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## highlights



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## COMMITTEE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

BRITTANY BERGERON, DDS

AAWD Director of Corporate Relations

### Hey Lady Dentist!

You've probably noticed our latest efforts to engage and involve more members in the day-to-day happenings of AAWD. We are thrilled with the number of #boss lady dentists that want to be more involved and thought we should give them a shoutout for being so generous in volunteering their time to help advance women in dentistry!

Dr. Isabel Rambob is an assistant professor in the Department of Neural and Pain Sciences at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. She is the founder of Rambob Training Services, LLC, a company that offers interpersonal communication skills coaching and training to dentists and dental teams. She is also a certified digital marketing professional, certified mediator and prolific speaker who has lectured in the USA, Europe, Asia and South America.

Dr. Isabel Rambob received her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the State University of Feira de Santana, Brazil. She completed a one-year program in advanced education in comprehensive dentistry at New

York University College of Dentistry then completed a one-year residency program in advanced education in general dentistry at Howard University College of Dentistry. Dr. Isabel Rambob is very passionate about teaching, mentoring, coaching, collaborating and volunteering. She is an avid knowledge seeker who believes that commitment to professional development is one of the keys to professional success.



# A Note From Dr. Mary Martin

President, The Smiles for Success Foundation



The 2022 Smiles for Success Board was confirmed at our meeting on Monday, March 14th, and I am so excited to introduce those members to you as follows:

DR. KARYL PATTEN, VICE-PRESIDENT  
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RELATIONS  
DR. DAPHNE FERGUSON-YOUNG, AAWD  
REPRESENTATIVE  
DR. LAUREN AGUILAR, PRESIDENT, AAWD

As you can see, our Board has grown and mirroring that growth is the expansion of our programs and activity. Our focus the past two years has been on establishing relationships with affiliate programs and individual practitioners. Of course, this was slowed somewhat by the pandemic; however, we were successful in vetting and signing six highly qualified programs: Faithworks of Abilene, Hope house, Marian House, Women's Bean Project, United Way and EWOP (Empowering Women Out of Prison). During 2021, we worked with five AAWD members: Dr. Brittany Bergeron (Maryland), Dr. Jane Estes Tindol Weatherbee (Texas), Dr. Kate Hakala (Colorado), Dr. Amanda Kotis (North Carolina) and Dr. Lauren Massey-Williams (North Carolina).

One of our main goals in 2021 was to establish a Grant Writing Committee. To that end, we were fortunate to find a retired grant writer in Florida who volunteered to help us. We also now have three AAWD members now working as a Grant Writing Committee with the retired person and central office working with them to develop a grant template. As we worked toward receiving grant funding, we received over \$5000.00 in AAWD member donations throughout the year, along with \$7000.00 from the Gillette Hayden and Bowen Foundations. We also held our first Annual 5K Run (Virtual reporting) as a fundraiser in conjunction with the AAWD Women's Workshop in September 18- October 23.

One of our major goals for 2022 is to focus on a regional based community program located near our central office. CareerSource EscaRosa, regional job placement center, and United Way of West Florida are new affiliates that provide us an opportunity to not only expand Smiles in a new state, but also work toward community based grants. We are in the process of preparing our first of several grants focused on this very community this summer.

Last year we had a very successful campaign to get us started with the EscaRosa Campaign via social media and all of you. In a period of just a few weeks we raised \$3000! It is now April, 2022. Our country is having many problems post-COVID. The war in Ukraine and rising prices are making everyone want to tighten their belts. But I wouldn't be doing my job if I didn't remind you that we, as dentists, are doing so much better than the women in these affiliate programs who have trouble seeing a path to a better life. Our gift as dentists can help them. PLEASE CONSIDER HOW YOU WANT TO GIVE...financially or by volunteering as a practitioner. Thank you so much in advance!



NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN  
FOR THE 39TH ANNUAL AAWD

*Lucy Hobbs  
Taylor Award*



## Advocacy: Why is it Important?



Dr. Daphne Ferguson-Young  
2022-2023 AAWD Immediate-Past President

As the current AAWD Immediate Past President, I had the opportunity to represent AAWD at the ADA Lobby Day in Washington DC this past March 20-22, 2022. I've attended Lobby Day in Washington DC several times in the past, but this time was different. All representatives were there to present four issues to their state senators and congress people's staffers. We were well trained and understood the assignment. ASDA students from various dental schools were there to learn the importance of advocacy and how to present key dental issues to their political representatives on the Hill as well as encourage them to co-sponsor each bill.

Of the four issues, which are all critical to dentistry, one really stood out as I am a former School of Dentistry's faculty member and GPR Program Director. For the last few years, all of us have become aware of the high cost of dental education. All are also aware that many faculty members will retire or cut down on their workload. Challenges face each school as they all are reaching out to younger dentists to select academia as a full-time or part-time career option. Many new or younger dentists do not see this as an option as the salary of faculty members is very difficult to cover all their monthly expenses. If the new dentist continues their training past dental school, they were able to defer their student loans indebtedness but not the incurring interest rates.

AAWD is asking all members to contact their Senators and Congress people to support the Resident Education Deferred Interest (REDI) Act: S. 3658/H.R. 4122. "These bills would allow borrowers to defer their student loans interest-free while they are serving a medical or dental internship or residency program."

Advocacy is important because each of you have a voice. Please use the contact information below to use your voice:

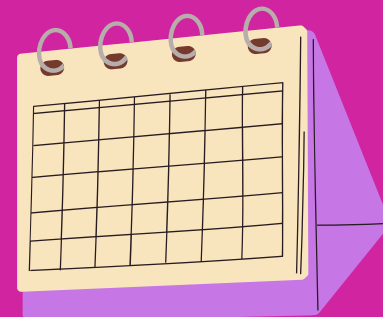
<https://actioncenter.ada.org/support-student-loan-reform/>

Registration  
Opens TODAY



**REGISTER HERE!**

NOVEMBER 4-7, 2022



### APRIL

**National Volunteer Month**  
**Sexual Assault Awareness Month**  
**Oral Cancer Awareness Month**  
1: Lucy Hobbs Taylor Award Opens  
2: Ramadan Begins  
7: World Health Day  
15: Passover Begins  
22: Earth Day  
28: Take your daughter to work day

### MAY

**National Mental Health Month**  
**National Pet Month**  
**National Save Your Tooth Month**  
3: Part 1 Get FIT Webinar  
7: Kentucky Derby  
21: Armed Forces Day

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# MEMBER BENEFIT

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Hopetown Dental Lab is a state-of-the-art digital dental laboratory located in Ft. Worth, Texas. They originally partnered with AAWD in 2019 offering excellent customer service and a HIGHLY competitive fee schedule that is exclusive to AAWD members.

In their words:

"Our team of experienced technicians handle each case with full attention and care from start to finish. We use the best materials available, state-of-the-art equipment, and with our well executed systems, you are guaranteed consistency. We live for the happiness and success of our customers and we love building those relationships. We also take a lot of pride in being "THE LAB THAT THINKS LIKE DENTISTS". Each and every day we work with and train our staff to see each case through the eyes of the clinical team, and recognize the struggles that can occur chair-side. This mantra helps us to better serve our customers and produce restorations that take the least amount of chair-time to deliver."

"We are very excited to earn your trust and build a relationship for years to come!"



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