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## highlights

**2024 AAWD Annual Conference**

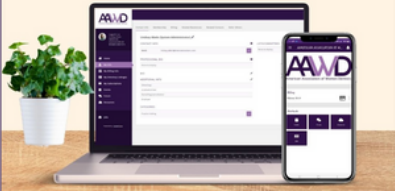
Innovate, Inspire, Impact:  
Women Dentists in the Digital Era

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September 26-29, 2024  
Baltimore, MD




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We will be going live on December 1!

**AAWD Upcoming Events**

April 11		Top 5 Metrics Every Office Should Measure: A Blueprint to Dental Practice Health
April 24		The Good Leasing Guidelines for Women Dentists
May 01		Sleep Apnea: Perspectives and Progress: A joint webinar sponsored by AMWA and AAWD

<https://membersaawd.org/event-calendar>



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## #InspireInclusion #AAWDHeartHands

As Women's History Month comes to a close, we reflect on the incredible strides women have made in dentistry and beyond. This year, the theme "Inspire Inclusion" resonates deeply within the AAWD community as we recognize the importance of fostering diversity and equity in our profession.

Throughout March, AAWD members came together to celebrate Women's History Month with a series of inspiring virtual events aimed at promoting inclusion and empowerment. Our panel discussions, led by experts in their respective fields, served as a reminder of the strength and resilience of women in dentistry.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated and helped make these events a success. Your enthusiasm and dedication are truly inspiring!

Looking ahead, we're excited to invite you to join us for the 2024 AAWD Annual Conference, taking place in September. This year's conference promises to be a celebration of inspiration, togetherness, and achievement. With a focus on innovation, wellness, and leadership, attendees will have the opportunity to connect with fellow members, gain valuable insights, and celebrate the achievements of women dentists in the digital era.

We encourage each and every one of you to mark your calendars and join us in Baltimore for what promises to be an unforgettable experience. Let's come together to inspire, support, and uplift one another as we continue to make history in dentistry.

"Inspire Inclusion means acknowledging the myriad roles women play, breaking free from societal constraints, and fostering a world where every woman's voice is not just heard but amplified. It's about recognizing that true progress is only possible when we ensure equal opportunities, dismantle barriers, and empower women from all walks of life.

For me, WHM is a call to action – an invitation to contribute actively to dismantling gender-based stereotypes and biases. It's about championing inclusivity that embraces the richness of perspectives, experiences, and talents that women bring to the table. Inspire Inclusion is a commitment to fostering environments where women are not just present but are integral architects of positive change."

~Dr. Ambika Srivastava, AAWD Secretary/Treasurer



# #INSPIREINCLUSION



## AAWD Meet-up at ADEA



## AAWD MEMBER RESOURCE

### Removing the Silos between Dentistry and Medicine: An Interview with Dr. Suzanne Bergman

AAWD Members have exclusive access to resources and articles in the AAWD Member Portal. Take a look at our newest resource from the Journal of Maxillofacial Oral Surgery.

The field of medicine has evolved into an abundance of seemingly endless branches on the same medical tree. But somehow, dentistry evolved as a separate field on a different tree. We know that the mouth is part of the same body as the lungs, heart, arms and legs, but dentistry has been considered a separate field for so long that we rarely question that separation. In the past decade, however, the medical and dental fields have begun to acknowledge the connections between their fields, and practitioners are taking a more holistic, integrative approach to health care.

Thank you to Dr. Suzie Bergman for sharing this article with members! To read the full article, please [click this link](#). You must log in to your member portal to access the article.

Questions or issues accessing the portal? Email [info@aawd.org](mailto:info@aawd.org)

# AAWD Chapter and Member Spotlights

## HSDM Mentor Mentee Social

Mentorship is a powerful relationship that can have a profound impact on personal and professional growth. A mentor offers guidance, support, and expertise to a mentee, helping her navigate challenges and achieve her goals. In return, mentees bring fresh perspectives and energy to the relationship, allowing mentors to learn and grow as well.

Mentors provide valuable insights, share their experiences, and offer constructive feedback, helping mentees develop new skills and build confidence. Mentees, on the other hand, bring enthusiasm and creativity to the relationship, allowing mentors to see things from a new perspective and stay current in their field. This mutual exchange fosters a supportive and collaborative environment, where both parties can learn and grow together.

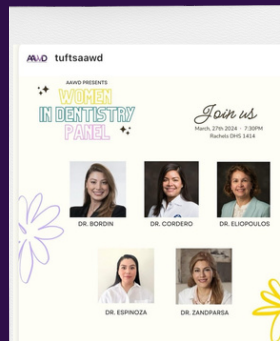
Mentorship helps individuals build a strong foundation, make informed decisions, and achieve their full potential. Moreover, mentorship can lead to lasting relationships, professional networks, and a sense of community, which are essential for success and fulfillment. By embracing mentorship, we can create a culture of support, collaboration, and continuous learning, where everyone can thrive and reach their goals.

Stay tuned for more information about AAWD's new mentorship opportunities this year!

~Roya Zandparsa, AAWD President-Elect



## Tufts Women in Dentistry Panel



## AAWD Member on the Move Dr. Lauren Gritzer and team publish research on transforming dental public health training and is appointed to the ADEA Legislative Advisory Committee

The article, titled "Bridging Gaps: Transforming Dental Public Health Training for Modern Job Market Demands," can be accessed through this link:  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/jdd.13489>.

Overall, Dr. Gritzer and her team's findings underscore the need for DPH residency programs to adapt their curricula to align with the evolving demands of the field. Incorporating clinical training, emphasizing skills in informatics, leadership, research, and grant/professional writing, and providing exposure to emerging technologies like AI are crucial steps in ensuring graduates are competitive and well-prepared for impactful careers in DPH. The study provides valuable insights for educators, policymakers, and practitioners alike. By working together to modernize DPH training programs, we can empower graduates to make substantial contributions to the optimal oral health and overall well-being of communities.

Congratulations Dr. Gritzer!



## AAWD Extends thanks to our outgoing leader!

AAWD offers immense gratitude to Dr. Lea Hachem for her leadership as Director of Academic Affairs from fall 2021 through WHM 2024.



Welcome New Members!

**AAWD is Growing! Say hello to our newest members!**

Athena Goodarzi  
Dina Chehab  
Darlen Gonzalez  
Kelsie Jack  
Tamara Danko  
Afsheen Lakhani  
Anupama Grandhi  
Sumitha Ahmed  
Chloe Eisenhour  
Jennifer Sylvian

Katie Jo Hunt  
Sara Viernes-Chisler  
Sonali Rathore  
Amy Carrico  
Nina Karpoeva  
Anna Arijaona  
Krista Jones  
Sara Whitener  
Kelsey White  
Ana Figueiredo

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### Congratulations to Our Winners!

We're thrilled to announce the lucky recipients of our SmileCon and Women's History Month raffles for conference registration discounts:  
Dr. Jennifer Fong and Dr. Chineze Enwonwu!

Don't miss out on your chance to join us at the forefront of dentistry innovation. Secure your spot today!

Stay tuned for more exciting updates as we gear up for the AAWD Conference, where we'll innovate, inspire, and impact together. See you in Baltimore! 🦷🌟

**Want to be featured or recommend someone as the next member or chapter spotlight? Click here to submit to the next edition!**

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## Upcoming Events

April

**Oral Cancer Awareness Month**

**8-12:** Dental Hygienist Week

**11:** AAWD + LenDR group Educational Webinar

**24:** AAWD + Acuity Educational Webinar

May

**Mental Health Awareness Month**

**01:** AAWD + AWMA Educational Webinar

**6-10:** Root Canal Awareness Week

**08:** National Receptionist Day

**We want to hear from you! What events would you like to see AAWD host? Click here to share your feedback!**

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preferred vendors!

# THE NEW AAWD MEMBER PORTAL

*is here!*

## Stay informed about AAWD event opportunities!

In our ever-evolving dental landscape, continuous learning and networking are paramount to professional growth. AAWD's educational webinars and listening sessions are great opportunities to support your growth!

These events offer invaluable opportunities to engage with industry experts and fellow members, whether you're seeking mentorship, sharing your expertise, or expanding your dental toolkit. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for updates on upcoming events, publicized on the AAWD event calendar on our website and within the member portal (see below).

Best of all, these events are FREE for all AAWD national members, enhancing your professional journey with exclusive benefits. Join us as we delve into diverse topics, exchange ideas, and strengthen our collective expertise. Don't miss out on these opportunities to thrive in the dynamic world of dentistry!

P.S. Have a topic you're passionate about or eager to learn more about? Reach out to us with your suggestions for future webinar and listening session topics!

- [Click here](#) to submit a proposal to present a future AAWD webinar.
- [Click here](#) to share your feedback and suggestions!

Your input shapes our programming to better serve our members' needs.

