benefit their Sections.

37

Email blasts sent to Fellows sharing information about ACD publications, the annual meeting, and news of College and Foundation Activities.

67%

Average Open Rate

All Fellowship-wide emails in 2025.

Nearly twice what the American Society of Association Executives reported as the national average.

Looking Forward: What's Ahead for the ACD?

A random selection of ACD Leaders we're asked for their thoughts on what is ahead for the College.

What lies ahead? Looking forward, the American College of Dentists, stands at a pivotal moment in shaping the future of our profession. We face the critical responsibility of preparing the next generation of professionals to navigate an increasingly complex landscape—one defined by evolving societal expectations, the integration of artificial intelligence and rapidly evolving digital technologies, and significant shifts in the traditional social contract between dentists and our communities.

The challenges before us are numerous and multifaceted: greater access to information, leading patients who are more informed, and empowered; heightened public scrutiny, magnified by social media platforms where professional actions and outcomes are increasingly visible and instantly judged; the commercialization of dentistry, which continues to influence clinical decision-making, and practice ownership models; the expanding scope of cosmetic dentistry, raising questions about ethics and professional identity; the continued importance of charitable and volunteer service.

In response to these pressures, it is essential that we strengthen the SPEA organization, beginning at the educational level. Our collective success will depend on our ability to prepare emerging professionals not only with technical expertise, but also integrity, adaptability, and compassion. Developing robust formal curricula, combined with meaningful informal interactions, mentorship, and exemplary role modeling, will be crucial in shaping the ethical foundation and professional identity of future dentists.

Fotini Anagnostopoulos-King

We live in an era characterized by political and economic leadership via coercion and via gaining economic advantage over peers and other professionals. However, for over a century the ACD has successfully built programs which promote and advance professional leadership built instead on a cooperative foundation of ethical treatment of our patients, of our peers, and of our global societies.

The American College has been presented with many opportunities to demonstrate ethical leadership modelling and has trained professionals nationally how to lead the evolution of health care.

It will be very important for the College and Foundation to continue to sponsor, develop, and expand our powerful small-group leadership exchanges and to further engage leaders of health professions worldwide. Regional and international leadership programs such as those that have been scheduled by the College over the past two years are fundamental to successful achievement of our College and Foundation mandates. These programs are crucial to building powerful and productive national and international professional health alliances.

Lance Rucker

The future of ACD lies in empowering Fellows to lead boldly, think ethically, and serve with purpose in a profession and world undergoing profound change. By strengthening collaboration not only within dental medicine, but across the broader healthcare community, ACD can advance a vision where ethical leadership and professionalism directly inform better patient outcomes and a more integrated approach to health. Through reimagined education and innovation grounded in integrity, ACD can help shape what dentistry can and should be. As a trusted voice for professionalism, ACD must not only respond to the future of dentistry, we must help to build the future of health.

Amisha Singh, DDS, EdD

“Charity is helping those who could use a little help...Philanthropy invests in mankind.”

We invest in people.

It is our intent that our investment enhances the model of the College . . . to move our profession.”

Steve Chan, DDS

So many of us find ourselves in a season where trust feels fragile, discourse feels divided, and hope seems diminished.

In these times, the calling of the ACD becomes clearer, not quieter. Ethics is not abstract. It is lived. It is present in how we treat the vulnerable; how we speak about those who are absent; how we open doors for those who have long stood outside them. What lies ahead for the ACD is not retreat. The resolve to elevate dentistry beyond procedures and productivity toward purpose, while amplifying the voices of dentistry, lies ahead.

I was proud to become a Fellow of ACD because of the voices of many of my mentors in the College who are not merely the loudest voices, but the wisest, the most principled, and the most compassionate. What lies ahead for ACD for many Fellows and the world is grounded in whether ACD resolves to be a beacon of ethical clarity in a world crowded with noise.

When we elevate one another,
we elevate the profession.

Perhaps, in doing so, we help restore a measure of hope within our profession and the communities we are privileged to serve.

Reginald Salter

Chair, Metro Washington Section

2025 Annual Meeting & Convocation

Washington, D.C.
A Monumental Meeting



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"I'm grateful for the active and thoughtful members of the Board and for each Fellows' commitment to the vision and mission of the ACD. We are all, all of us, volunteer leaders. Thank you for the gift of your time and treasure."

– Robert A. Faiella
2025 President of the ACD

Annual Business Meeting of the ACD

The ACD held its Annual Meeting on October 24, 2025 in Washington, DC. The Officers and Executive Director reported on the progress made on the strategic plan, the financial standing of the College and Foundation, and on the accomplishments since the last meeting. A recording of the proceedings is linked below.



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“Fellowship is an honor that should not be accepted lightly. I charge you to preserve untarnished your ideals, even though temporary gains may tempt you; to keep alive your enthusiasm for service to dentistry and to your fellow man; to preserve and keep burning brightly this symbolic torch of knowledge as the light that beckons us ever onward. May the generations yet to come rejoice that your efforts have made a difference.”

– Charge to the Fellowship,
read by 2025 Orator Sreenivas Koka



Induction Ceremony and National Awards

The Fellows of the College gathered to welcome new members into the College and celebrated afterwards with a jazz band and champagne.

In addition to awarding Fellowship, the ACD recognizes excellence in others through its national awards program. Nominations are thoughtfully considered and awarded through the Board of Regents.

The recording of the induction and award ceremony is linked below.



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and Award Ceremony





President Elect's Address

Terry L. Norris, DMD

October 24, 2025

What a great day to be in DC, and what a better day it is to be at the JW Marriott on this 24th day of October to induct the 2025 cohort of Fellows into the American College of Dentists. I can still remember my day on October 11, 2012, with the Convocation Speaker, George Zimmer, from The Men's Wearhouse, and President Patricia Blanton welcoming me into the College. The Fellows Forum on that Wednesday still impacts my life. The speaker was Olympic Gold Medalist, John Nabor, presenting Gamesmanship versus Sportsmanship.

With the large number of inductees, I have been told to keep this short. So, in conclusion...

I am grateful to my parents, Noble and Lena, who I will talk about later. I owe a sense of gratitude to my mentor, Dr. Pete A. Parks, who graduated from dental school in Louisville in 1956. He took me under his wing as a senior dental student and helped me as I started my practice next door to him from scratch. I still remember that day on March 5, 1979. I had four patients scheduled, broke even and was thoroughly delighted. If you ever get to the ACD Office in Rockville, you will see a brick honoring him in the legacy walkway. And, I have saved the best for the last. My wonderful wife, Ginger. She has been an encourager all along the way with one understanding. The back story on this started at the ACD Meeting in Denver in 2016. I was approached by the Past Regent and the present Regent for Regency Four, Dick Stilwill and Dick Jones, respectfully, telling me I was going to be the next Regent. I did not tell Ginger this, however they sprang the news on her the next day. She looked at me and said, "I thought you were working your way out of things". She

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went on to say that we would either go early to the meetings or stay late. That has continued for the last nine years which leads to a funny story we had on our way to Washington this week.

On the plane ride I leaned over and said honey, in your wildest dreams did you ever imagine you would be in Washington watching your husband be installed as President of the American College of Dentists? There was silence which I attributed to the airplane engines, so I repeated it a little louder. Again, there was silence. Men, can I give you a little advice? When there is silence, it is for a reason; do not press your luck. Well anyway, I did the unthinkable and asked for a third time making sure I had her attention. Her reply was not what I expected. She said honey, if you want to know the truth, you have never been in my wildest dreams. Lesson learned.

Your presence here today did not happen by chance. You are here for a purpose. You have been appointed for this time. Your presence here today is not a culmination of your career but a beginning of greater things in store. I know we have a mixture of clinicians and trained academics here today, and like Luke, the first century physician, I want to offer something to both groups. The following discussion will be as heavy as it gets today so hang in here for a minute. The Germans developed a world view called Weltanschauung that originated with Emmanuel Kant in 1790 and later was developed by German philosophers such as Hegel and Dilthey. In the 20th century this became refined by an Indian philosopher and apologist, Ravi Zacharias, who simplified this worldview into four parts: origin, meaning, morality and destiny. Let's look at these briefly.

Origin. Why are you here? How did you get here? Your nominator saw something in your life and career that exhibited the four pillars of the College which are Ethics, Excellence,

Leadership and Professionalism. You are leaders in dentistry, in your community, in your churches and in your families. You have been appointed for this time; you are not here by chance.

Meaning. Is Fellowship in the College just another feather in your hat? Is it four more letters after your name? Is it the culmination for a lifetime of service? Fellowship in the College means so much more than this. You are here for a purpose; you still have much to offer to your calling.

Morality. One of the College's pillars is Ethics which fits hand in hand with morality. With your work in dentistry whether it be in academics or in a clinic, or both, you are in a position of influence. I was astounded at my first Section meeting in Ohio in 2019 as an incoming Regent. The Regent Intern at that time, Erik Klintmalm, who also has a Masters in Bioethics recounted that students and young practitioners would go to the dark web looking for ethical answers rather than seeking out faculty and colleagues. They are seeking affirmation and not answers. As Fellows we are not holier than thou; the Lord knows I have skeletons in my closet that I am not proud of. Hopefully by this time in our lives we have moved past our dilemmas and can offer mentorship to students and young professionals so that they may avoid the pitfalls that have plagued most of us at one time or another in this room. Many times, students and young professionals learn more by our everyday actions than by our words.

Destiny. Is your Fellowship today a means to an end. Is it a stamp of approval for a career that has served your patients, your community, your university and your family well? I looked at Fellowship in 2012 as a new beginning. Yes, it made me proud, however I felt compelled to do more. With the advent of Ai, and breakthrough technologies on a yearly basis we have work to do to preserve dentistry's great standing

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among the professions. This is a new beginning. As I implored the Florida ACD in June of this year, do not retire from the ACD when you hit 70; maintain your Fellowship. Your voluntary dues go directly to your Sections. Even when you retire professionally there is still a Dr. in front of your name or a DMD or DDS after it.

You are part of an elite group, the top 4% of leaders within dentistry. Let me tell you something about the leaders who have made this college what it is and has inspired me.

These individuals appear to have a certain pedigree, however as we delve earlier in their lives, they begin to look a lot like you and me. Are they any different than you and me, no. They all have made themselves available to their country, their profession, their community and their families just like you and me.

This man started out like most of us, cute, innocent, a strapping young man. An injury in high school prevented him from his passion, playing football in college. There were other plans awaiting him. He spent 21 years in Naval Intelligence achieving the rank of Commander and then went on to serve as a lobbyist in Washington for the ADA with his last 15 years as the Senior Vice President for Governmental Affairs with a staff of 30. He has remarked that he went from the lowest realm of respect as a lobbyist to the number two or three highest ranking professions now being associated with the ACD. This is your Executive Director, Micheal Graham.

I am not sure what it was about this man that found a kindred friendship. Perhaps it was our wives going on excursions in San Francisco in 2019 or it was his Navy experience and that of my father or both. Who knew that a little boy from West Virginia would make it to one of the highest ranks in the Navy, Admiral. If my memory

serves me well his last assignment was in the Pentagon, over healthcare for the US Marine Corp. Following that he earned a Masters in Bioethics and is now the Dean of the dental school in West Virginia. That man spoke at the Fellows Forum last year at our ACD Annual Meeting, and his name is Stephen Pachuta.

This man started from humble beginnings. We bonded at the dedication of our new ACD Office and were drawn together because of our passion for others and our faith commitment. Knowing him has greatly expanded my appreciation of others. It is amazing that what draws us together is greater than anything that could drive us apart. This is what Fellowship in the College is about. It is refreshing to be in an organization devoid of politics. He went on to serve his career as a dentist in the Army finishing with the rank of Colonel and being over the Army's dental services from 1995 to 1997. Following that he served as Dean of the Dental School at Howard University for 14 years. His name is one that many of you will recognize, Leo Rouse, a past President of the College and a Geis Recipient.

This lady I will simply refer to as buddy. She started her career at a young age and rose to the rank of Colonel having been deployed on two occasions to the Middle East. I recount the Convocation in Hawaii in 2018 when a husband and wife from Kentucky, who are now Colonels in the Army Reserve, were inducted. Adam and Michelle were so delighted when they saw this lady as she was their commanding officer in the Middle East. She was a great encourager to me when I was a young Regent, placing full confidence in me when handling conflict and helping me develop proper writing skills. A prolific writer and speaker, this lady finished her career at the Walter Reed Army Hospital and was speech writer for the Surgeon General. She is our Past Executive Director and my buddy, Theresa Gonzelas.



Then there were two boys, one of which was born in Pennsylvania in 1950 and the other in Tennessee in 1952. Looking back at their parents who lacked a formal education, I am sure they wondered what they had on their hands. You see their father had to quit school in 10th grade to provide for three younger siblings because of an alcoholic father that resulted in a divorce back in 1936. With the help of an uncle that was close to him he stayed clean and ended up being a union crane operator building dams and bridges for 40 years. Their mother had to quit school in the 8th grade due to the death of her mother from ovarian cancer. Likewise, she had an alcoholic father and had to raise three younger siblings. Growing up in an 8x38 foot trailer was close quarters, however it taught the boys how to get along. Noble and Lena raised him and his brother to believe in themselves, never told them what their profession would be, but only said they were going to college. Many times, Noble and Lena would say I can't, however this vocabulary was not allowed for the two boys. Their dedication to God, their faith, their family values and their work ethic is the reason for the boys being where they are today. Their parent's legacy remains with the dedication that this man and his brother have to God, along with their faith and dedication to family and work. With patience Noble

and Lena nurtured their two boys. One spent 31 years in public education followed by an additional 10 years at the university level. The other one, in all humility, stands in front of you today.

The story does not end here; there is a happy ending. In November of 1988 Mom and Dad walked into my office with big smiles on their faces. They had secretly gone back and received their GED's. What is remarkable is that Noble was 68 and Lena was 57; what an accomplishment.

Let's do a quick recap. You are here at an appointed time. You add meaning to the College. Your life has more of an influence on others than you know. The future is up to you.

I have a prediction to make. That prediction is several of you in this group today will become future Regents and even a future President of the ACD. You have the ability, and you have the credentials. For my academics, in the words of Baroness Caroline Cox, "You cannot do everything, however you cannot just do nothing". I repeat, "You cannot do everything, however you cannot just do nothing". For my wet fingered clinicians, and this does not need repeating, in the immortal words of a modern-day philosopher, the Waterboy, "You can do it".

Ethics and Professionalism Award

Presented to **Dr. Daniel Haas**



Dr. Haas is exemplary in his service to the dental profession, especially in his dedication to the interwoven nature of ethics and professionalism. He has ensured, in all aspects of dentistry, from dental school to requalification of foreign dentists to helping graduate dentists maintain high professional standards, that professionalism and its ethical underpinnings remain paramount. His leadership serves as a model of ethical professionalism.

"I am incredibly honored to receive this award, particularly because advancing ethics and professionalism is core to the mission of the American College of Dentists. I am truly humbled by this recognition, as I know that anything I may have accomplished in this regard is due to the numerous outstanding colleagues I have had the pleasure of working with at the University of Toronto."

–Daniel Haas

Distinguished Leadership Award

Presented to **Dr. Michael Roberts**



Dr. Roberts has dedicated his life to the oral healthcare needs of children as a public servant in the United States Public Health Service and in faculty and administrative appointments at four institutions. He has shaped the life of thousands of dental students and residents in his over 55 years of teaching and mentorship; furthering his impact on the oral health of countless children.

Dr. Roberts has been recognized numerous times for his mentorship, his leadership, and his service, including the Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal.

"I was deeply humbled with being chosen for a 2025 Distinguished Leadership Award by the American College of Dentists. For over a century the College has set the standards and established the highest ideals for the dental profession, including two that I especially hold dear, leadership and ethics. To have been nominated and selected for this award is an honor that I will cherish forever. I deeply thank the College."

– Michael W. Roberts, DDS, MScD

Distinguished Leadership Award

Presented to **Dr. Lawrence Levin**



Dr. Levin has a history of leadership throughout his career, and in his role as President of the Canadian Dental Association had a significant effect on public health policy in Canada at the national level. In his role representing Canada at the International Dental Federation Congress he helped in the development of a globally accepted definition of oral health which will assist dental practitioners, educators, policy makers and legislators develop oral health programs and policies that serve to improve oral health worldwide.

“Receiving this Leadership award from the American College is a great honor. It has been a privilege to serve the dental profession starting at the grassroots level and continuing to the Presidency of the Canadian Dental Association. We can achieve amazing results when we work together.”

– Larry Levin

Distinguished Leadership Award

Presented to **Congressman Dr. Michael Simpson**



Dr. Simpson has exemplified a rare blend of professional excellence, public service, and leadership that has profoundly impacted both the dental community and the nation. His years of clinical practice instilled in him a deep knowledge and commitment to oral health, which he carried into his legislative career. Dr Simpson has advocated tirelessly for policies that support dental education, access to care, and the overall well-being of patients. His leadership on oral healthcare policy reflects his unwavering dedication to ethical service and the advancement of dentistry.

“It was an honor to receive the Distinguished Leadership Award from the American College of Dentists,” said Rep. Simpson. “My position in Congress has allowed me to fight for critical priorities that are important to the great state of Idaho and our nation, but importantly, it has also provided me the opportunity to influence the oral health initiatives that deserve recognition and can improve the dental health community. I remain committed to advocating for good oral health, and I’m grateful for the recognition among prestigious dentists nationwide.”

– Congressman Dr. Michael Simpson

Honorary Fellowship

Presented to **Dr. Cheryl Cameron**



Dr. Cameron, a member of the United States Supreme Court Bar, epitomizes ethics and professionalism. Her contributions to Dentistry and human welfare go well beyond ordinary expectations. Her national and international research and publications have enriched ethics and jurisprudence in oral healthcare immeasurably, and her potential to advance the Mission of the College and serve the ACD is unquestionable.

“Through its mission to advance excellence, ethics, professionalism and leadership in oral healthcare, the American College of Dentists (ACD) meaningfully changes the lives of oral healthcare professionals and members of society. The resources that ACD’s membership produces related to ethics and professionalism positively impact the trajectory of current and future oral healthcare professionals. I am honored to have been recognized by esteemed colleagues who have advanced ACD’s mission through education, leadership, and ACD fellowship.”

– Cheryl Cameron, PhD

Honorary Fellowship

Presented to **Catherine Sarkis**



Professor Sarkis has been a mentor and inspiration to countless dental students and professionals throughout her career. Her commitment to teaching and her ability to convey complex concepts with clarity and passion have helped shape the next generation of dental leaders. She has consistently advocated for patient-centered approaches, serving as a model to others in this and many other regards.

Honorary Fellowship

Presented to **Mr. Ralph Fuccillo**



For over a quarter of a century, Mr. Fuccillo has provided dedicated leadership and contributions to dental and oral health practice, education and public health communities. Using the breadth of his expertise in public health, health equity, community engagement, organizational development and governance, policy development and philanthropy, he has created, guided and enhanced numerous organizations and initiatives to better serve the

Award of Merit

Presented to **Carrie Gordon**



In service to humanity, Ms. Gordon's leadership accomplishments have led to protecting and expanding access to oral health care for low-income adults and children. Fifteen million Californians have benefitted from her dedication and efforts on behalf of the underserved. In 2009, California eliminated non-emergency dental services for adults. Ms. Gordon played a pivotal role in restoring California's Medicaid adult dental program in 2014. Within California policy and oral health circles, this accomplishment was hailed as an expectation-defying advocacy feat.

2025 Fellowship Class

REGENCY 1

ATLANTIC PROVINCES

Matthew Gilchrist
Avrum Goldberg
Stacey Matheson
Amy Mihaljevich
Patrick Redmond

HUDSON-MOHAWK

Lionel Bulford
Nancy Cavotta

NEW ENGLAND

Sarita Arteaga
Lagina Bickham
Sami Chogle
Shadi Daher
Irina Dragan
Lori Fitzgerald
Russell Giordano
Michael Goldberg
Gabriel Hayek
Natalie Jeong
Deeba Kashtwari
Adam Kennedy
Jennifer Korzeb
Adam Lowenstein
Paul McGrath
Sean Rayment
Shibani Sahni
Varsha Salani
Albert Sandler
Milagros Serrano
Gayathri Shenoy
Gregory Stepka
Thomas Trowbridge

Jeffrey Vachon
David Ward
Dylan Weber
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Reflection on 2025: A Year of Growth and Generosity

American College of Dentists Foundation President's Annual Report

Dr. Terri Dolan

It has been one of the greatest honors of my professional life to serve as President of the American College of Dentists Foundation in 2025. This role has allowed me to witness firsthand the profound commitment our Fellows share to advancing excellence, ethics, professionalism, and leadership in dentistry. The generosity and dedication demonstrated by our community this year has exceeded every expectation and reinforced my belief in the transformative power of collective action.

The Foundation's mission is clear and vital: to provide sustainable funding for initiatives that strengthen the four pillars of the American College of Dentists and ensure a thriving future for our profession. Every dollar raised supports programs that develop ethical leaders, promote professionalism, advance excellence in practice, and foster leadership at every stage of a dental career. These investments ripple through our profession, touching not only current practitioners but also future generations of dentists who will carry forward our values.

In 2025, we accomplished several significant milestones in our fundraising efforts. We launched our inaugural Legacy Giving Program, inviting Fellows to create lasting impact through planned gifts that will sustain our mission for decades to come. For Fellows seeking flexible giving options, we introduced streamlined Qualified Charitable Distribution processes and assisted Fellows with Required Minimum Distributions, making it easier than ever to align personal financial planning with philanthropic goals. Under the leadership of our Executive Director, Mike Graham and the talented national office staff, we implemented comprehensive administrative improvements, including streamlining our donor tracking systems and establishing enhanced recognition for our Gies and Circle level supporters.

I am particularly proud that we revitalized the Brick Campaign, offering Fellows tangible ways to commemorate their commitment to the College while creating beautiful, lasting tributes at our headquarters. These initiatives allow us to honor those who have shaped our profession while building resources for future programming. Brick are still available for purchase, so don't miss out on this giving opportunity!

The highlight of 2025 was undoubtedly the launch of our first-ever Giving Tuesday and Year-End Giving Campaign. The enthusiastic response from our Fellows was nothing short of extraordinary. Section Leaders embraced their role as ambassadors with remarkable passion, achieving our goal of 100% participation and amplifying our message across the entire College community. The generosity demonstrated during this campaign—from first-time donors to longstanding supporters who increased their commitments—moved me deeply and demonstrated the profound connection our Fellows feel to the Foundation's work.

Supporting this success was our enhanced stewardship program, including the transformation of the President's Dinner into a Circle Giver celebration that properly honors our most dedicated

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supporters, past presidents, and board members. The personal touches we added reflect our genuine appreciation for every contribution, regardless of size. We also invested significant effort in storytelling, sharing the real-world impact of Foundation support through donor spotlights, testimonials from Kellogg program participants, and video content from SPEA participants and board members. These stories bring our mission to life and remind us why this work matters.

The Paula K. Friedman Section Leadership Development Fund exemplifies the Foundation's impact. Through this program and others like it, we are investing directly in the next generation of dental leaders who will guide our profession with integrity, competence, and vision. The testimonials we've received from program participants remind us that behind every statistic is a life changed, a career advanced, and a commitment to excellence renewed.

As I reflect on this transformative year, I am deeply grateful to the Board of Regents for their wisdom and support, to Executive Director Mike Graham and the national office staff for their unwavering dedication, and most especially to the Fellows whose generosity makes everything possible. You have demonstrated that when we unite around shared values, there is no limit to what we can accomplish.

Looking ahead, I challenge each Fellow to deepen your investment in the American College of Dentists Foundation and, by extension, in the future of our profession. Whether through annual giving, multi-year pledges, legacy gifts, or

by encouraging colleagues to join our mission, your continued support is essential. The dental profession faces evolving challenges—from technological disruption to changing patient expectations to workforce development needs—and the Foundation's work has never been more critical.

Consider what the ACD has meant to your professional journey. Consider the values we share and the responsibility we bear to those who will follow. Then consider how you can contribute to ensuring that future generations of dentists have access to the same ethical grounding, professional development, and leadership opportunities that have enriched your career.

The Foundation's success in 2025 has positioned us for even greater impact in the years ahead, but only if we sustain the momentum we've built together. I invite you to be part of this continuing story—to give generously, to inspire others, and to take pride in supporting an organization that truly makes a difference in dentistry.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Foundation President. Together, we are building a legacy worthy of the American College of Dentists' distinguished history and bright future.

With gratitude and optimism,

Dr. Terri Dolan
President, American College of Dentists
Foundation, 2025

2025 ACD Foundation

Quick Facts and Statistics

\$251,784
Total Donations

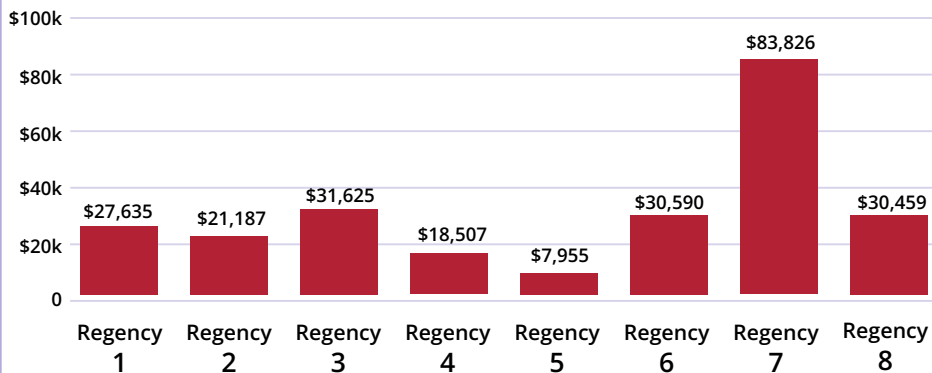
651 Fellows
Total Donors

30
GIES Fellow

5
GIES Medallion

9
GIES Benefactor

\$ Donations per Regency

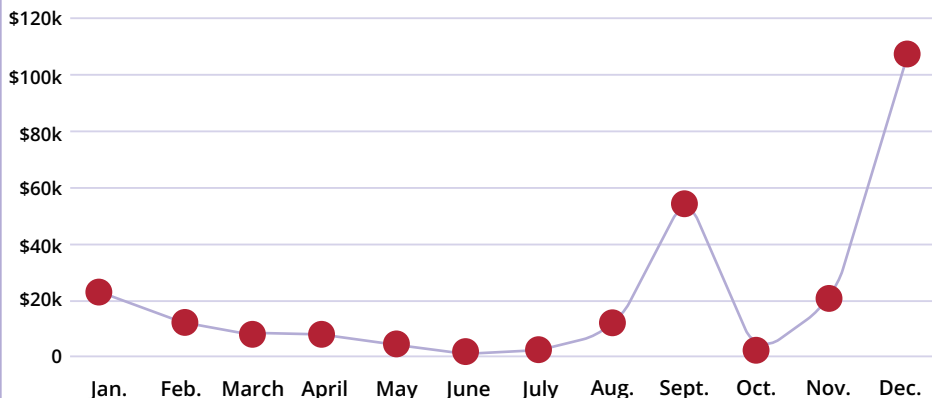


\$387
Average Donation

\$35,784
Year-Over-Year
\$ Increase

16.56%
Year-Over-Year
Growth Rate

ACDF Monthly Donations



9
Legacy Bricks

4
Bronze Bronze
Donors

1
Gold Donor

“Why I Give”

“I give to the ACD

Foundation to continue the legacy of the ACD’s 4 pillars of Leadership, Ethics, Professionalism, and excellence. We’ve long been the conscience of dentistry with our ethics courses, but now to develop and provide programs with an emphasis on Leadership.”

Dr. Krista Jones
Past At large Regent
Regency 6

“I am grateful to the ACD for the pivotal role it has played in providing the resources and opportunities I needed to grow as a leader and professional. I donate to the ACDF to maintain and grow those resources and opportunities for my Fellow colleagues so that they, too, may thrive in our beloved profession.”

Dr. Pamela Alston
At Large Regent
Regency 7



“The ACD is on the move! With a fantastic leadership team focused on an impactful and forward-thinking strategic plan, the ACD is better prepared than ever to capitalize on its long-standing potential. The energy in the organization is palpable and makes donating to the ACD the easiest of decisions. I am confident my donation will be stewarded properly and make a difference on issues that really matter in dentistry.”

Dr. Sreenivas Koka
Regency 6

All Circle Members

Our Circle Members have made a commitment to sustaining the Foundation well into the future. The ACD extends deep appreciation to our most ardent supporters, whose generosity will continue to advance our mission for generations to come.

Centennial Circle

\$1,000,000

Founder's Circle

\$500,000

President's Circle

\$250,000

Platinum Circle

\$100,000

Gold Circle

\$50,000

Silver Circle

\$25,000

Bronze Circle

\$10,000

The American College of Dentists Foundation is a nonprofit, charitable 501(c)3 organization supporting educational and programmatic efforts of the American College of Dentists. Since 1972, Foundation funds have supported initiatives that include thought-provoking speakers and educators at the Annual Meeting, impactful continuing education, educational materials for dental students, and scholarships for advanced studies in ethics and leadership.

For more information about the ACD Foundation and how you can make an impact, visit acd.org/foundation.

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Gies Donors

Gies Donors are recognized for annual contributions to the Foundation, furthering to our shared mission—to advance excellence, ethics, professionalism, and leadership in oral healthcare.

Gies Fellow: \$1,000 donation in a calendar year.

Gies Medallion: \$2,500 donation in a calendar year.

Gies Benefactor: \$5,000 donation in a calendar year.

2025 Gies Benefactor

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2025 Gies Medallion

William R. Calnon
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Jane K. Segal

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2026 Important Dates

March 1

Board election nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m., Eastern, for Regency 1, Regency 3, Treasurer, Vice President, and President Elect. Those elected will begin Board service at the end of October 2026.

March 1

Award nominations due to the office.

Friday, March 20

Leadership Lesson Webinar

June 2026

Registration opens for ACD 2026 in Santa Barbara, California, October 23-24.

September 11

Leadership Lesson Webinar

October 23-24

ACD 2026 Annual Meeting and Convocation

To register for the Leadership Lesson Webinars and learn about other learning opportunities the ACD offers, please visit <https://isu.pub/wHdMkkg>.

Officers of the Board

The ACD Board of Regents is an all-volunteer Board comprised of highly committed Fellows. The Officers and Regents lead the College's efforts to advance the mission, providing vision and leadership on behalf of the Fellows. Elections for members of the Board of Regents take place each spring, and the new Officers and Regents are seated at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

Nominations for national officers are made by fellows, approved by the national nominations committee, and elected by acclamation by the fellowship. The officers are elected for one-year terms with the exception of the treasurer, whose term is two years.



Terry L. Norris, DMD
President, Owensboro, Kentucky

Dr. Norris is a general dentist in private practice. He is an adjunct professor at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry and serves on both the Daviess County Board of Health and the Green River District Board of Health. He is also a past president of the Kentucky Dental Association. He continues to serve as the editor for the Kentucky Section of the College.

After competing on the varsity men's soccer team and earning a dual degree in biology and chemistry from Geneva College in Pennsylvania, Dr. Norris attained his DMD from University of Kentucky College of Dentistry. He has served on the Council on Annual Sessions for the Kentucky Dental Association since 1992.

Terry is married to Ginger, who began working as patient coordinator at the office after her retirement from the Owensboro Public Schools as a speech and language pathologist. Together they have three grown sons and five grandchildren.



Peter H. Guevara, DMD
President Elect, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Colonel (Dr.) Pete Guevara currently serves as Commander of the Fort Carson Dental Health Activity in Colorado. Colonel Guevara has been active in the US military for over 28 years. He has combat deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq to his credit. Pete is originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and is a 1992 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh's School of Dental Medicine. He completed a 1-year GPR in 1993, a 1-year hospital dentistry fellowship in 1994 and a 2-year comprehensive dentistry program in 2001. He has been actively involved in dental education since 2005. He and his wife, Karyn, have a daughter, Maya. In his spare time Pete is an avid ice hockey and roller hockey player.



Ned L. Nix, DDS, MA
Vice President, San Jose, California

Dr. Ned Nix is from San Jose, California and is a graduate of University of California Davis and the Dugoni School of Dentistry at University of the Pacific. He earned his GPR and OMS specialty certificates at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York. He has a Master's in Education from the Benerd School of Education at UOP. Dr. Nix is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and the National Dental Board of Anesthesiology. He practices the full scope of oral and maxillofacial surgery and is an Associate Professor at UOP. Ned has served as the President of the California Association of OMS, Chairman of the Northern California Section of the ACD, President of the Santa Clara County Dental Society, and President of the Delta Delta chapter of the OKU Dental Honor Society.

He, his wife, Kelly A. Nix, DPM, and son, Ryan Nix, are San Francisco Giants and GS Warriors fans, and like to golf and travel.



Joseph P. Crowley, DDS
Treasurer, Cincinnati, Ohio

Dr. Crowley is a general dentist practicing in Cincinnati, Ohio, and is a past president of the American Dental Association. In 2013, Crowley earned the Ohio Dental Association Distinguished Dentist Award. He also received the Ohio Dental Association Achievement Award in 2001, the Cincinnati Dental Society Meritorious Service Award in 2007, and the Ohio Pierre Fauchard Distinguished Dentist Award.

After finishing dental school at the Ohio State University College of Dentistry in 1976, Crowley returned to his hometown of Cincinnati, where he has practiced general dentistry for more than three decades.

He's been involved in the community, and has been particularly active at LaSalle High School, his alma mater. He was named to the school's athletic hall of fame in 2009. Crowley and his wife, Pauletta, have been married 43 years and have three children and seven grandchildren.



Robert A. Faiella, DMD, MMSc, MBA
ACD Foundation President, Osterville, Massachusetts

Dr. Faiella is the President of the American College of Dentists and a Past President of the American Dental Association. He currently serves as Director and Past President of the American Board of Periodontology, Chair of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine Board of Fellows, and an appointed member of the MIT Sloan School of Management Alumni Board.

Dr. Faiella is the Chief Dental Officer and Co-Founder of 32Health, Inc., as well as the former Chief Dental Officer and current Advisor for Overjet, Inc. He maintains a private practice specializing in Periodontics and Dental Implant Surgery in Osterville and Duxbury, Massachusetts.

Dr. Faiella completed his graduate training in Periodontology as an NIH Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine and earned a Master of Medical Science (M.M.Sc.) degree from Harvard Medical School. He has been recognized with the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. Additionally, he holds a Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Sloan School of Management.

As a leader in dental informatics, Dr. Faiella serves as Chair of the ADA Standards Consensus Body 12.7 on Artificial and Augmented Intelligence. He is also the Editor of the JADA+ website focused on AI applications in dentistry and the U.S. Lead Designated Expert for ISO TC 106/13 on Artificial Intelligence in Dentistry.

Dr. Faiella has held key leadership roles, including serving as Chairman and President of ADA Business Enterprises, Inc., the for-profit subsidiary of the American Dental Association.

Geographic Regents

Regents are elected directly by their peers and serve as leaders to the sections in their regencies. They are engaged in working directly with section leaders to ensure the College's resources are readily available to make the Mission actionable.



Julie Connolly, DDS

Regent, Regency 1, New York, New York

Dr. Connolly is a Board-certified Periodontist in private practice in New York City. She is a graduate of the Columbia School of Dental and Oral Surgery with a joint DDS-MPH degree with the Mailman School of Public Health. She then completed her GPR at Mt Sinai Hospital in Manhattan prior to completing her post-graduate training in Periodontist at Columbia.

Dr Connolly is a volunteer Faculty at the Columbia College of Dental Medicine where she directs the Dental Ethics Courses for the Dental Students and Periodontics Residents. She also teaches in the post-Graduate Periodontal clinic and is the Faculty Advisor for SPEA.

Dr Connolly is a Past-President of the New York Academy of Dentistry, a Past-Chair of the ACD New York Section, a Past-President of the Columbia College of Dental Medicine's Alumni Association and a Past-Chair of the Ethics Committee of the New York County Dental Society (NYCDS). She currently serves on the New York State Dental Association's Ethics Council representing NYCDS. Dr Connolly was part of the first cohort of ACD Fellows to participate in the AAPD/AAPDF/Ultradent Leadership Institute at the Northwestern Kellogg School of Management.



Robert G. Plage, DDS

Regent, Regency 3, Wilmington, North Carolina

Dr. Plage is a graduate of Wake Forest University and Georgetown University School of Dentistry. After graduation he joined the U.S. Public Health Service and completed a GPR program in Lexington Kentucky. He was assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard and spent five years as a USCG dental officer, attaining the rank of LCDR and was awarded the U.S. Coast Guard Achievement Medal. He has been in private practice in Wilmington since 1985. Bob has served as past president of the Wilmington Dental Society, the North Carolina Dental Society's Fifth District, and the North Carolina Dental Society. He was awarded the NCDS Meritorious Achievement Award in 2014. He served as a delegate to the ADA for the 16th District for twenty years. While an ADA delegate, he served on the ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs as Vice-Chair and the ADA Audit Committee as a representative from the ADA House of Delegates. He is a past caucus chair of the ADA 16th District Delegation. He is a past Carolinas Section Chair and helped initiate and currently participates in the ACD Ethics Dilemmas Workshops at both UNC School of Dentistry and East Carolina School of Dental Medicine.

He and his wife, Anne, chaired the Wilmington Mission of Mercy program for many years. The first MOM program in Wilmington was the Eagle Scout Project of their son Michael, who is now a dentist and has been a partner in Plage Dentistry since 2016. Michael is married to Nataleigh, also a dentist, and they are new parents of a daughter. The Plages' daughter, Cait Robertson and her husband live in Franklin, Tennessee and are the parents of two young boys.



Brenda Thomson, DDS

Regent, Regency 4, Blue Mountains, Ontario

Brenda Thomson received her BSc Hon. Zool. 1978 and her DDS from the University of Western Ontario in 1984.

She purchased a small, two operatory dental office in 1985, where she ran a dental practice for over three decades. Brenda was very proud of this general family dental clinic, which blossomed to six operatories with fabulous staff and patients.

During these years, she became very involved in organized dentistry, being the president of the Women's Dental Association of Ontario on two occasions, the president of the largest component society in Ontario and a member of several Ontario Dental Association committees. Brenda is also the recipient of multiple awards, including the 2016 Alumni of Distinction Award from her alma mater. She is a fellow of the AGD, ICD, and PFA.

In 2018, Brenda became the ACD Ontario section chair and was elected in 2023 as Ontario's first ACD Regent for Regency 4. The latter encompasses MI, IN, WV, KY, OH and Ontario. Brenda is honoured to serve on the ACD Board of Regents, and the ACD Finance Committee. In November 2024, Brenda became the College's Chair of Communications. ,



Nancy Larson, DDS

Regent, Regency 5, Mequon, Wisconsin

Dr. Larson has been involved with the American College of Dentists since her induction in 2007. She has been in a private general dentistry practice with two partners since 1990, and still thoroughly enjoys it.

After graduating from Marquette University School of Dentistry in 1987, Dr. Larson completed an advanced training residency at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. She is an active member of the American Dental Association, the Wisconsin Dental Association, and the Washington-Ozaukee Dental Society. She is a native of Wisconsin, and lives with her family in Mequon.



Kevin Haney

Regent, Regency 6, New Orleans, Louisiana

Bio

Geographic Regents



LaJuan Hall, DDS, MA

Regent, Regency 7, San Francisco, California

Bio....



Robin Henderson, DDS

Regent, Regency 8, Clarkston, Washington

Dr. Henderson is a general dentist and she has owned her rural hometown practice since she graduated from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. She has always been very passionate about the profession and has worked to grow herself and to create and strengthen collaborative relationships for the best possible patient outcomes. She embraces technology in her practice and holds herself accountable to leadership within her profession. Early in her career she was recognized by the ACD Washington Section with the Outstanding Young Dentist Award. Another of her favorite recognitions was receiving the American Dental Association's Design Innovation Award, as voted the top dental office remodel in the country. In addition to volunteering in her local and state dental association and ACD Section leadership, she is affiliate faculty at the University of Washington School of Dentistry and considers it a great honor to serve as the ACD Regent of Regency 8.

At Large Regents

At Large Regents are appointed by the Officers of the ACD Board of Regents with approval by the full Board. They serve for four years and bring a variety of perspectives to the work of the College.



Toni M. Roucka, DDS, RN, MA

At Large Regent, Editor of the JACD, Kenosha, Wisconsin

Dr. Roucka is Professor Emerita and former Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of Illinois Chicago College of Dentistry (UIC COD). Her undergraduate degree is in nursing, and she still maintains an active RN license. She received her DDS from the UIC COD and an MA in Bioethics from the Medical College of Wisconsin. Immediately upon graduation from UIC, Dr. Roucka served as a Naval Dental Officer during Operation Desert Storm. Following her naval career, Dr. Roucka was the first dentist to staff the Spang Center for Oral Health, a clinic dedicated exclusively to the treatment of HIV+ / AIDS patients in Chicago. In her leisure time, Toni enjoys family, the outdoors, playing her flute with the Milwaukee American Legion Band, and creative writing.



Pamela Alston, DDS, MPP, FACD

At Large Regent, Oakland, California

Dr. Pam Alston is the ACD Audit Committee Vice-Chairperson and Awards Committee Chairperson. Dr. Alston is the Lead Oral Health Specialist for the U.S. Department of Labor Job Corps Program Health Support Contractor. She serves on the University of California San Francisco Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors and chairs the Medal of Honor Committee. She is a Berkeley Fellow at the University of California Berkeley. Dr. Alston serves on the California Dental Association Foundation Audit Committee. Dr. Alston is a National Dental Association life member, a Hispanic Dental Association member, and a Society of American Indian Dentists affiliate member.



Carol Summerhayes

At Large Regent, Washington, Utah

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William Calnon

At Large Regent, New York

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Regent Intern

The Regent Intern program was established through a generous gift from Dr. David Chambers in 2010. This position is held by a dentist within the first several year of practice and gives voice to younger professionals.



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Liaisons to the Board of Regents

Affiliated Organizations independently elect one of their members, who is also a Fellow of the College, to the Board of Regents. Although these positions are ex-officio, the liaisons bring different perspectives to the board and play a crucial role in ensuring a broad and inclusive perspective on our mission.



Pamela Zarkowski, JD, MPH

American Society for Dental Ethics, Detroit Michigan

Professor Pamela Zarkowski is provost and vice president for Academic Affairs of University of Detroit Mercy. She is chief academic officer for the University, which includes a School of Architecture, College of Business Administration, College of Engineering & Science, College of Liberal Arts & Education, School of Dentistry, School of Law and College of Health Professions. She has held various leadership roles in national organizations, including President of the American Dental Education Association, 2001-2002; Society for Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine, 2007-2008; and the American Society for Dental Ethics, 2003-2006 and 2016-2018. She was also chairperson of the ADEA GIES Foundation from 2002-2007. She received a Bachelor of Science, a Master of Public Health in Dental Public Health and a Teaching Certificate for Special Purpose Program for Teachers of Community Dentistry from the University of Michigan School of Public Health and a Juris Doctor from Wayne State University, where she was the articles editor for the Wayne Law Review. She was admitted to the Michigan Bar in 1989 and holds an active law license.

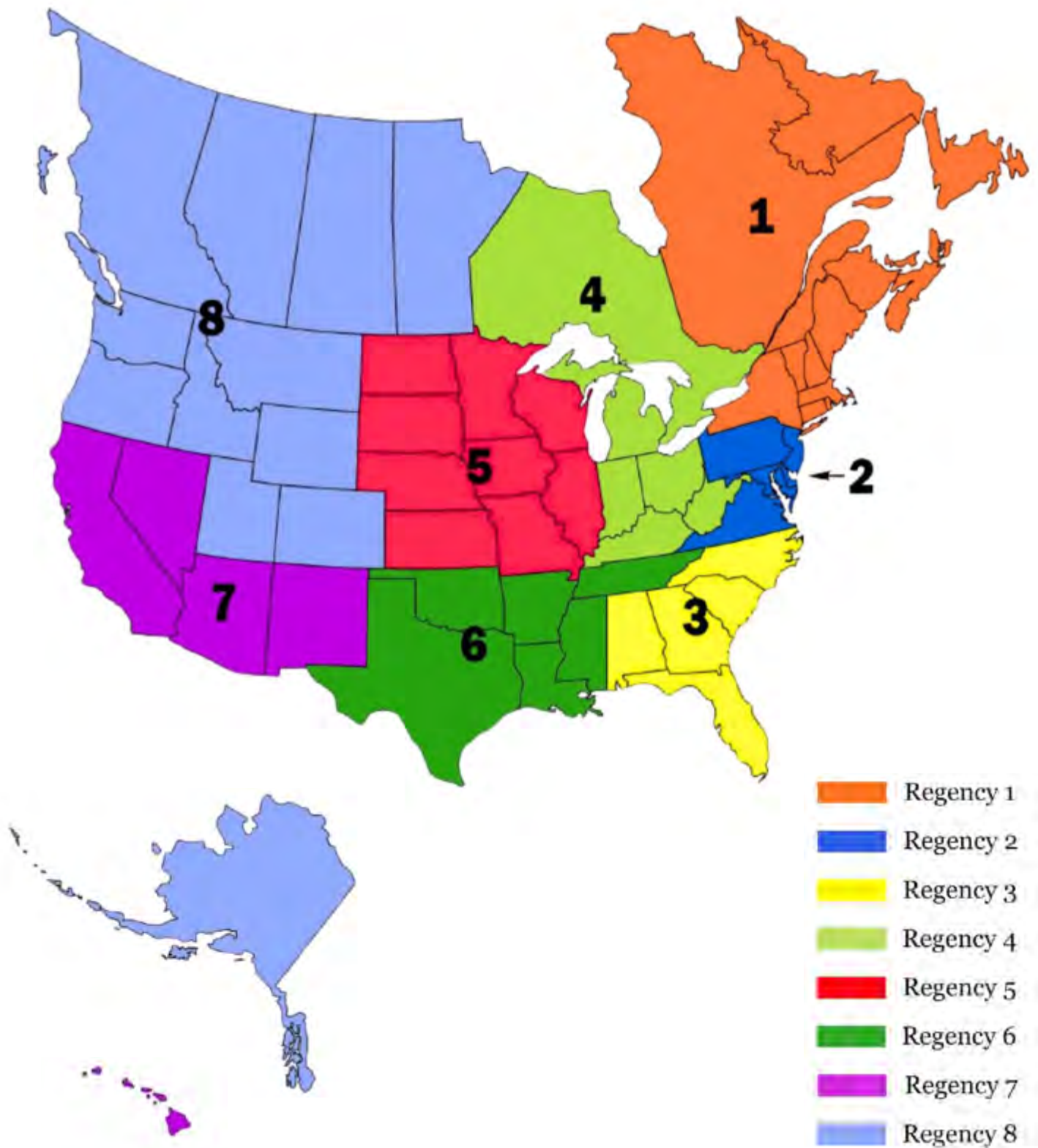


Kjeld Nelson, DDS

SPEA, Aurora, Colorado

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