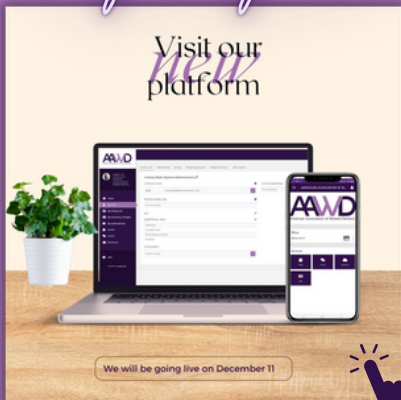


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Advancing Equity in Dentistry: Honoring Women's Equality Day and the Path Forward

Each August 26th, we celebrate Women's Equality Day, honoring the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which granted women the right to vote. This day is a reminder of the strides women have made in the fight for equality, while also highlighting the ongoing challenges we face in achieving true gender equity.

Women's Equality Day is not just a commemoration of a historical milestone; it is a call to action. The suffragettes who fought tirelessly for the right to vote laid the foundation for the broader movement toward women's rights in all areas of life—political, social, and economic. Their legacy reminds us that progress is possible, but it requires collective effort, determination, and resilience.

As women in dentistry, we are part of this ongoing struggle. While we have made significant advancements—such as increasing the number of women in leadership positions and narrowing the gender gap in dental school enrollment—many disparities persist. For instance, dental instruments and equipment are often designed with a one-size-fits-all approach that doesn't consider the smaller hand sizes of many women, leading to discomfort and increased risk of injury. Pregnancy and maternity leave remain significant hurdles, with many women facing difficulties in balancing their careers/practices and family life. The lack of adequate maternity leave policies, coupled with the physical demands of the profession, can force women to make tough choices between their health and their practice.

Moreover, women continue to encounter gender biases and stereotypes that can affect their professional growth and opportunities for advancement. AAWD is committed to addressing these issues by advocating for better-designed tools, promoting policies that support work-life balance, and providing resources and mentorship to help women navigate these unique challenges. We believe that by fostering a supportive, collaborative, and equitable environment, we can empower women to excel in every aspect of their careers.

As we reflect on Women's Equality Day, let's celebrate our achievements while also recognizing the work that remains. Let's commit to supporting one another, advocating for our rights, and creating an inclusive environment where every woman in dentistry can thrive. Whether it's through mentorship, leadership development, or simply by being allies to our peers, each of us has a role in advancing gender equality.

Together, we can honor the legacy of the women who came before us by continuing to push for a more equitable future for all.



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Back to School with AAWD

As we embark on a new academic year, it's the perfect time to reflect on the recent [Student Chapter Biannual Meeting](#) held on August 14, 2024. Led by AAWD Student Representative, Sarah Sveen from BU, The meeting focused on bridging the gap between student chapters and the national AAWD association. Below are some takeaways and updates. Click the link above to watch the recording!



Sarah Sveen
AAWD Student Rep.

Submit Your Roster Updates: To keep our records up to date and ensure your chapter remains in good standing, we encourage all student chapters to submit their roster updates as soon as possible. You can do so by filling out the [Student Chapter Update Form](#).

Spotlight Your Activities: AAWD is eager to spotlight the fantastic work our student chapters are doing. Whether it's community service projects, social events, or innovative fundraising efforts, we want to share your successes with the broader AAWD community. Submit your spotlight through the [Chronicle Submission Form](#). Don't forget to send us updates and photos of your activities!

Fundraising for Smiles for Success: We also encourage all chapters to consider organizing a fundraiser for the Smiles for Success (SFS) Foundation. This is a wonderful opportunity to give back and make a difference in the lives of women in need. Check out the [SFS Fundraising Flyer](#) for creative ideas and tips. Remember, there's an annual award for the most creative fundraiser, so let's see what you can do!

Membership Obligations and Benefits: As a gentle reminder, student chapters must ensure that all members have paid their national AAWD dues. In return, active members gain access to valuable resources like the AAWD Member Portal, monthly educational webinars, and more. Don't miss out on these opportunities to advance your professional journey.

Get Involved: Mentorship and Chronicle Committee: This year, we're excited to offer more opportunities for involvement. If you're interested in being paired with a mentor through our [Bridge to Brilliance Mentorship Program](#) or joining the [Chronicle Committee](#), now is the time to apply. These roles offer excellent chances to grow professionally and contribute to AAWD in meaningful ways.

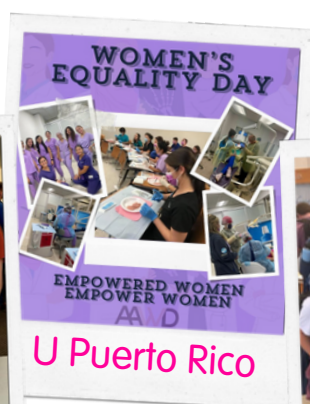
Chapter Spotlight: Finally, we want to give a shoutout to a few chapters for their recent Instagram posts that caught our eye. Whether it's highlighting volunteer efforts or showcasing fun social events, your creativity and enthusiasm are inspiring. Keep tagging us at [@aawd1921](#) so we can continue to feature your amazing work!



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Shape the Future: Join the AAWD Bridge to Brilliance Mentorship Program Today!

This fall, AAWD is launching the Bridge to Brilliance Mentorship Program, and we invite you to be part of the inaugural group. Whether you're a student or early career dentist seeking guidance, or a seasoned professional eager to mentor, this pilot program offers unique one-on-one connections. Join us as we shape the future of dentistry—sign up today to gain valuable insights or to share your expertise with the next generation.

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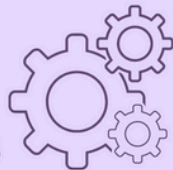
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Student Chapter Spotlight

Welcome back U Oklahoma student chapter!

Dr. Ashley Cook: Faculty Advisor
Sruthi Venogopalakrishnan: President
Christina Walden: Vice President
Alyssa Dambreville: Secretary
Chanock Lee: Treasurer



Welcome VCU student chapter!

Dr. Ana Cristina Andrada: Faculty Advisor
Dr. Sarah Glass: Faculty Advisor
Jenny Nguyen: President
Mallory Hooper: Vice President
Sydney LaScola: Secretary
Chunbo Huang: Treasurer
Smruthi Shah: Social Chair

Chyna Wyche: Lunch & Learn Chair
Michelle Quach: Community Outreach

Cherry Takawi: Fundraising Chair
Brooke Attkisson: Historian

AAWD Member Spotlight

Dr. Suzie Bergman delivered a TEDx talk on June 8th in Edmonton, Canada, as part of a women's event with a diverse group of speakers that celebrated DEI with the theme of "Harmony in Growth." The title of her talk is "Why is healthcare 'disjointed?'" In this Talk, Dr. Suzie shares her unique perspective as a healthcare professional who not only treats TMD but also lives with the condition herself. Through her journey, she reveals the often-overlooked complexities of TMD and advocates for a more integrated approach to healthcare. She highlights the critical need for a holistic model that better serves patients with complex, interconnected conditions. Dr. Suzie is a researcher and devoted dental practitioner, passionate about improving healthcare outcomes for patients.

Dr. Suzie is hopeful that sharing her perspective as both a chronic facial pain patient and a provider will create meaningful change by raising awareness and inviting stakeholders to engage.

Her goal is to have an impact on research, education and integrated healthcare delivery by extending a call to action. In order to get movement, the video needs lots of views, to demonstrate that it is a compelling piece of content. Let's support Dr. Bergman's efforts! Please watch and share the video within ADA networks.

[Click Here to Watch!](#)



Welcome New Members!

AAWD is Growing! Say hello to our newest members!

Dr. Mary Abeln

Dr. Irelsy Rivera Velazquez

Dr. Melissa Shotell

Chunbo Huang

Sydney Lascola

Jenny Nguyen

MALLORY HOOPER

Haily Fitzer

Dr. Sheela Kudchadker

Dr. Salam Ramadan

Olivia Pille

Maggie Currie

Dr. Michelle Ghusson

Upcoming Events

September

- Gum Care Month
- Office Manager Appreciation Month
- 2:** Labor Day
- 2:** National Mouth Guard Day
- 13:** Stand Up To Cancer Day
- 17:** International Patient Safety Day

October

- Dental Hygiene Month
- Orthodontic Health Month
- 4:** World Smile Day
- 16:** Boss's 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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