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2025 Annual Installation

Dentist of the Year: Dr. Michael Rainwater

The Dallas County Dental Society is proud to announce Dr. Michael Rainwater as the 2025 Dentist of the Year—our highest tribute to a member who exemplifies the best of the dental profession through service, leadership, and dedication to lifelong learning.

Presented annually at the DCDS Installation Ceremony and Dinner, the DCDS Dentist of the Year Award recognizes a dentist who has made significant contributions to the field of dentistry, both in private practice and through organized dentistry, while also demonstrating a commitment to community service and continuing education. This year's honoree, Dr. Rainwater, is not only a model clinician, but also a quiet and steady force behind countless efforts that have strengthened the dental community in Dallas and across Texas.

A proud alumnus of Baylor College of Dentistry and Texas Tech University, Dr. Rainwater has spent decades building a respected practice while giving tirelessly of his time to support organized dentistry. He served on the DCDS Board and as a Delegate to the Texas Dental Association for nearly ten years. He is a longtime supporter of the TDA Smiles Foundation and a dependable presence at Texas Mission of Mercy events and pre-screenings, helping expand access to care for underserved Texans. For the past 15 years, he has helped organize Dentistry with a Heart in conjunction with the Park Cities Rotary Club, providing more than $350,000 in donated dental services to those in need. His impact has been both broad and deeply personal to those he serves.

Dr. Mary Swift, who has worked on charity events with Dr. Rainwater, noted, "Dr. Rainwater is one of those rare individuals who can achieve great things for others without expectation of reward or gratitude in return. He truly gives in the spirit of giving. He gives his time, talent and compassion freely and quietly. He is the most humble dentist I have ever met."

In 2018, he received the DCDS President's Award—and his service to DCDS didn't stop there. From 2019 to 2023, Dr. Rainwater served as President of the DCDS Foundation, where his leadership helped grow outreach programs, strengthen scholarship funding, and enhance the Foundation's role in the Dallas dental community. His work was marked not by fanfare but by quiet dedication and an unwavering commitment to service.

Dr. Drew Vanderbrook who presented the award to Dr. Rainwater, remarks, "Michael Rainwater is the kind of dentist who leads by example. He shows up, listens well, follows through, and earns the respect of everyone around him—not through loud speeches, but through quiet, consistent service."

In a touching moment of continuity and legacy, this year's award carries added significance: 38 years ago, the same honor was presented to Dr. Rainwater's father—a rare and remarkable moment in DCDS history.

Please join us in celebrating Dr. Michael Rainwater, whose leadership, humility, and heart have earned him the title of 2025 DCDS Dentist of the Year.



Dr. Michael Rainwater (left) is shown receiving his award from Dr. Drew Vanderbrook. View all of this year's award recipients on page 14 of this publication.

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The Write Stuff

Andrew Read-Fuller, DDS, MD, President

DCDS Presidential Address



It is an honor and a privilege to accept the position of President of the Dallas County Dental Society. As you all know, our organization has a long history of producing leaders in organized dentistry including presidents of the Texas Dental Association, American Dental Association, and specialty organizations such as the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, The American Association of Orthodontists, and soon, our first president of the American Academy of Periodontology in Dr. Brad Crump. This incredible legacy has set a high standard of service and leadership, which I hope to uphold during my term.

I want to thank Dr. Celeste Latham for her incredible work over the past year. While it is bittersweet that she is ending her term as president, I am grateful to have her on the Board for another year, and I hope to continue the tone of collaboration, civility, and enthusiasm for DCDS that she has set. I also want to thank the other past presidents and board members with whom I have served since joining the board in 2019. I have learned something from each one of them about the practice of dentistry, our dental society, and how we can serve our members better.

One former DCDS president, Dr. R.V. Walker, has influenced me and many others even after his passing. He was famous for many things, but one of his most well known and often repeated sayings was “do and be seen doing.” It was Dr. Walker’s belief that service through commitment to professional leadership is not just a supplemental activity for some but is a duty for all.

It was this philosophy, in part, that drew me to do my oral and maxillofacial surgery training at Parkland, which is the house that Dr. Walker built. Although I did not specifically intend to make Texas my forever home when I moved to Dallas in 2011, the network of outstanding colleagues and professionals, and the opportunity to practice my specialty at the highest possible level has kept me here. Meeting my incredible wife, Megan, during residency (a pediatrician practicing at Children’s Hospital) also further cemented Dallas as our home.

As DCDS president, I hope to promote the importance of professional leadership and service that Dr. Walker and so many other leaders espoused. As leaders, we often talk about increasing our membership, which is important and something we will continue to do, but emphasizing membership value is of equal or greater importance. I want as many members as possible to feel like they have a home in DCDS and a way to participate and contribute to the success of the society.

DCDS is undoubtedly a top tier organization, not only because of our dentist leaders, but also our excellent staff led by the amazing Jane Evans, who has also served as a mentor and friend over these past 6 years on the board. I will never forget when Jane called me and encouraged me to run for a position on the board of directors. When I agreed to join the board, I did not realize at the time what I was getting myself into, but I will be forever grateful for her encouragement.

Nevertheless, this is a challenging time for all professional organizations. The changing nature of dental practice and lasting effects of the COVID pandemic which has accelerated our

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Dr. Andrew Read-Fuller (right) accepts the gavel from Dr. Brad Crump as he is sworn in as DCDS President.



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Impressions

Editorial by Simmi Patel, DDS, Editor

Elevating Ourselves



At the end of each workday, I am sure you think, "What didn't go well today and what went well?" like me. But who is brave enough to tell you that your personality may have gotten in the way on those bad days? As dentists, not everyone is willing to let us know if we need to think about our behaviors in certain circumstances. We are not perfect, and mistakes are going to happen. Sometimes we patiently assess situations and still make wrong decisions. Who is the person that you trust the most that can share your flaws with you?

For me, it's of course my spouse but also four dental assistants that I have worked with since 2010. I rely on their wisdom so much, but I don't think they know it. They notice everything. Our front desk will tell me that I did not use the bathroom enough that day. Our lead RDA in the back will tell me not to stress out when a patient is demanding and unrealistic (surely you don't have to worry about these people in your practices). Our other two dental assistants notice if I am not feeling well or in pain. Last year when I had a fever, one of them told me to go home. They make me think twice before reacting. I really appreciate their courage to speak up and give such great advice. Do you take the time to listen to your staff?

Being a dentist doesn't mean we always have it all together—and I'm grateful for the people in my life who love me enough to point out my flaws with honesty and care. Their feedback keeps me grounded and makes it easier for our hygienist to speak candidly with me too. (I've worked with our hygiene faculty since 2010.) This year, she gave me a birthday gift—a little Emotional Support Dumpster Fire Doll—because, in her words, she sees me putting out fires all the time.

Why is it important for us to listen to others when they see things? When we become dentists, it elevates us. Our power and responsibilities increase as well. However, we need to pay attention to feedback from others to keep ourselves grounded. Otherwise, we



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can create distances between our patients and staff. The less of a gap we keep, the more our patients can relate and be willing to listen to us. Our patients feel at home when these dynamics are in place as well. Since we are open with each other, we are always smiling and laughing because we can tell each other anything. When one of us suffers a loss, we all suffer from that loss. Similarly, we celebrate our successes together. That's how it should be.

If you are earlier in your career, you may not feel close to your dental staff, so you may have to rely on a colleague to keep your personality in check. However, you should surround yourself with friends that are willing to support you. It has taken me many years to find a dental community that is willing to look after me. I hope that we all take the time to consider what our character flaws are and ask friends and colleagues to feel free to remind us of when we are pushing the boundaries.



DCDS member dentists are given the unique (and first) opportunity to hire new, fully trained dental assistants from DCDS Dental Assisting School. If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a dental assistant, send them this way! For more information on having a student extern at your practice, please contact the Program Director, Angela Bush, at info@dcdsdas.org or click here.

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From The Hub

by Jane D. Evans, Executive Director



DCDS Celebrates Annual Officer Installation Ceremony

The Dallas County Dental Society (DCDS) proudly held its annual Officer Installation Ceremony on May 15, 2025, officially inducting the newly elected leadership for the 2025–2026 term. The event brought together members, colleagues, and families to celebrate a new chapter of service, commitment, and collaboration.

The new officers were formally installed during a special segment led by Dr. Brad Crump. As they took their oaths of office, the incoming team pledged to uphold the organization's values and work collectively to advance its mission.

In his inaugural address, incoming President Dr. Read-Fuller expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve. He shared an inspiring vision for the year ahead, emphasizing collaboration, membership growth, and strengthening the Society's relationship with Texas A&M College of Dentistry—highlighting that five faculty members currently serve on the Board (see page 8 for details on the 2025–2026 Board).

The evening also marked a historic milestone: for the first time in DCDS history, a father and son have both been honored with the DCDS Dentist of the Year award. Dr. Michael Rainwater received the prestigious recognition, following in the footsteps of his father, Dr. Gary Rainwater, who earned the award in 1987.



A heartwarming and memorable moment occurred at Installation during Dr. Read-Fuller's speech when his young son quietly slipped onto the stage and began dancing behind him—much to the audience's delight!

DCDS looks forward to a productive and impactful year under the leadership of its newly installed officers.

On behalf of the DCDS Executive Office team, we are proud to support the Board and look forward to a successful year ahead.

SWDC Reminder

DCDS members, click here to register for free through July 14, 2025. After July 14, 2025, DCDS members will be required to pay a $50.00 registration fee.

2025 Southwest Dental Conference

We look forward to seeing many of you at the 2025 Southwest Dental Conference! It's a fantastic opportunity to connect with colleagues and gain valuable insights from a wide range of enriching lectures and hands-on workshops. You won't be disappointed by the outstanding lineup of scheduled clinicians. If you haven't already, be sure to register yourself and your team today!

DCDS Half Dues Initiative

It's that time of year to promote half dues for dentists. If you know someone who was not a member in 2024, they can join for half dues starting July 1, 2025, gaining all the membership benefits offered by the Texas Dental Association and the American Dental Association, as well as by DCDS. They can become a member by visiting TDA.org. Once they become a member, they are eligible to register for the SWDC at no additional registration fee if registered prior to July 14, 2025.



Incoming officers, board members, committee chairman, committee members, delegates, and alternate delegates as they took the oath of office.

View more photos of the Installation Ceremony and Dinner on pages 14 and 15 of this publication.

New Dentists

News and perspective from dentists under 10 years of practice



by Stephanie Bowers, DDS

Protecting your Mental Health Outside the Practice

> **Neglecting rest, joy, and identity outside of our careers doesn't make us more dedicated; it makes us more depleted.**

In dentistry, it seems there are two different types of stressing out. We have those weeks that are packed solid—appointments from Monday through Friday, emergencies piling up, running on caffeine and clinical autopilot. The kind where the to-do list never gets shorter, and even the smallest complication feels like a tipping point. Then there are those quieter weeks, when patients keep dropping off the schedule, it gets harder to keep the team busy, and you start to spiral. Whichever type of stressful week you are having, it's time to do something that lights up your heart and your mind, that doesn't involve a handpiece or local anesthetic.

As summer kicks off, many of us in Texas are preparing to hide indoors in the air conditioning for several months. This season often brings some natural ups and downs in the schedule with many people leaving town for weeks at a time. But these stressful times are the perfect time to reconnect with the parts of ourselves that exist outside the operatory. I love taking care of patients, but I've learned that loving it simply isn't enough to keep feelings of burnout away. Like many of you, I've felt the weight of clinical pressure, emotional fatigue, and the creeping realization that my identity may be becoming defined entirely by work.

Dentistry demands precision, patience, empathy, and often perfection—all delivered in 30- to 90-minute blocks, back-to-back. We don't just fix teeth; we manage pain, anxiety, and expectations, all while running a business and staying current with constantly evolving technology, science and regulations. It's no surprise that burnout, anxiety, and depression are more prevalent in dentistry than in many other health professions. Over time, these cumulative stressors can drain the very qualities that make us good at our jobs: compassion, focus, and precision. If we don't actively replenish those reserves—mentally, physically, emotionally—we risk running on empty. And when that happens, the quality of care we deliver begins to suffer, no matter how committed we are.

I remember being asked in dental school what I liked to do in my free time and my response was "what is free time?". In residency, and throughout my first couple years in practice, I have found that my passions outside of surgery are exercise and baking. I have become one of those crazy people who wakes up before dawn to fit in a workout. I would be lying if I said I leap out of bed smiling every morning, but I can promise that the entire day feels so much more grounded when I make that time for myself. I have also been known to wake up early to finish frosting cupcakes to take to my team. Life is all about balance, right? My husband, who is also a periodontist, is working on getting his Pilot's license. He fits these flight lessons in throughout the week, often going right after a long day of surgeries. Dr. Tomlin finds her balance in playing tennis and pursuing her passion for interior design, when she's not busy cheering on her kids at all their sporting events.

The most common excuse, and one I've said myself, is: "I just don't have time." But the truth is, we don't have time to not make time for ourselves. Engaging in hobbies reduces stress, improves cognitive flexibility, and lowers the risk of burnout. Physical activity, in particular, improves sleep quality, lowers cortisol levels and increases endorphins. Your hobby doesn't have to be elaborate. Start small: 20 minutes a week doing something that has nothing to do with dentistry. Try a new recipe. Go for a walk. Plant something. Pick up that activity you used to love before dental school or before owning your own practice.

Neglecting rest, joy, and identity outside of our careers doesn't make us more dedicated; it makes us more depleted. When we invest in ourselves outside of practice, we show up better for our patients and our team. We're more patient with our patients, more present with our teams, and more resilient when complications arise. Caring for our own mental health isn't indulgent—it's essential. If you've been feeling stretched thin, know that you're not alone—and that a small shift might make a big difference. I'll leave you with a quote from a yoga teacher I had during dental school: "Life is too short to be stressed out, out of shape, and uninspired."

DCDS Member's Message Board

Upcoming Events

July 28 – Fluoride Town Hall Meeting

August 22-23 – 2025 Southwest Dental Conference

September 23 – General Membership Meeting

November 18 – General Membership Meeting

Register for these and more at www.dcds.org/events



Welcome New Members!

General Dentists
Hyeri Ahn
Darren Rodrigues
Denise Sanchez
Jonathan Sanders

Dental Anesthesiology
Allison Lee

Oral & Maxiofacial Pathology
Maria Leticia Ferreira Cabido

Pediatric Dentistry
Ademola Cole

Prosthodontics
Andreina Cordido Enriquez

In Memoriam:

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Richard Burt

Tommy Gage

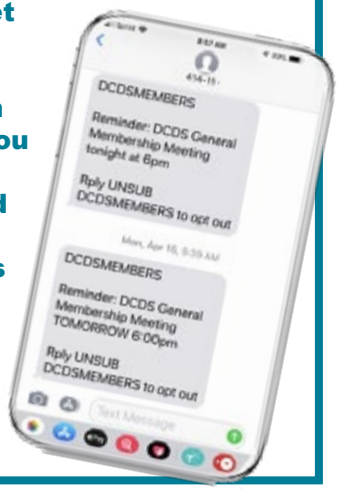
Looking for a job? Have a position to fill in your office? Want to sell or buy office space and office equipment?

List it on the DCDS.org Job Bank/ Practice Sales! Members list for free ($75/month for non-members.) Email a brief summary (100 words or less, in paragraph format) of the post to: rosemary@dcds.org.



TEXT MESSAGE REMINDERS: Text DCDSMEMBERS to (833) 258-7645.

Have you ever wished you could receive reminders for DCDS meetings and events? Do you forget to put events/ meetings on your calendar? DCDS implemented text messaging so you will not forget another meeting. Just sign up and you will be reminded of future meetings and events.





Watching a colleague suffer and feeling helpless is difficult and heartbreaking. Dentists Concerned for Dentists is a 24-hour confidential alcohol and drug abuse hotline you can call for assistance.

Your phone call could be the lifesaving step for someone who is hoping and waiting.

- **Founded exclusively to help dentists, hygienists, assistants and family members.**
- **No fees or charges.**
- **All contact is held in absolute confidentiality.**

The Dentists Concerned for Dentists program provides a strictly confidential peer assistance program for health care professionals who struggle with drug and alcohol abuse. Please share this confidential hotline with your colleagues.

A confidential phone call may be the greatest gift a peer dentist, staff or family member could receive.

DENTISTS CONCERNED FOR DENTISTS

24-hour Confidential Hotline

214-206-7496

HELP YOURSELF

If you're in crisis, there are options available to help you cope. You can call the above hotline at any time to speak to someone and get support. For confidential support available 24/7 for everyone in the United States, you can also call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

Need Meeting Space?

As a member of the DCDS, you can take advantage of low member rates when renting the Society's Executive Office for your next meeting.

The Dr. O.V. Cartwright Reception Hall is perfect for registration and a pre-function gathering.

The Dr. Paul P. Taylor Executive Board Room can seat 14 around a large conference table.

The Dr. D. Lamar Byrd Auditorium is 1,650 square feet of meeting space that can seat up to 125.

Audio/visual equipment is also available.

DCDS facilities include free parking,free wifi, use of small kitchenette, and ability to bring in food and non-alcoholic beverages.

For more info, contact Ashley Hawkins at 972-386-5741 or email info@dcds.org.





Applause, Applause for New Board!



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- Free registration to DCDS's annual Southwest Dental Conference
- Peer Review mediation service to reconcile complaints between patients and doctors
- Rent DCDS meeting facilities at special member rates
- Free or discounted continuing education via seminars & General Membership Meetings
- First opportunity to hire fully trained world-class assistants from DCDS Dental Assisting School
- Preprinted school excuse forms provided free of charge to dentists treating school-age children
- Confidential free notary public
- DCDS Connection, the bimonthly newsletter of Dallas County Dental Society (member advertising at reduced rates)
- Member mailing labels available for purchase
- Grassroots legislator contact program with state and national legislative representation
- License renewal reminders
- Networking/social opportunities with colleagues

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www.dcds.org/membership

Applause, Applause!



Congratulations to **Dr. Larry Tadlock** who was honored with two awards at the American Association of Orthodontics @aao.info 2025 annual session in Philadelphia: the 2026 James E. Brophy AAO Distinguished Service Award, presented to those who have made contributions to orthodontics in addition to other valuable and devoted services to the Association and to its membership; and the American Board of Orthodontics Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics, presented to an exemplary senior clinician and board-certified orthodontist who demonstrates exceptional dedication to orthodontics through clinical excellence and/or devoted teaching.

Congratulations to **Dr. Carmen Smith**, who was awarded the Gold Medal for Distinguished Service at the 155th Annual Session of the Texas Dental Association House of Delegates! The highest award given by the TDA, this prestigious honor is awarded annually to one dentist who has demonstrated exceptional service and leadership within the dental profession at local, state and national levels.



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Dr. George R. Clark
Dr. Gary T. Foster
Dr. Ferrin H. Holcomb
Dr. Murray L. London
Dr. Hugh Z. Pruett
Dr. Kenneth W. Rogers
Dr. Dee S. Trees

2024 Dallas County Dental Society 50 Year Members

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Dr. Ellis L. Ramsey, Jr.
Dr. James H. Reisman
Dr. Richard B. Skibell
Dr. Gary B. Solomon

2024 Dallas County Dental Society Good Fellows (25 Year Members)

Doctors obtaining Good Fellow status have maintained 25 years of continuous membership with the Texas Dental Association.

Dr. Andy C. Chang
Dr. Brad Crump
Dr. Mercedes Dominguez
Dr. Maryam Mojdehi
Dr. Jeff M. Roy
Dr. Reginald W. Taylor

2024 Dallas County Dental Society Life Members

Dr. Jessie L. Andrews
Dr. Robert H. Beckmann
Dr. Paul Buxt
Dr. Robert Cederberg
Dr. Pamela Moore
Dr. Helena Neville
Dr. Elisabeth Rowold-Garciamendez
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2025 SOUTHWEST DENTAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMS

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

COURSE #	TITLE	CLINICIAN	TIME	EARLY BIRD	AFTER JULY 14
	SPECIAL EVENTS				
F01	CE Express: See registration brochure for a list of clinicians and topics		8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	$75	$85
	Smiles & Snacks: A Dental Networking Break in the Exhibit Hall		11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	FREE	FREE
F02	Hygiene CE Express: See registration brochure for a list of clinicians and topics.		12:30-4:30 p.m.	$75	$85
	WORKSHOPS				
F03	Equipment Maintenance and Repair Workshop	Burkhart	9:00-11:00 a.m.	$65	$75
F04	Equipment Maintenance and Repair Workshop (Repeat)	Burkhart	1:00-3:00 p.m.	$65	$75
F05	Immediate Implant Placement and Provisionalization Workshop	Goodacre	1:00-4:00 p.m.	$275	$285
F06	Treating the Class IV Fracture with Composite Resins Workshop	Margeas	1:00-4:00 p.m.	$250	$260
F07	Anatomically Centered Endodontics: A Logical and Simple Pathway to Long Term Success Workshop	Fleury	1:30-4:30 p.m.	$225	$235
F08	Exquisite Temporaries Made Simple Workshop	Kleive	1:30-4:30 p.m.	$200	$210
	MORNING LECTURES				
F09	Immediate Implant Placement and Provisionalization in the Esthetic Zone	Goodacre	8:00-11:00 a.m.	$45	$55
F10	What You Can't See COULD Hurt You!: An Infection Prevention and Control Update	Gregory	8:00-11:00 a.m.	$45	$55
F11	The Trifecta of Health: Exploring the Oral Microbiome, Inflammation and Gut Health	Jahn	8:00-11:00 a.m.	$45	$55
F12	Practical Tips for the Everyday Practicing Dentist	Margeas	8:00-11:00 a.m.	$45	$55
F13	Common Dental Pathology on CBCT Scans	Miles	8:00-11:00 a.m.	$45	$55
F14	Modern Dental Practice Mastery: Branding, Digital Workflows, and Profit Optimization	Ritter	8:00-11:00 a.m.	$45	$55
F15	Do You Take My Insurance? Secrets of Dealing with the Biggest Insurance Challenges	Anderson	8:30-11:30 a.m.	$45	$55
F16	A No Gimmicks, No Gadgets Approach to Sleep Medicine for the Dental Practice	Bender	8:30-11:30 a.m.	$45	$55
F17	Anatomically Centered Endodontics: A Logical and Simple Pathway to Long Term Success	Fleury	8:30-11:30 a.m.	$45	$55
F18	The Ultimate Assistant: Mastering the Skills to Make Yourself Irreplaceable	Kleive	8:30-11:30 a.m.	$45	$55
F19	Enhancing Oral and Systemic Health Through Nutrition and Dietary Supplements	Low Dog	8:30-11:30 a.m.	$45	$55
F20	The A to Z of Socket Site Management for Dental Implants	D. Wong	8:30-11:30 a.m.	$45	$55
F21	Caring for the Orthognathic Surgery and Cleft Lip/Palate Patient: Advice for Dental Practitioners	P. Wong	8:30-11:30 a.m.	$45	$55
F22	Creating and Sustaining a Positive Practice: Using the Seven Secrets of Getting Along for a More Positive Workplace	Callis-Birchmeier	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	$45	$55

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	AFTERNOON LECTURES				
F23	Dentistry's Role in Mass Disaster/Child Abuse and Intimate Partner Violence Recognition	Cardoza	1:00-4:00 p.m.	$45	$55
F24	Safety Stuff That Matters! OSHA and Infection Control Review	Gregory	1:00-4:00 p.m.	$45	$55
F25	The Connection Between Poor Oral Health and Dementia	Jahn	1:00-4:00 p.m.	$45	$55
F26	Radiographic Detection of Type II Diabetes Mellitus in CBCT Images	Miles	1:00-4:00 p.m.	$45	$55
F27	Avoiding Pitfalls in Oral Surgery	Read-Fuller	1:00-4:00 p.m.	$45	$55
F28	Clinical Success Using ZIP (Zirconia-Implants-Pressed Ceramic) in the Everyday Practice	Ritter	1:00-4:00 p.m.	$45	$55
F29	Stop Cancellations! Secrets to Managing and Maintaining a Predictable, Productive Schedule	Anderson	1:30-4:30 p.m.	$45	$55
F30	TMD's: From Triage to Treament	Bender	1:30-4:30 p.m.	$45	$55
F31	The Mind Gut Connection	Low Dog	1:30-4:30 p.m.	$45	$55
F32	Enteral Sedation Success	Seifikar	1:30-4:30 p.m.	$45	$55
F33	Oral Plastic Surgery Comes Full Circle: Treating Gingival Deformities and the Perio-Restorative Connection	D. Wong	1:30-4:30 p.m.	$45	$55
F34	READY, Set, Change! Simplify and Accelerate Organizational Change	Callis-Birchmeier	2:00-5:00 p.m.	$45	$55
F35	Oral Allergies and Contact Reactions: What You Are Itching to Know	Plemons	2:00-5:00 p.m.	$45	$55
F36	Hurts So...Swell!: Management of Dental Pain and Appropriate Opioid Prescribing Practices	Viola	2:00-5:00 p.m.	$45	$55

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

COURSE #	TITLE	CLINICIAN	TIME	EARLY BIRD	AFTER JULY 14
	SPECIAL EVENTS				
S01	ICD BREAKFAST		7:00-9:00 a.m.		
S02	Hygiene CE Express: See registration brochure for a list of clinicians and topics		8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	$75	$85
	WORKSHOPS				
S03	21st Century Laser-Assisted Dentistry Workshop	Cardoza	12:30-3:30 p.m.	$350	$360
S04	Minimally Invasive Ceramic Onlays and Overlays Workshop	Seibert	12:30-3:30 p.m.	$250	$260
S05	How to Take Great Photos of Teeth Workshop	Mazzola/ Ward	1:00-4:00 p.m.	$175	$185
	MORNING LECTURES				
S06	Autologous Platelet Rich Fibrin and Applications in Dentistry	Burris	8:00-11:00 a.m.	$45	$55
S07	21st Century Laser-Assisted Dentistry	Cardoza	8:00-11:00 a.m.	$45	$55
S08	The Well-Loved Mouth: Oral Manifestations of Sexually Transmitted Infections	Clark	8:00-11:00 a.m.	$45	$55
S09	The 3D Experience: An Introduction to CBCT For the Dental Practitioner	Duplantis	8:00-11:00 a.m.	$45	$55
S10	Surgical Orthodontics	Gannon/ Sherry	8:00-11:00 a.m.	$45	$55
S11	Minimally Invasive Ceramic Onlays and Overlays	Seibert	8:00-11:00 a.m.	$45	$55
S12	How to Take Great Photos of Teeth	Mazzola/ Ward	8:00-11:00 a.m.	$45	$55
S13	Pediatric Oral Pathology: Oral Manifestations of Systemic Diseases!!	Yepes	8:00-11:00 a.m.	$45	$55
S14	Prescribing Controlled Substances: Drugs, Monitoring and Standards of Care	Plemons	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	$65	$75
S15	What a Pain, What is it? Where is it? What to do about it?	Caruso	8:30-11:30 a.m.	$45	$55
S16	Medical Emergencies and Drug Box Assembly	Seifikar	8:30-11:30 a.m.	$45	$55
S17	Something In Our Mist!: Will Vaping Challenge the Dental Professions as Smoking Has in the Past?	Viola	8:30-11:30 a.m.	$45	$55

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	AFTERNOON LECTURES				
S18	Introduction to Neuromodulators: Assessment, Injectors Anatomy and Techniques	Burris	1:00-4:00 p.m.	$45	$55
S19	Oral Cancer: A Focus on Prevention	Clark	1:00-4:00 p.m.	$45	$55
S20	"Crossing that Bridge": A Look Into Dental Implantology From the Eyes of a General Practitioner	Duplantis	1:00-4:00 p.m.	$45	$55
S21	Orthodontic Setup for the Obstructive Sleep Apnea Patient: How to Maximize Esthetics	Gannon/ Sherry	1:00-4:00 p.m.	$45	$55
S22	Obstructive Sleep Apnea in Children: The Dentist's Role	Yepes	1:00-4:00 p.m.	$45	$55
S23	Ergonomics, Wellness and Efficiency for the Entire Dental Team	Caruso	1:30-4:30 p.m.	$45	$55
S24	Medical History Mysteries! Do You Have What It Takes To Treat Today's Medically Complex Dental Patient?	Viola	1:30-4:30 p.m.	$45	$55

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Dr. Jon Vogel
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Diversity + Inclusivity

by Brad Crump, DDS, MS, Diversity + Inclusivity Committee Chairman

Living Intentionally: Growth by Embracing Diversity



Growing up in a small town in East Texas my world was composed of a very small bubble of individuals, who for the most part were very similar to me in many ways. During this period of my life the concept of diversity never really entered my conscious mind. During my college experience in Waco, Texas at Baylor University, my exposure to diversity was also limited to some extent and I recognize now that I did not make the effort to expose myself to many individuals outside of my zone of comfort and familiarity.

It was not until I entered dental school in Dallas that I made a concerted effort to get to know individuals around me and ask them about themselves, their families of origin, religions and their cultures. It was then that I realized how much I did not know about the people of our world and from that moment, I made the decision to try to expose myself to others different from myself and learn as much as I can about those individuals.

In my opinion, cultivating diversity in one's life means intentionally broadening our experiences, relationships, and perspectives of those around us. It's about seeking out and embracing differences in others including culturally, socially, intellectually, and experientially.

Here are a few practices I try to follow that have helped me cultivate diversity in my life. I believe they may help you in your own efforts as well:

1. Expand Your Social Circle:

This concept can be very difficult and uncomfortable for many people, as we tend to migrate and socialize with those that are similar to ourselves.

- Meet people from different backgrounds. Go to local community events, cultural festivals/ celebrations, or join clubs that attract diverse groups of individuals.
- Be curious and open-minded. Ask questions of the people you meet, listen actively, and avoid making assumptions.
- Network outside your usual circles. If you're in a professional or educational setting, intentionally build relationships across departments, groups, roles or disciplines

2. Expose Yourself to Diverse Media

- Read books by authors from underrepresented groups. This includes fiction and nonfiction across different cultures, abilities, genders and viewpoints.
- Follow diverse voices online. Look for content creators, journalists and educators who speak from different life experiences.
- Watch international films or documentaries. Streaming platforms have a huge range of global content that can broaden your worldview and perspectives of other people, places and things.

3. Travel Intentionally

- Travel to places outside your comfort zone. Don't just be a tourist—learn about the history, language, and social issues of the places you visit.
- Engage with local communities. Try staying in non-mega corporate accommodations or do homestays to better understand daily life of the communities you are visiting.

4. Challenge Your Assumptions

- Examine your own biases. We all have them. Reflect on your upbringing, media influences and social conditioning.
- Take bias or inclusivity training. These can help uncover blind spots and give you tools to practice a more inclusive mindset.

5. Support Inclusive Spaces

- Attend events or groups focused on equity and inclusion. This could be community forums, university talks, workplace diversity groups or other programs that you may come across.
- Be an ally. Stand up when you see discrimination or exclusion and advocate for marginalized voices in your workplace, organizations or communities.

6. Educate Yourself Continuously

- Take courses or attend lectures on history, social justice, global issues or anthropology.
- Ask others about their lived experiences. Engage in meaningful conversations with others but don't rely on them to educate you—do your own research too.

7. Practice Empathy and Humility

- Practice "progress not perfection" and accept that you won't always "get it right." Be willing to learn, apologize, and grow from your experiences. Practice humility when faults are noted.
- Recognizing that diversity is not just about race or ethnicity it includes sexual orientation, age, ability, socioeconomic background, gender identity, neurodiversity, religion, and more.

These concepts may seem like a lot to accomplish, but you can begin by taking small steps and be patient with yourself. The important thing is that an effort is being made to grow and learn from those that are different from us. You will become a happier and more fulfilled person in your life.



FLUORIDE TOWN HALL

Monday, July 28, 2025

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

DCDS is pleased to present a special virtual Town Hall meeting for all dentists featuring Dr. Johnny Johnson, President of the American Fluoridation Society. This exclusive session will provide clear, evidence-based responses to common fluoride myths and equip you with the latest scientific insights to support patient education and community discussions. Don't miss this opportunity to hear directly from one of the nation's leading voices in fluoridation advocacy. Register at dcds.org/events to receive a Zoom link to the event.





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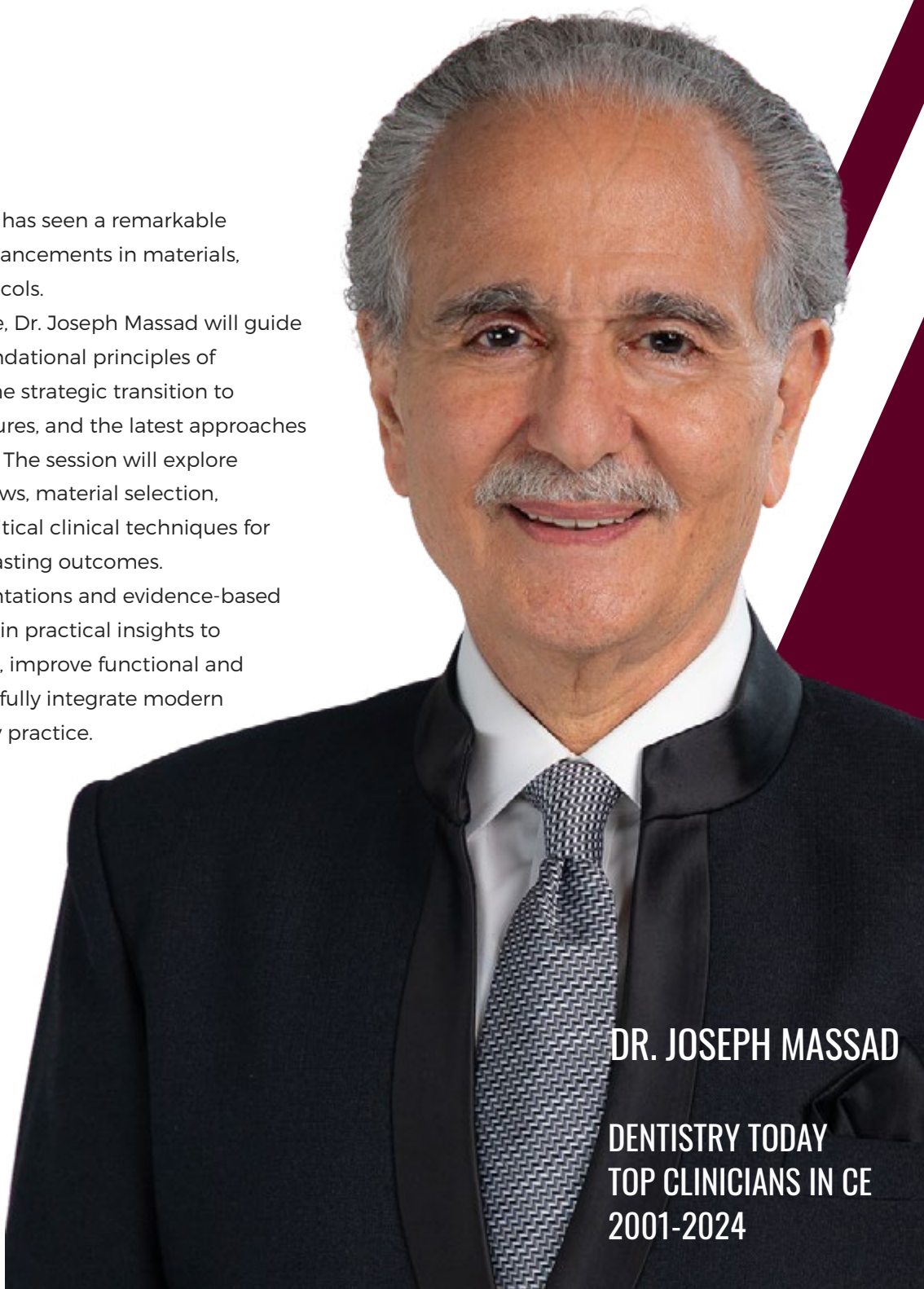
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Texas A&M University College of Dentistry

Texas A&M University College of Dentistry inducts three into Hall of Fame

Drs. Amp W. Miller III, Ernestine S. Lacy, and John S. Findley were honored with Hall of Fame recognition for their many years of service and contributions to Texas A&M University College of Dentistry and the dental profession on April 30. Drs. Amp W. Miller III, Ernestine S. Lacy, and John S. Findley each continue to serve and build the dental profession.

"We are the crown jewel for A&M in Dallas," said Dr. Lily T. García, dean. "I extend my deep appreciation to those who advance our college as a highly regarded academic dental institution, known for clinical excellence, high-impact research and outstanding service through which our students learn through direct patient care."

A fixture at the dental college, Miller began teaching part-time in 1973 in the fixed prosthodontics department at what was then Baylor College of Dentistry, his alma mater. He's taught a range of courses, from preclinical to graduate prosthodontics. Currently, Miller teaches fixed prosthodontics, operative dentistry and removable prosthodontics in the predoctoral program and is part of the advanced education general dentistry program and graduate prosthodontics program. He serves as interim assistant department head of comprehensive dentistry.

Miller earned his dental degree in 1973 and a prosthodontic certificate in 1980. He also served as interim chair of restorative services, director of curriculum and briefly as interim associate dean for clinical affairs.

Students recognized his outstanding teaching with Teacher of the Year awards in 1992, 2005, 2011, 2018 and this year.

A born educator, Lacy began her professional career with a bachelor's in mathematics and minors in French and physics from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She taught high school math and science for 17 years before entering what was then Baylor College of Dentistry, where she earned a dental degree and an AEGD certificate.

Lacy became an assistant professor in the restorative sciences department. She's also served as director of academic programs, director of student services and executive director of student development. Lacy is associate dean for student affairs and a tenured professor in the comprehensive dentistry department.

She's served as principal investigator and project director since 1999, overseeing nearly $16 million in grant funding that supports the dental college's Bridge to Dentistry pipeline programs. Under her leadership, the dental college was recently awarded its third consecutive 5-year Center of Excellence grant from the Health and Human Services Administration.

On a national level, Lacy facilitated the American Dental Education Association's Admissions Workshops and served as a reviewer for the Journal of Dental Education and HRSA grant applications.

Findley, a practicing dentist in Plano and a 1970 graduate of what was then Baylor University College of Dentistry, also studied at what was then North Texas State University, Southern Methodist University and the United States Air Force Academy. He served eight years in the Air Force and the Air Force Reserve.

Among his many leadership roles, Findley was the 2008 president and subsequent interim executive director of the American Dental Association. Prior to that, he was a trustee from the 15th district (Texas) and chaired numerous committees, including the Commission on Dental Education and Licensure, Dental Practice, Scientific Affairs, and Government Affairs. He also served as president of Texas Dental Association and the Dallas County Dental Society. Findley served as legislative chairman of TDA.

The mayor of Cross Roads from 1992 to 1994, Findley also served on the town council. Additionally, he served as president of the Plano Rotary Club and was a board member of the Plano Chamber of Commerce and the Plano YMCA.

He continues to serve as the community dental health officer for Dallas County Dental Society and recently completed his term as chair of Baylor Oral Health Foundation Nominating Committee (2020-23).

Findley was honored with Distinguished Alumnus recognition from Baylor College of Dentistry in 1996 and the Texas Dental Association's Gold Medal for Distinguished Service in 2015.



Drs. Amp W. Miller III, Ernestine S. Lacy, and John S. Findley at the Hall of Fame induction.

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This year's Southwest Dental Conference will feature an impressive lineup of sought after recognized speakers—and many of them are our own! We're proud to spotlight the DCDS members who will be leading dynamic, practice-enhancing courses during the Conference. Their participation showcases the depth of expertise within our local dental community and offers you a unique opportunity to learn directly from your colleagues. Take a look at who's presenting and make plans to attend their sessions on August 22-23, 2025 at the Hilton Anatole Dallas!





Dr. Steven Bender
F16 No Gimmicks, No Gadgets Approach to Sleep Medicine for the Dental Practice
F30 TMD's: From Triage to Treatment

Dr. Leticia Cabido
S02 Hygiene Express: Foreign Body Gingivitis as a Cause of Gingival Leukoplakia

Dr. Jonathan Clemetson
F01 CE Express: Treating the Patient with Special Needs





Dr. John Gannon
S10 Surgical Orthodontics
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Dr. Andrew Read-Fuller
F27 Avoiding Pitfalls in Oral Surgery





Dr. Moein Sadrkhani
F01 CE Express: Modern Endodontics

Dr. Thomas Schlieve
F01 CE Express: Oral Cancer in Young People and the Role of HPV

Dr. Shawn Seifikar
F32 Enteral Sedation Success
S16 Medical Emergencies and Drug Box Assembly





Dr. Alicia Spence
F01 CE Express: DIY Dentistry: Explaining Social Media Trends to Your Patients

Dr. Steven Sherry
S10 Surgical Orthodontics
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Dr. Patrick Wong
F21 Caring for the Orthognathic Surgery and Cleft Lip/Palate Patient: Advice for Dental Practitioners

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Your DCDS Foundation at Work!

by Preston Colven, DCDS Foundation President

Charity Summit 2025

We are thrilled to share the resounding success of our recent Charity Summit, an initiative that truly embodies the Dallas County Dental Society Foundation's commitment to enhancing oral health throughout our community. The most recent Summit brought together a diverse group of local non-profit organizations, all united by the common goal of providing vital dental care to those in need.

The energy and collaboration at the Summit were truly inspiring. We had invaluable discussions, shared best practices, and identified new opportunities to strengthen the network of care available to underserved populations in Dallas County. Seeing so many organizations passionately working to address dental disparities reinforces our belief that by working together, we can make a profound difference.

While the Summit highlighted the incredible work being done, it also underscored the persistent need for accessible dental care. The Foundation frequently receives heartfelt requests from community members who, despite their best efforts, are unable to find suitable treatment options elsewhere. These individuals often face significant barriers to care, and their pleas remind us of the crucial role we, as dental professionals, play in the well-being of our friends and neighbors.

If you are a Dallas County Dental Society member and are interested in joining our pro-bono dentist list, please contact us at info@dcdsfoundation.org.

Your generosity can transform a life, and together, we can continue to bridge the gaps in dental care for our community.

The Dallas County Dental Society Foundation is seeking to expand our network of compassionate dentists willing to provide pro-bono care for these critical cases as they arise. By signing up for our dedicated list, you would be contacted directly by the Foundation when a specific need aligns with your practice's capabilities. There is no obligation to accept any case, but your willingness to be considered offers a lifeline to individuals facing significant oral health challenges.

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Thank you for your continued support of the DCDS Foundation and for all you do to promote oral health in Dallas County.

DCDS Members Support TMOM Bonham—A Glimpse Toward TMOM Dallas 2026

While Texas Mission of Mercy (TMOM) Bonham was not a DCDS-sponsored event, we are proud to recognize the outstanding contributions of our DCDS members who participated and to extend special thanks to Helm Dental Laboratory for their pivotal role in this effort.

On April 11–12, 2025, TMOM Bonham delivered free dental care to 603 patients, providing more than $710,000 in services at no cost to those in need. Over 90 dentists from across North Texas, including several from the DCDS community, came together to make this possible.

Thanks to the ability to begin treatment planning and pre-screening before the event weekend, more patients were served than ever before in Bonham. Helm Dental Laboratory played an essential role in this success—both in preparation and during the event itself. Their lab technicians worked tirelessly onsite, fabricating 36 partial dentures and completing 13 additional lab procedures, including relines and modifications to existing appliances. Their presence helped restore function and confidence to dozens of patients in a single weekend.

This model of teamwork and early coordination is an inspiring preview of what's to come as we look ahead to TMOM Dallas in April 2026. We are grateful to all DCDS members who participated and encourage others to join us in this impactful mission next year. Together, we can continue making a lasting difference in the lives of underserved patients—such as Brenda.

Brenda presented to TMOM with long term pain, needing full maxillary immediate denture, a mandibular partial and in addition requiring multiple extractions and fillings and was pre-screened in Bonham three weeks prior to event day. Helm Dental Laboratory created her restorative units leading up to event day. They looked amazing!

Pictured in front of the Helm Dental Lab sign with Brenda and her new smile (in maroon) is her dental team: DCDS Member Dr. Michael Rainwater, Taehyion Kim and Dr. Summer Roark.



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Small Habits, Big Wins

DCDS Book Club Dives into Atomic Habits

On April 23, 2025, over a dozen DCDS members gathered at the Executive Office for an engaging evening of discussion and reflection centered on Atomic Habits by James Clear. Hosted by the Membership Development Committee and facilitated by Drs. Bill and Lynne Gerlach, the meeting focused on how small, intentional changes can yield meaningful, long-term results—both professionally and personally.

The group explored key takeaways from the bestselling book, including how to design environments that support better habits, the power of identity-based change, and the value of focusing on systems over goals. Attendees shared personal experiences and offered insights into how they've applied—or plan to apply—Clear's strategies to their clinical routines, health habits and leadership roles.



Dr. Gerlach emphasized the importance of consistency over perfection and reminded participants that "success is the product of daily habits—not once-in-a-lifetime transformations." The lively conversation also included real-world applications tailored to the dental profession, such as improving team



communication, streamlining patient care workflows and reducing stress through small behavior shifts.

Camaraderie and shared purpose are at the heart of the DCDS Book Club experience. With food, laughter, and thoughtful conversation, the evening left participants inspired to take the next small step toward personal growth.

The DCDS Book Club continues to provide a space for connection and continuous learning. Stay tuned for our next selection and meeting date—new members are always welcome!

To join the next Book Club event, email Kisha@dcds.org.

Retired Dentists Reconnect Over Lunch

The DCDS Retired Dentists Annual Luncheon was held on Tuesday, June 3, at Kenny's Italian Kitchen, where laughter and warm conversation filled the room. Attendees enjoyed a relaxed afternoon catching up with old friends and sharing stories from their years in practice—all over hearty pasta dishes and signature desserts.

The luncheon continues to be a cherished tradition for our retired members, offering a meaningful way to stay connected with the DCDS community. For more information on the Retired Dentists, contact Ashley at ashley@dcds.org.



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migration to an ever more virtual world means that attendance in meetings and attachment to professional societies has decreased nationwide. More than ever, it is critical that we engage as many segments of the dental community as possible including new dentists, specialists, dentists working in DSOs, and—near and dear to my heart—dental school faculty.

I am proud to say that our incoming board of directors will include five full-time faculty members from Texas A&M College of Dentistry and one full-time faculty member from UT Southwestern. In total, this is the greatest representation of academicians on the DCDS board in history. It is critical that we engage our faculty members in DCDS, increase our market share at the College of Dentistry, and utilize the expertise of our faculty to fulfill our mutual mission of serving the professional needs of our members and the community.

We can simultaneously offer increased member value and non-dues revenue by building on the tremendous success of our educational programming—headlined by our flagship Southwest Dental Conference—to offer additional CE opportunities both virtually and in person. And I hope that we can continue to partner with Texas A&M College of Dentistry and leverage our mutual networks to have the greatest reach into the dental community that we possibly can. We must demonstrate the value of organized dentistry to dental students and residents, so they can be encouraged to be active members as so many people have encouraged me during my professional journey.

I want to take a moment to thank some of the special people in my life. First, my mom, who has stood by me from day one, and has always given me the support, love, and confidence needed to pursue my many goals. I want to thank my wife Megan, who has been a constant source of encouragement and support, even though she often has had to switch shifts, rearrange her busy schedule, and have solo parenting duties to help me succeed. I am very lucky to have a partner like Megan at my side. I also must thank my wonderful son, Alexander, who has become practically an honorary DCDS board member after having attended several meetings. Since having his first dental appointment a few weeks ago, he has spoken enthusiastically about his desire to become a dentist someday!

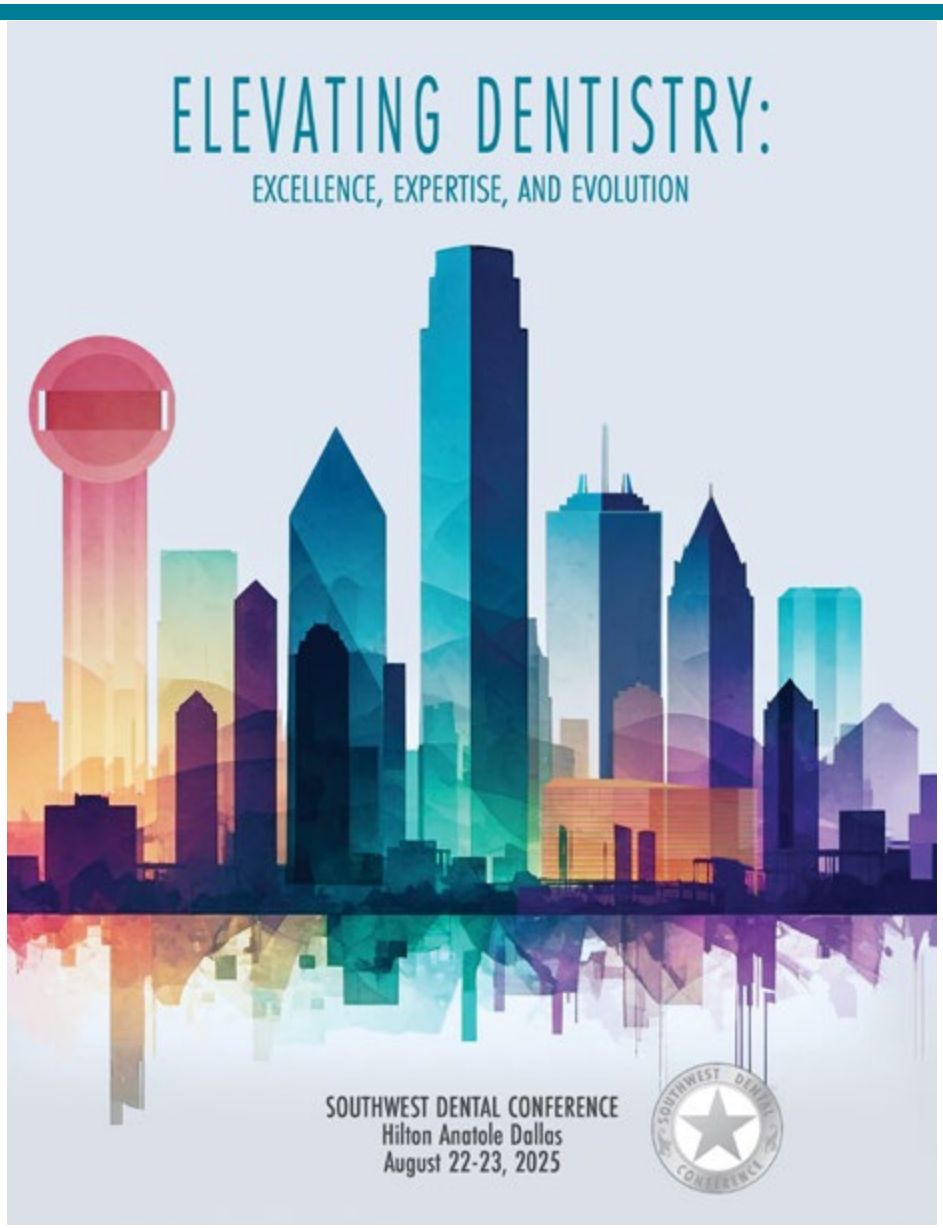
I want to thank Dean Lily Garcia for supporting me. As I've gotten to know her and see her impact on the college, I know that she is a strong leader and collaborator with DCDS who supports the growth and success of organized dentistry, and we are all very fortunate to have her in this position.

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I look forward to the hard work ahead in the next year. While we may face challenges, and encounter roadblocks as we set lofty goals for our society, I am forever encouraged that with the incredible group of dedicated leaders and volunteers in Dallas County Dental Society—and the families who support them—that the journey will be rewarding and worthwhile.

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