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HEY LADY DENTIST!

As the world begins to reopen, remember to treat others with kindness. Our organization stands for equality. To our members who consider themselves POC – we see you, honor you, and value your input. AAWD will work against the racism that hurts you. You are gorgeous. Tell us how to do better.

REMINDERS SEEKING SUBMISSIONS!

- ⇒ 2020 **AWARD NOMINATIONS**
OPEN
- ⇒ **SUBMIT PHOTOS & STORIES**
- ⇒ **JUNE 20 FIRST DAY OF
SUMMER!**
- ⇒ **FATHER'S DAY JUNE 21**

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EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION EXTENDED!

MEET OUR MASCOTS



LUNA

Dr. Brittany Bergeron, immediate past president and director of corporate relations brings her "daughter" to work daily.



GERTIE & CAPTAIN QUINT

Dr. Lauren Aguilar, president elect was held accountable during quarantine by these two cuties. No one missed a meal!

Want your pet featured? Submit photos to aawdchronicle@gmail.com

GRADUATION SPOTLIGHT: University of Florida

"Since this past semester has been atypical, the University of Florida chapter would like to share some of the ways we were able to honor our senior members other than our traditional methods.

Each year we typically hand the seniors a gift at our annual Senior Send-Off event. Due to these abnormal circumstances, we had to find a new way of doing things. This year we mailed gifts to the seniors during the spring semester. We gave them personalized mugs, travel pouches and adorable dental themed socks. The items were shipped to their homes in fun pink boxes covered in vibrant tropical pineapples. These gifts were designed to celebrate that our members finally earned that well deserved "Dr." title in front of their name, while providing them with functional and beautiful gifts that they can use every day in their future careers. We hope that every time they put on those socks or take a sip from their mugs, they remember a fun time they had with us as an AAWD member.

While we were unable to celebrate this incredible group of seniors individually at the Send-Off event, we still wanted to find a way to show off how incredible each one of them is. We decided to share Senior Spotlight posts on our Instagram page (@UFAAWD). This allowed us to share some of the senior's favorite moments at UFCD, memories of events with our chapter, influential women dentists they have met in our program, and their plans for the future.

While it is always fun to gather and celebrate how much these members have given to our program, we understand these times are discouraging and hard. We hope our story can bring some light to the AAWD program and share ideas with other chapters about how we can continue to honor and celebrate each other even in the most trying of times."



Dr. Amber Medellin



Dr. Aish Subramanin



Dr. Lauren Arguelles



CONGRATULATIONS!

GRADUATION SPOTLIGHT: Touro College of Dental Medicine



Dr. Sabrina Mellusi



Dr. Arlyn Fraim



Dr. Jillian Grant



Dr. Amanda Vedros

The Touro College of Dental Medicine Chapter of AAWD began with the like-mindedness of two dedicated and compassionate students, Sabrina Mellusi and Arlyn Fraim, who simultaneously showed interest in getting the ball rolling. In true TCDM fashion, they worked together; contacting the AAWD National Chapter to begin the registration process, obtaining approvals from the TCDM administration while following club requirements, recruiting more members, and finally creating the bylaws. Soon, Amanda Vedros and Jillian Grant, also founding members, joined. As a group, they hosted a variety of events throughout the years, including participating in *MyFace* and *Dress for Success* events, organizing a school-wide women's panel, and hosting various social events to raise funds including a wine night, holiday parties, ice cream socials, and BBQs. They also held a successful t-shirt sale featuring a design drawn by founding member, Arlyn Fraim. According to Arlyn, setting up a local chapter was of personal importance. "I saw that there were not many AAWD chapters around the NY area and I thought that representing women in dentistry, and at our school was such an important task."

After a virtual commencement ceremony, held on May 19th, each of the women will move on to bright, successful futures; two of them going straight into private practice back in their home states, and the others beginning their residencies at local, prominent New York medical centers, and the next steps in their dental careers.

CONGRATULATIONS!



MUSC's AAWD Student Chapter attended a Specialist Panel Dinner, in which the students were able to learn of each Doctor's journey. These awesome ladies truly inspire us and remind us to keep moving forward!



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: ENDODONTISTS OF AAWD

Meet Dr. Carla DerSarkissian:

I am originally from Los Angeles and relocated to New York to attend Dental School at NYU. Early on, I realized that as much as I enjoyed the aesthetic component of dentistry, I was more intrigued by the relief of pain and infection. I completed my residency at NYU in 2006 and began practicing with my husband, an oral surgeon, in his hometown in New Jersey. We quickly realized that Endodontics and Oral Surgery are a perfect 'marriage' of specialties. What I cannot save with a root canal, he can replace with an implant. Our offices evolved into the Oral Surgery, Endodontic and Implant Center of Elizabeth. Over the years our practices have grown and so has our family. We have two children that are 10 and 12 years old. We remain dedicated to our patients and the communities we serve. We have kept our practice open throughout the pandemic to treat all dental emergencies. Our children have spent many hours in our back-office powering through their online education, with much attention and support from our amazing staff. It is true when they say, it takes a village!



Meet Dr. Winna Gorham:

My name is Dr. Winna Gorham, and I graduated from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in 2008. I received my master's in science and certificate in Endodontics also from TUSDM in 2010. I currently practice on the south shore in Massachusetts with a small boutique endodontic practice that focuses on high quality endodontic treatment, patient comfort, and an excellent patient experience. When a patient comes into the office with severe dental pain, or swelling, they are usually fearful, and anxious for many reasons. Being an endodontist is both the ability to perform high quality surgical and nonsurgical endodontic procedures, and the ability to help a patient through their experience, with empathy and kindness.

I have always truly enjoyed the clinical procedures in endodontic care. Detail, and precision, are areas where I thrive, and success in this is very rewarding. That said, practicing now, in May 2020, with COVID in our society, has significantly impacted the way we work. With the appropriate PPE, including goggles, face shields, N95 masks, and full gowns, the work is more difficult, and has taken adjustment. I find that focusing on the same principles that have always led to success, still works despite the changes in our daily protocols. Focusing on my patient's experience and allowing them to feel safe in knowing they are protected in this current pandemic has added gratification to my job. The tough parts of the daily changes we have had to make with our offices and staff are worth it- I still get to save teeth!



**THANKS TO ALL OF YOU TOOTH
SAVING HEROINES OF AAWD!**

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