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## highlights



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Meet Dr. Isabel Rambob!

Greetings AAWD Members,

It is a great honor to lead AAWD in the next two years. I am very excited to work with Dr. Roya Zandparsa (President-Elect), Dr. Ambika Srivastava (Secretary/Treasurer), Dr. Daphne Ferguson-Young (Past President), Ms. Lindsay Abeln (our new Executive Director), the Board of Directors and IAM staff to promote AAWD's mission: advancing, connecting and enriching the lives of women dentists. I take my role as the AAWD President very seriously, and I aim to honor the legacy of women leaders before me, inspire young girls from underrepresented groups to pursue dentistry, support the wellbeing and professional development of women dentists, and advocate for more women dentists in leadership roles.

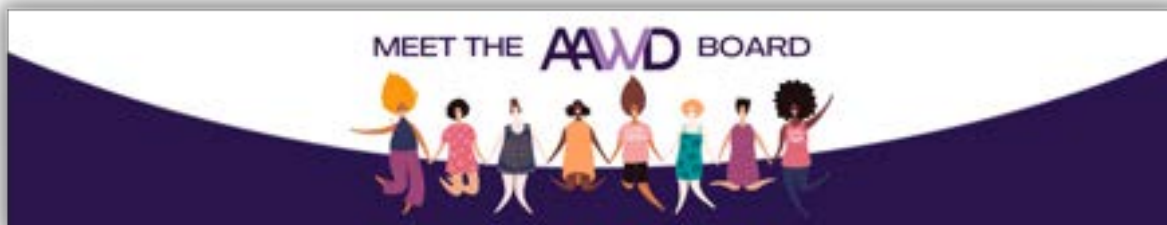
A little bit about me: I am originally from Brazil where I received my Doctor of Dental Surgery degree. I have been living in Maryland for over 20 years. Maryland is my home, and I love crabcakes! I have been a faculty at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry for 14 years. Currently I teach Behavioral Dentistry to year 2 dental students, and I am the Director of the Domestic Violence Clerkship. To fulfill my entrepreneurial spirit, I started Rambob Training Services, a company that provides interpersonal communication training and coaching to dentists and dental teams. I am very enthusiastic about trying new things and will not hesitate to embark on new adventures, whether traveling, learning something new, or exploring different cuisines. I am looking forward to connecting with you—our members—listening to your concerns and suggestions and strengthening the value of the AAWD membership.

In this role, my primary goal is supporting women in dentistry. We see the number of women dentists increasing, but that representation has not yet translated to leadership positions. We still see fewer female than male speakers at dental conferences and events, and it is essential to continue the work to advance women not only in dentistry in general, but in dental leadership. AAWD offers women dentists a platform and voice that they may not have an equal chance of receiving in other dental organizations. I see endless possibilities ahead of us, and I ask for your support to build on the already established strength of our organization. Together we are stronger!

"The woman who does not require validation from anyone is the most feared individual on the planet." Mohadesa Najumi. May we be unstoppable in the pursuit of excellence, may we lift each other up and celebrate the accomplishments of women dentists.

Our future looks bright!





*Dr. Isabel Rambob*

Dream Superpower: eliminate people's suffering

Dream Convo: Abraham Lincoln

Most used emoji: 😊

President

*Dr. Roya Zandparsa*

Dream Superpower: teleportation

Dream Convo: Albert Einstein

Most used emoji: 🙌

President-Elect

*Dr. Ambika Srivastava*

Dream Superpower: read through osmosis

Dream Convo: My grand-parents

Most used emoji: 😂

Secretary/Treasurer

*Dr. Lea Hachem*

Dream Superpower: teleportation

Dream Convo: My grand-mother

Most used emoji: ❤️

Director of Academic Affairs

*Dr. Brittany McCrorey*

Dream Superpower: teleportation

Dream Convo: Michelle Obama

Most used emoji: ❤️

Director of Membership and Chapters

# Thank You

*Dr. Daphne Ferguson-Young*

For serving as 2022 interim president and your continued service as Immediate Past President



*Donna Deans*

For serving as AAWD Executive Director from 2016-2022 and your continued service as Director of Conference Services



# AAWD Boston Tri-School Meet and Mingle Network Event

The AAWD Tufts chapter hosted the Meet and Mingle Boston Tri-School Network Event at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine during the Yankee Dental Congress on January 26, 2023! Special shout out to **Harvard School of Dental Medicine**, **Tufts University School of Dental Medicine**, and **Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine** for this wonderful collaboration and to **Dr. Kadambari Rawal** for an insightful presentation on the Smiles for Success Program.

Smiles for Success [SFS] offers cost-free dental care to women graduates of accredited job readiness and placement programs or community-based agencies, thus helping those who are helping themselves. The dental care offered is a solution to those who need treatment unavailable to them through insurance or government programs as they move from public assistance to employment. SFS provides an opportunity for the dental community to assist women on public assistance confidently obtain employment and financial independence.

We are encouraging all AAWD members throughout the country to get involved in such a great cause. Interested in becoming an SFS volunteer Dentist? [Click here](#) to provide your info, and SFS will contact you! Click the link in this page's Philanthropy Corner to donate to SFS. Keep an eye out for more SFS volunteer opportunities this year!

On behalf of myself and the board, I would like to recognize our corporate sponsors and extend the invitation to other companies to partner with AAWD, the leading organization whose focus is to promote and advance women dentists.

I would like to extend the BOD appreciation to all the AAWD Chapters' members (HSDM, BSDM, and TUSDM), Presidents, Advisors, and Faculties that have been serving and supporting our AAWD mission: Advancing, Connecting & Enriching the Lives of Women Dentists.

Dr. Roya Zandparsa  
AAWD President Elect



AAWD Meet & Mingle, The Boston Tri-School Network Event



HSDM, BSDM, and TUSDM  
AAWD Faculty Advisors



Dr. Roya Zandparsa with AAWD  
Boston Tri-School Presidents

## Dr. Rambob Represents AAWD at the ADA Diversity and Inclusion Committee Meeting



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## Member Spotlight



Thank you for  
serving as the  
2022 AAWD BOD  
Student  
Representative

Arassa Joseph

Student Doctor Arassa Joseph served as the 2022 AAWD Student Representative on the AAWD Board of Directors. So who better to take our first member spotlight of 2023!

Arassa was born and raised in Port Au Prince, Haiti, and migrated to the United States in 2010 to pursue her college education. She earned a bachelor's in Biology and Interdisciplinary Studies from Florida International University. She considers her services to the community as her greatest college accomplishments, including participating in the Women's Health Initiatives, Relay for life, and Give Kids a Smile.

Arassa is completing her dental education at University of Detroit Mercy.

## Upcoming Events



### FEBRUARY

13: Galentine's Day  
14: Valentine's Day  
23-25: Chicago Midwinter Meeting  
28: National Tooth Fairy Day  
28: Chronicle Monthly, Ed 2

### MARCH

6: National Dentist's Day  
5-7: ADA Lobby Day  
8: International Women's Day  
11-14: ADEA Annual Session and Exhibition  
16-18: Hinman Dental Meeting  
20: First Day of Spring

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

Gonna Slay this Galentine's Day  
XOXO



AAWD Maryland Student Chapter

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AAWD philanthropy Corner



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As part of their insurance program, they offer a highly regarded risk management seminar and would love to host a members only virtual webinar for AAWD! The seminar is 4.5 hours in length, offers up to 4.5 hours of CE credit, and provides a 10% professional liability credit for 3 years to PPP insureds. Not a PPP insured? If you attend the seminar and become a PPP insured within 1 year of your attendance, you will be able to add the credit to your new policy\*!

Click below to take a brief survey to help us gauge member interest and accommodate meeting preferences. Thank you!

*\*Not applicable for the 1st year new grad policy.*

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