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REMINDERS

- ⇒ SOY & COY Winners will be announced soon!
- ⇒ There's still time to register for the cruise!



Hey Lady Dentist!

The American Association of Women Dentists hopes that you are all staying healthy. As the year closes, we want to hear from you.

*Share your COVID-19 experiences with us.
Send us your Holiday plans – how are you staying socially distant but still making time for family?*

Please read on for some important updates –
Cruise updates, a President's Message, a student chapter spotlight, and a welcome to Dr. Cecelia Brown!

Don't forget to support Smiles for Success while you shop. All you have to do is **click on this link** and designate **SFS** as your charity.



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Dr. Aguilar is a new customer and was able to refinance over \$300k in loans at a rate of 4.3%!!

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Welcome



Please welcome
CDR Cecelia M. Brown
as the new
Director of Federal Services.

Commander Cecilia M. Brown has earned Bachelor of Science degrees from Georgia College & State University and the Medical College of Georgia, Master degrees in Medical Science from the University of Nebraska-Omaha and Health Care Administration from Webster University, George Herbert Walker School of Business & Technology, and a Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry. She earned certificates in Advanced Education in General Dentistry from the Naval Branch Dental Clinic Sewell's Point, Advanced Clinical Practice in Exodontia from the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center, and in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery from the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth. She received her commission as Lieutenant in 2008.

At sea, Commander Brown served as Dental Department Head aboard the USS NASHVILLE (LPD 13) in support of Africa Partnership Station 2009. Ashore, her assignments include Assistant Division Officer Restorative Department, 12th Dental Company/2nd Dental Battalion, Naval Dental Clinic- MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina and Division Officer Oral Surgery Department, Naval Branch Health Clinic Jacksonville Dental Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida.

CDR Brown maintains board certification in the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. She is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and a fellow of the International College of Dentists.

She is currently assigned as the Senior Dental Officer and Staff Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon at Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Center Jacksonville/Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Florida and is serving as the Director for Dental Services.

CDR Brown's awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), Meritorious Unit Commendation, and various other unit and campaign awards. She is authorized to wear the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Surface Warfare Medical Department Officer device, and the Fleet Marine Force Qualified Officer device.



STUDENT CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT: UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Brooke Cicero, UFCD AAWD Secretary reached out with an update:

"With it being the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment that gave women the right to vote, we wanted to recognize this historic milestone! We decided to put together a vote initiative to encourage our members to get out and exercise their right to vote. The initiative included signing a pledge that stated each member would make a point to vote in this year's election; as well as some information about the 19th Amendment and how to register to vote if they weren't already. We then passed out "vote" pins to members that participated.



With the new COVID regulations, it has been difficult to find volunteering opportunities for many student orgs at UFCD. However, AAWD has been fortunate enough to work with two great organizations in order to reach out to the Gainesville area, even during these times. Meals on Wheels is a service that provides meals to elderly individuals at their homes. Members pick up meals and drop them off at their houses around the Gainesville area. We have two designated days and times for members to participate each week throughout the semester. Peaceful Paths is another great organization that we have had the pleasure of working with. Members spent a day giving back to the community by repainting a local parking lot.



Overall, our AAWD chapter has been working diligently to provide as many opportunities to our members, despite working against heavy COVID regulations. We are determined to still provide the best experience possible to our members, as well as have an active role in our school and community."

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Updates from the Board of Directors

As the COVID numbers are rising, our professional and personal lives continue to be impacted with uncertainty. We worry about our dental offices, whether or not we can afford our full staff, and a return to pre-COVID patient numbers and financial stability. A great stressor is dentists who owe student loans. AAWD has partnered with Juno, an organization which uses the power of group buying. Group buying will allow AAWD members to get a lower interest rate on loans and refinancing. Dr. Young and Dr. Daly recently had the pleasure of representing AAWD at the Michigan Dental Association's Diverse Dental Meeting. Members of 10 different organizations representing minorities in the dental field attended the meeting. The participants discussed some of the concerns about the dental field, including economic struggles due to dental insurance restrictions, the financial expense of becoming a dentist (applications for school and licensure), and the lack of mentorship for students of color. We then discussed possible ways that we could work together to correct them for future generations of dentists. We are very impressed that the Michigan Dental Association is taking the important step to acknowledge that these issues exist and providing a space for dentists to come together and discuss collaboration opportunities. We look forward to continuing this work and would love to hear from our members about any other ways that we can help to support you.

2021 SAILIBRATION UPDATES



There is still time to register for the 2021 Sailibration! AAWD is working closely with Smiles at Sea and Royal Caribbean to provide the safest way to celebrate 100 years of women in dentistry. **Safety precautions include mandatory masks and socially distanced classroom seating.**

Check out the new Smiles at Sea website for the latest updates, including a land option before sailing that allows our members to spend less time in a classroom on board the ship and more time exploring outdoors!

Consider gifting the cruise to yourself and your staff or your family after a stressful 2020. Continuing education is geared towards all team members with a featured AAWD speaker, Lauren Gritzer!



RELAX & LEARN

5-NIGHT MIAMI TO LABADEE, HAITI & PERFECT DAY AT COCOCAY, BAHAMAS CRUISE CONFERENCE

- > 5 NIGHT DENTAL CRUISE FROM MIAMI TO LABADEE & PERFECT DAY AT COCOCAY, BAHAMAS
- > CREATE UNFORGETTABLE DENTAL TEAM BUILDING EXPERIENCES AT THE DENTAL FESTIVAL
- > HAVE THE ULTIMATE EXCURSION IN LABADEE, HAITI