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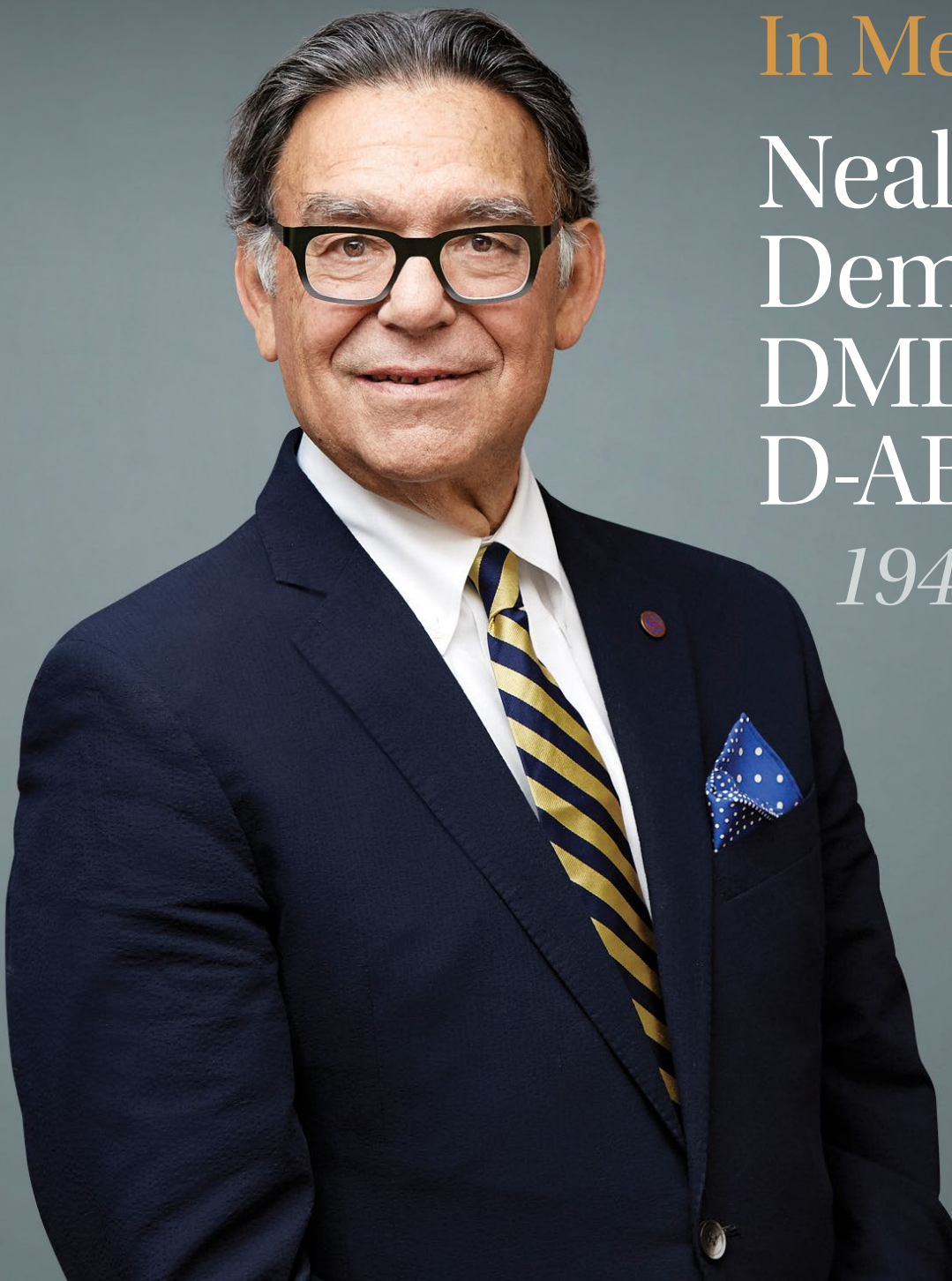
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In Memoriam

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To serve, to teach, and to discover
is achieved daily through our integrated academic culture devoted to
excellence in patient care, education, and research.





This edition of *The Bridge* is dedicated to Dr. Neal Demby, who passed away last month after a 50-year career with the Family Health Centers at NYU Langone.

Dr. Demby was a visionary for the dental community across the world. He pioneered the idea of training dental residents while also bringing affordable dental care to patients in need. Dr. Demby's vision for a "dental institution without walls" has formed a network of community-based dental residency programs that has become the largest postgraduate dental program in the country and the world. He forever changed the model of postdoctoral dental residency programs by placing oral health equity at the forefront of his vision and ensuring that impoverished and marginalized populations throughout the United States and the Caribbean gained access to respectful and quality oral health care.

We celebrate him for living his passion fully, while at the same time, caring for those he mentored, hired, and trained as members of his extended family. He enriched the health and lives of countless numbers of patients and colleagues, including all of us entrusted with perpetuating his extraordinary legacy.

True to Dr. Demby's original mission, our goal at NYU Langone Health is to serve, to teach, and to discover; this is achieved daily through our integrated academic culture devoted to excellence in patient care, education, and research.

I don't know that Dr. Demby or any of us could have imagined we would find ourselves at this point, two years into this pandemic. But through it all we continue to learn and grow. We are listening, working collaboratively, and creating new and innovative ways to improve outcomes. We are developing plans and strategies to ensure equitable opportunities for learning and to improve accessibility and quality of oral health services for everyone. We have seen firsthand that we are stronger together. Our perseverance and resilience will help us continue to deliver our plan, accelerate progress, and hold ourselves accountable to those we serve.

I'm looking forward to the future of our programs. I know Dr. Demby would be proud of each of you. I thank you for all you do for our residents, faculty, your patients, and staff to deliver the best possible patient care and educational experience.

Martin Lieberman, DDS, MA

Vice President, Graduate Dental Education

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in the Nation

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in the State



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NYU Langone Health remains #2 in New York State and #2 in New York Metro Area

NYU Winthrop ranked #5 in New York State and #5 in New York Metro Area

MESSAGE FROM DR. GARY E. KALKUT,
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, NETWORK INTEGRATION
ASSOCIATE CHIEF CLINICAL OFFICER



DEAR COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS:

Throughout my time leading NYU Langone Dental Medicine and especially during the last year of the unfolding COVID-19 pandemic, I have directly communicated with you about the severe concerns we face as a community of healthcare providers along with the hope engendered by scientific and medical developments in prevention and treatment for this unprecedented global challenge. As we enter a new year and hold our second consecutive virtual Faculty Development meeting, I am optimistic about our capacity to adapt to an uncertain healthcare

landscape, where emphasis is now rightly placed on supporting our healthcare workers during this record viral surge. I remain confident that evidence-based prevention strategies (e.g., vaccinations including boosters, masking, and social distancing) and authorized treatments (e.g., antiviral pills and monoclonal antibodies) will save lives, permit our economy to rebound, and enable limited social gatherings to proceed with caution. While the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 may never be eradicated, it may soon become endemic.

We are entering a new phase of the COVID-19 pandemic where infections from highly transmissible variants will be relatively mild for most people who are vaccinated with boosters, while unvaccinated and vulnerable populations may face severe illnesses that will continue to stress our healthcare systems and colleagues.

It is therefore remarkable, but not surprising, that NYU Langone Dental Medicine continues to evolve to meet the demands and embrace the opportunities of this new era. As a healthcare system leader with an enduring interest in and responsibility for promoting integrated care, the following collaborative achievements of the past year resonated with me for special distinction.

- The conversion of the Department of Dental Medicine to Wisdom, the dental electronic health record module of Epic, that combines the medical and dental information for each patient into a single record to improve continuity of care and strengthen dental resident education and training.

- The advent of screening and referral by dentists for the social determinants of health in the dental clinics of Family Health Centers at NYU Langone as part of the Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry (AEPD) Program to support the health and well-being of patients and their families and enhance the clinical experiences of dental faculty, residents, and staff in interprofessional communication and collaborative care.
- The expansion of the General Practice Residency (GPR) Program to NYU Langone Hospital—Long Island, with 9 additional PGY-1 positions and 2 additional PGY-2 positions available for GPR residents who will engage in 2-week rotations in internal medicine, anesthesiology, and emergency medicine.

This issue of *The Bridge* shines a spotlight on 4 health centers in diverse communities across the United States that train NYU Langone Dental Medicine residents, notably those in the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) and the Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry (AEPD) Programs: Albany Area Primary Health Care, Inc. in Albany, GA; Columbia Basin Health Association in eastern WA; Family Health Centers at NYU Langone in Brooklyn, NY; and Suncoast Community Health Centers, Inc. in Brandon, FL. These and other health centers that serve as the primary training sites for our 400+ dental residents were severely tested during the initial stage of the COVID-19 pandemic

when dental services were closed for all but emergency visits. Most sites have since recovered their patient volumes and adapted their practices with upgraded filtration systems, heightened infection control policies and procedures, and provisional or expanded telehealth services. Dental residents learned under duress to provide compassionate care for their patients and one another, and upon graduation, several were hired at the health centers where they trained.

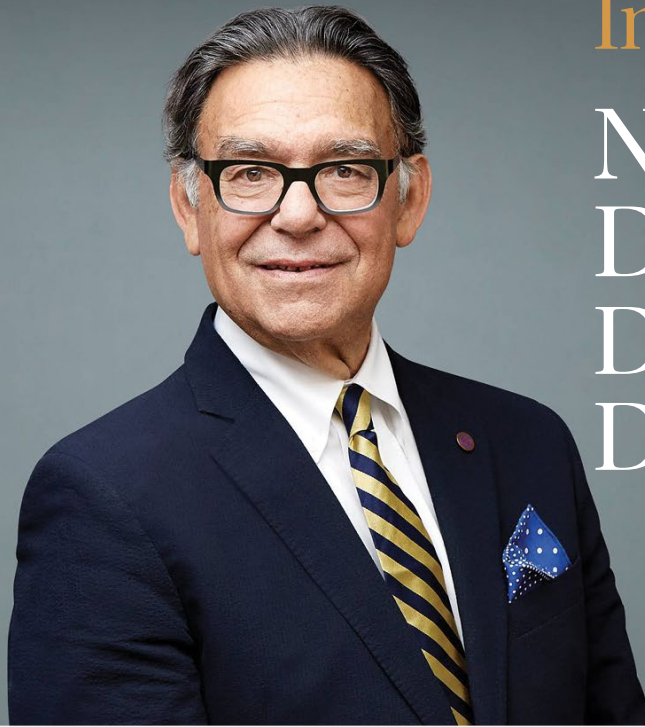
In the face of profound loss including more than 800,000 deaths from COVID-19 in the United States alone and unprecedented viral case counts and provider, and staff shortages at the time of this writing, we collectively uphold and live out our trifold mission: to serve, to teach, and to discover through an integrated academic culture devoted to excellence in patient care, education, and research. I remain grateful and impressed by the dedication of all of you who contribute your talents, skills, and humanity to achieve a more equitable future for everyone.

Sincerely,



Gary E. Kalkut, MD, MPH

Senior Vice President, Network Integration
Associate Chief Clinical Officer



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As a visionary for the dental community across the world, Dr. Neal Alan Demby pioneered the idea of training dental residents while also bringing affordable dental care to patients in need.

Born in Birmingham, AL, Neal Alan Demby grew up in South Orange, NJ and attended Columbia High School. He earned a B.A. in sociology and art history from Rutgers University, his D.M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, and an M.P.H. from Columbia University. He was a diplomate of the American Board of Special Care Dentistry.

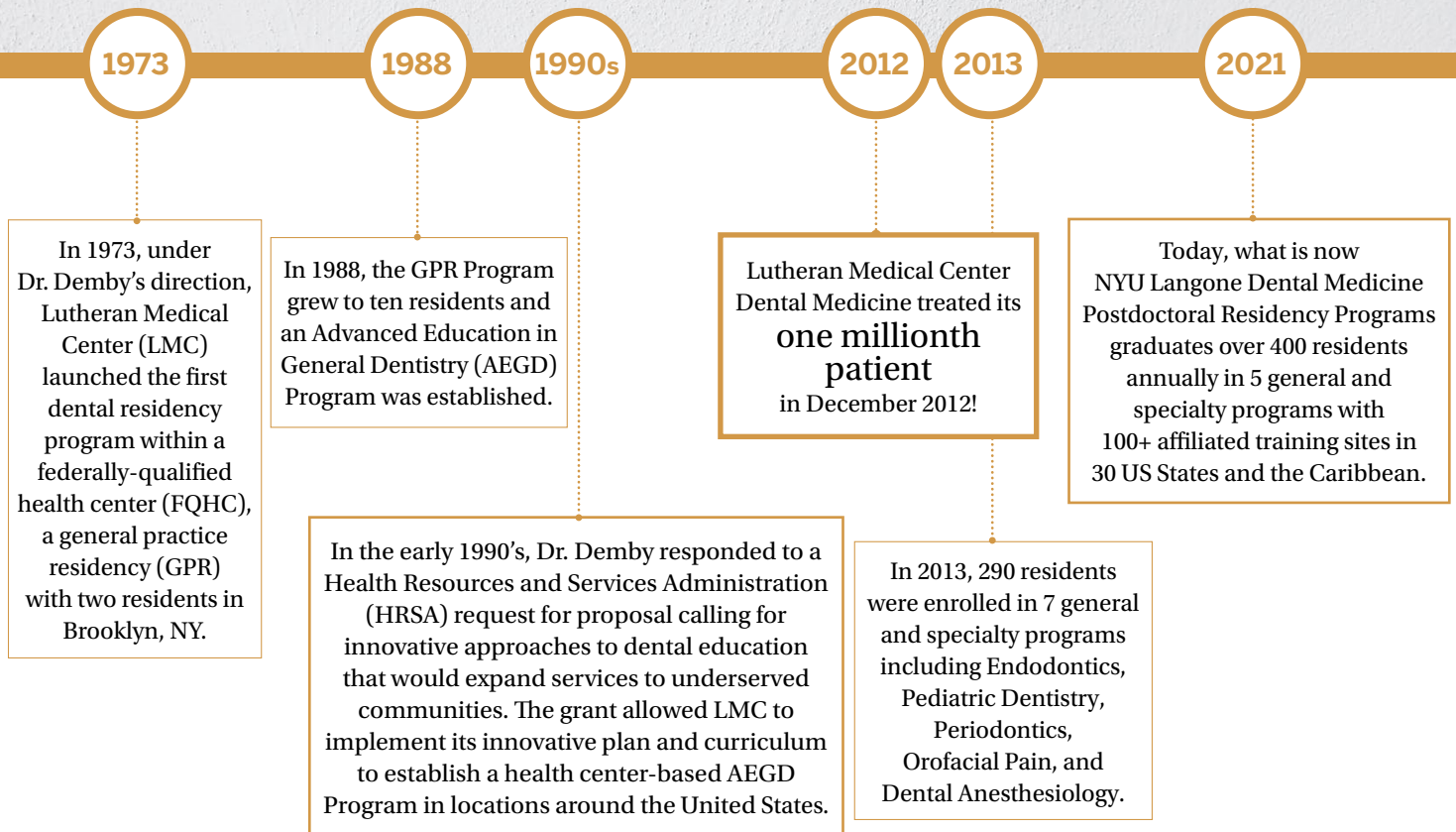
Dr. Demby received nearly every major dental award, including:

- American Dental Education Association William Gies Award for Vision
- Myron Allukian, Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Association for Community Dental Programs (AACDP)
- Josiah Macy Jr. Award for Individual Excellence in Social Mission
- Demby Award for leadership, innovation, vision, and compassion by NYU Langone Dental Medicine

“By helping meet the overwhelming demand for dental care services in underserved communities, Dr. Demby has had an indelible impact on the nation’s dental health. We are honored to have Dr. Demby’s efforts universally recognized.”

Larry K. McReynolds, Executive Director, Family Health Centers at NYU Langone, and Senior Vice President of Community Health at NYU Langone Health
(during Dr. Demby’s lifetime achievement ceremony)

Pioneer and Visionary



Scientific research contributions by Neal Demby, including
“Increasing Access and Equity: Strategic Partnerships, Permutations, and Disruptive Innovation”:
<https://www.researchgate.net/scientific-contributions/N-DEMBY-2055819581>

At the time of his retirement, Dr. Demby celebrated **50 years of service** at NYU Langone Dental Medicine.

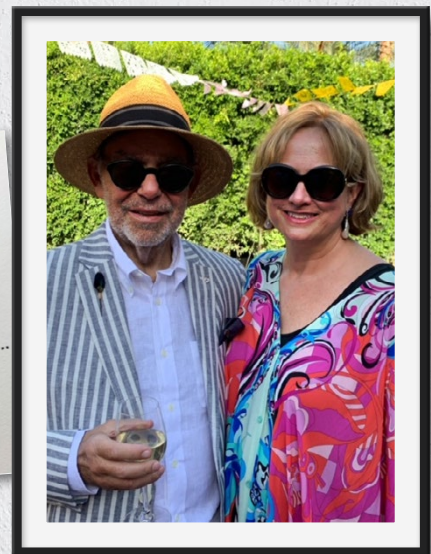
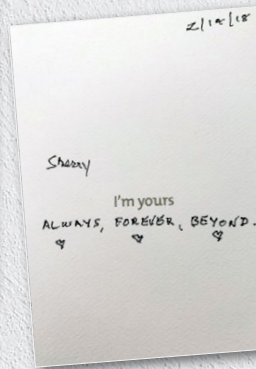
Next— family, colleagues and friends share a fond farewell...



Public Health Advocate

“I first met Neal in 1998 to discuss an opportunity to work with an AEGD program he was keen on developing. In his words, he wanted to create, ‘a hospital without walls’ and its exactly what he did. In the 2000’s, when the doorway was opened for Anesthesia programs to be accredited by CODA, Neal did not hesitate to establish an anesthesia residency.”

Dr. Anthony Caputo, dental anesthesiologist, educator, long-time friend and colleague



Family Man

“Dad had a wicked and silly sense of humor, an unrelenting need to explore and experience the world, and a deep love for us. He would send my sister, Jessica, and I *Valentine’s Day* cards—lumpy envelopes would arrive in the mail, each one containing little pastel inscribed heart candies, all slightly crushed spilling out a dusting of sugar and candy crumbs, and notes of ‘I love you’ and ‘Be Mine.’”

Ms. Hilary Demby, daughter





Friend *and* Colleague

“I know the regulatory bodies, along the way, rolled their eyes, as regulatory bodies often do with innovation, every time Neal pushed the boundaries. And push them he did, with good cause and with positive outcomes. That was Neal. He had ideas and a way of looking at the world that invited possibilities and stimulated change. And he did it in a charming but persistent manner that made us all come along with him for the ride.”

Dr. Cyril Meyerowitz, long-time friend and colleague

Renaissance Man

“It is fitting that he died on the first night of Chanukah, the Festival of Lights. On the first night of the festival, it is customary to light one candle, on the second night, 2 candles and so on for eight nights in a row. Some may wonder, why not light eight candles the first night. On the first night, that lone candle, with its small flame, seems insignificant. It doesn’t seem to accomplish anything and hardly gives off any light. But that is the lesson of Chanukah—that one small flame can banish a world of darkness. And that was Neal. He was only one small flame, but boy did he light up the world.”

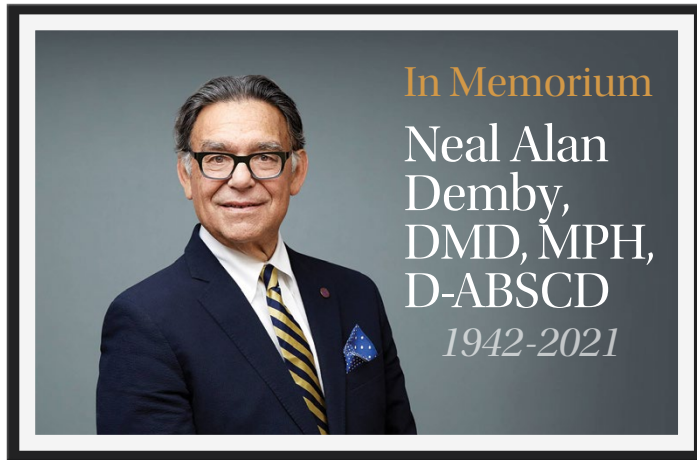
Dr. Marc Kunin, friend, colleague, mentee, and extended family



*Donations may be made in memory of Neal Demby to the
Global Child Dental Fund, gcdfund.org.*

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HEALTH CENTER SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Anna D'Emilio, Vice President and Program Director of NYU Langone Dental Medicine's AEGD Program recognizes our health center affiliates.

“Did you know
that health centers provide
comprehensive care to
30 million patients
at 11,000 service delivery sites in every state
and territory in the United States?”

Health centers **save** the healthcare system
more than \$24 billion annually
in reduced emergency, hospital,
and specialty care costs.”

This is an extraordinary achievement.

We salute our health center affiliates for all they accomplish and their dedication towards serving the overall health, and especially, the oral health care needs of their communities.

We are proud to be partnered with them through our shared “service-learning” mission that enlightens and inspires new dentists and residents to pursue their dental practice with community health centers.

Thank you to our affiliates!

DR. DEMBY'S VISION

Improving Access to Oral Healthcare

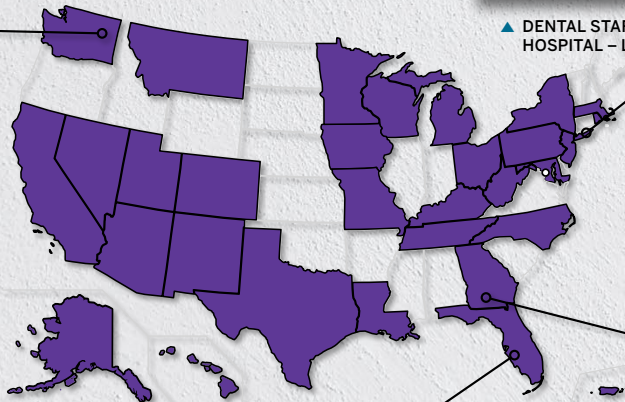
From our Brooklyn, New York base to affiliates in rural Southwest Georgia, to the coast of Florida, and all across the nation to Washington



▲ DENTAL FACULTY AND RESIDENT AT COLUMBIA BASIN HEALTH ASSOCIATION



▲ DENTAL STAFF AND RESIDENTS AT NYU LANGONE HOSPITAL - LONG ISLAND



▲ DENTAL STAFF AND RESIDENTS AT ALBANY AREA PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, INC.



▲ DENTAL STAFF AND RESIDENTS AT SUNCOAST COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

HEALTH CENTER SPOTLIGHT

Increasing Access to Care

Albany Area Primary Health Care, Inc. serving Southwest Georgia

Albany Area Primary Health Care, Inc. (AAPHC) has been able to increase access to dental care, in large part, because of its affiliation with NYU Langone Dental Medicine Postdoctoral Residency Programs. The site is in its second year, hosting two Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) residents. Clinic productivity has increased by 300-400 patient encounters monthly compared to visits prior to the start of the residency program.

In addition to treating patients clinically, residents have helped to educate the patient population on the importance of oral healthcare.

AAPHC is one of the largest practice groups in Albany, GA providing high quality health care to a diverse patient population, including underserved children and adults across 9 Southwest Georgia counties. Residents have a unique opportunity to treat HIV/AIDS patients, experience that is not available at all residency training sites.

During the pandemic, the marketing team has focused its efforts on educating patients, specifically, helping community members not feel fearful of coming into the office. The organization is

committed to the integration of care—emphasizing the integration of primary care and oral healthcare. Nursing staff are being trained on caries risk assessment and being taught how to apply fluoride varnish. They then encourage patients to visit a dentist. NYU Langone Dental Medicine residents receive these referrals in addition to referrals from a clinic participating in the Oral Health & Diabetes Collaborative, part of the National Network of Oral Health Access (NNOHA).

Dr. Tiara Marshall, a 2021 graduate of the program, was recently hired as faculty to work with NYU Langone Dental Medicine residents at the AAPHC site. During her

residency, she said, **“the thing I like the most about AAPHC is that we are all treated equally and we have access to our dental director 100% of the time, to ask questions or receive additional help.”**

Clifton Bush, Chief Operating Officer said, **“the health center has been fortunate not to have been significantly impacted during the second surge of COVID-19. While the state of GA saw a significant increase in cases, the high rate of vaccinated employees at the health center, continual education, and stringent infection control policies and procedures has allowed the health center to continue to thrive.”**



▲ DR. TIARA MARSHALL-MURPHY, '21 AEGD Graduate, current staff



▲ DR. LAVENDRA MILLER, DDS, AEGD Resident



▲ DR. JEREMY E. PITTMAN, DDS, AEGD Resident



▲ DR. SEHAJ KHARA, DMD, AEGD Resident

HEALTH CENTER SPOTLIGHT

Caring for Their Community

Columbia Basin Health Association
serving Eastern Washington



Columbia Basin Health Association (CBHA) is located in the heart of Eastern Washington. They have three clinics to treat migrant seasonal farm workers and their families in three counties. CBHA provides a full spectrum of dental services including surgical extractions, root canal therapies, retreatment of failed endodontics, implant placement and restoration, complete and partial dentures, and orthodontic treatment for children.

◀ DR. RICHARD JIMENEZ (left)
and DR. LUIS MIRON (right)

The organization has always placed emphasis on employee and patient safety. When COVID-19 hit, they reacted quickly to outfit all patient rooms to negative pressure rooms; practitioners were fitted for N95 masks or respirators. They were also able to collaborate with another health center nearby to help manage emergency cases. While CBHA did not close their doors during the pandemic, they did see a decrease of nearly 10,000 patient encounters over the last year.

Despite decreased services and patient visits, the organization has continued to employ all of its providers and has hired more dental hygienists to work in the clinics. Administration allowed staff to work from home when conditions did not allow them to come into the office, in order to keep everyone employed.

Telehealth services were something that was in the works pre-COVID. During the pandemic, they were able to launch two telehealth programs to reach more patients in the community. Family Oral Health Education (FOHE) allows medical providers to conduct dental screenings and educate mother and child in the medical setting. Dental hygienists sit in on well child visits, for children 6 and under, to answer questions and encourage families to follow-up with a dental provider. CBHA also created oral health educational videos that were

shared during and after medical appointments. CBHA created these videos and applied it to telehealth dental visit for all FOHE soon after the pandemic started.

The second telehealth program focused on pregnant woman. At the time of their OB visits, oral health information and videos were shared to educate expectant mothers on the importance of oral health during and after pregnancy. Videos and brochures are in both English and Spanish as 55% of CBHA's population only speak Spanish.

During the peak of COVID, some of these telehealth services were reimbursable, helping to bring in additional revenue to offset the decreased number of patient encounters when the clinic had to limit services. While no longer being reimbursed by the state, today, the organization is continuing to provide these services because they have seen the significant impact on the community.

When asked, "*What have you learned over the past 18 months?*" Dr. Ji Choi, Dental Director said, "**We've learned we can effectively keep COVID out of the clinic. There has been a 0% transmission rate from patient to staff and staff to patient. While wearing all the additional PPE is still cumbersome and sometimes hot and uncomfortable, it is effective. Second, we have**



▲ DR. JI CHOI, Dental Director

learned that people are resilient. Our dental providers and staff have provided compassionate care for our patients, our community, and one another. Lastly, I am most proud to share that we have hired a recent AEGD Program graduate, Dr. Richard Jimenez, to work in one of our clinics. One of the primary goals of establishing an AEGD residency program was to train the next generation of public health/community dental practitioners who might stay to work in the region. I'm delighted to have achieved this goal!"



HEALTH CENTER SPOTLIGHT

Building Immunity for the Community

Suncoast Community Health Centers serving Central Gulf Coast Region of Florida

The Brandon Community Health Center of Suncoast Community Health Centers, Inc. in Brandon, Florida never closed its doors during the COVID-19 pandemic. For a six-week period, they were only open for emergency cases, but in May 2021 the health center reopened to treat non-emergency patients, prior to the start of the residency program.

Dr. Priyanka Iyer, Associate Director of the NYU Langone Dental Medicine Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry Program at Suncoast CHC credits the health center administration and leadership team for being able to return to work so quickly. During the break, the health center installed a new, top-of-the-line filtration system, purchased ionizing devices to disinfect every room, and stock piled personal protective equipment (PPE) in order to ensure the safety of its practitioners and staff.

Additionally, a third party company was hired to fit-test masks for all faculty, staff, and residents. Employees of the health center were some of the first in the state to be vaccinated.

The site has been successful in increasing access to care during the pandemic, in part, because of their



proactive approach in managing patient visits. The health center has been diligent in following infection control policies and procedures to ensure the safety of all its constituents. The high volume of patient encounters has resulted in residents completing their requirements ahead of schedule. Additionally, a third hospital completed credentialing for residents to treat patients in the operating room. Residents now see OR patients at Tampa General Hospital, South Florida Baptist Hospital, and Brandon Regional Hospital.

While they have not needed to provide telehealth services, all residents have been trained on a new system created during the pandemic, so residents and staff

are ready to go should services be required.

All of these practices have helped to **“build immunity for the community,”** a slogan created by Dr. Iyer.

Dr. Iyer spoke candidly about changes over the last 18 months. **“Faculty, residents, and staff have grown in new ways during the pandemic. We all were put in uncomfortable situations and had to learn to adapt. In some ways, it has been good for the residents to deal with families under stress and financial strains. They have become more resilient and compassionate practitioners.”**



▲ DR. PRIYANKA IYER, Associate Director of the NYU Langone Dental Medicine Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry Program at Suncoast CHC



Workforce Growth

Family Health Centers at NYU Langone–Brooklyn, NY: Transitions and Developments

Dental School Health Program

When asked about the department progress and experience over the past year, **Dr. Margaret Mason**, Vice President and Senior Administrator noted, “we are much further along than we have been since October of last year amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Although still facing challenges, we are currently at 100% capacity from where we were when COVID-19 pandemic began its impact. We are still working with patients who are not able to leave their homes via tele-dentistry to screen and provide information about preventive care for themselves and their children. During our closure, we were working with access points by the children’s locations to visit the closest family health center site, which resulted in only about 30% of the children in our program that actually

sought care. Currently our Dental School Health Program has started up again as of this September school year. We are at about 50% of what we have been in the past. It has been a hurdle because most of our schools are elementary and since those children are not vaccinated, it’s been a struggle to really get them back into care. We are hoping in the next couple of months there will be changes there.”

Transition to EPIC’s Wisdom System

NYU Langone Dental Medicine recently migrated to EPIC’s Wisdom System. Wisdom is a new dental product for the Epic System we use at NYU Langone Health. Epic is one of the largest medical record systems in the country; it is used in most hospitals and is known for its efficiency in guiding patient care based on patient

conditions. Wisdom was rolled out to our facilities on November 1, 2021. The goal behind this system is to have one integrated record that can serve patients. All information that dentists enter can be seen by medical physicians and all information that physicians enter can be seen by us, leading to an advancement in the education form. Dental residents treating patients will now have the capability of looking at medication reconciliation, patient conditions, and all recent and future visits. It will also provide the resident with a higher quality of education because there will be a collaborative approach to teaching. We hope that through dental being integrated into the system we can have a better record that’s more comprehensive to the patients’ needs whether it’s medical, mental health issues or dental. Referrals will now give us ease with all dentists being



▲ DR. MARGARET MASON,
Vice President and
Senior Administrator

in one system and immediately picking up referrals. Patients will have access to their entire dental records by going into the MyChart application, where they can also make and cancel appointments with ease. If they do not have a computer at home, they can always download the MyChart app onto their smartphone for easy access.

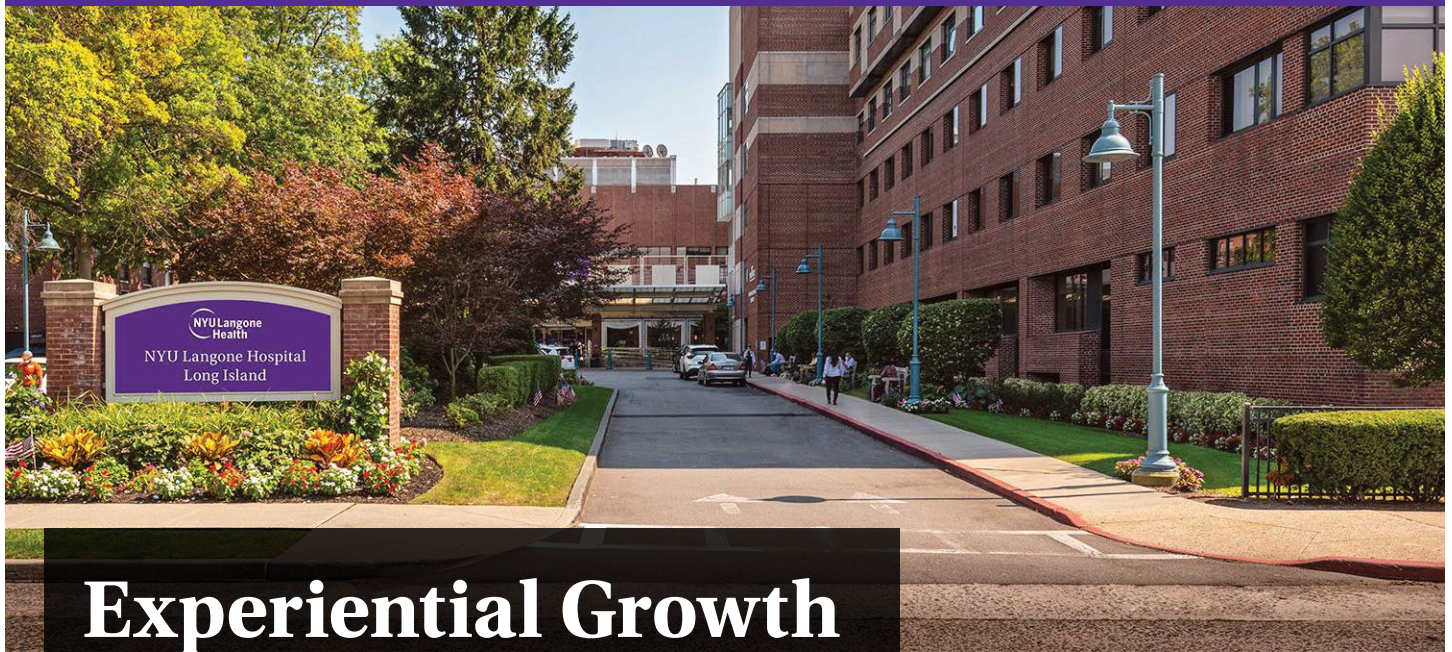
Workforce Development Project

The Workforce Development Project is a project that was funded by the federal government through the Cares Act. This project has given our community health centers a way to move people out of poverty by giving us the opportunity to provide them with technical training. It allows us to hire people who have no experience as a dental assistant and put them through a year-long training program to teach them how to technically



be a dental assistant. Once they are ready to graduate, we look to collaborate with partner facilities. We see this as a way to get them out of poverty by providing a career and greater access from a pipeline standpoint of auxiliary staff. Our residents can also now work in four-handed dentistry in even more time than they are currently doing since they will have a chair side dental

assistant with them most of the time. We feel our commitment to public health is important for our residents to see that we look for our neighbors; that we try to bring all people into a state where they can develop and grow. It's the fundamental resource of human rights. Residents will now give job opportunities to people in their community so they can serve and have them learn and create as well.



Experiential Growth

NYU Winthrop Hospital renamed NYU Langone Hospital–Long Island *and* the GPR Program now part of NYU Langone Dental Medicine

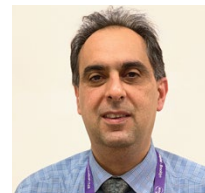
Meet the NYU Langone Hospital–Long Island GPR Program Team

In July 2021, NYU Langone Hospital–Long Island’s General Practice Residency (GPR) Program became part of NYU Langone Dental Medicine. **Dr. Babak Bina**, General Practice Residency Program Director for the Brooklyn site now oversees both locations.

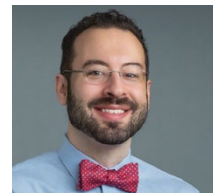
The merger of NYU Winthrop Hospital with NYU Langone Health solidifies the hospital’s full integration into one of the country’s premier healthcare systems. In a press release published November 9, 2020, NYU Langone Health’s NewsHub noted, NYU Winthrop Hospital will change its name to NYU Langone Hospital–Long Island continuing to foster its rich traditions of providing first-rate healthcare to local Long Island communities, while leveraging NYU Langone’s strengths to

ensure delivery of world-class services in every specialty.

The GPR Program at NYU Langone Hospital–Long Island has nine positions available for one-year of postgraduate education and training. Residents treat children and adults with complex medical/special needs. They complete three rotations during residency spending two weeks in Internal Medicine, Anesthesiology, and the emergency room. GPR residents are also exposed to a simulation center in the hospital’s Research and Academic Center. Simulation enhances the educational offerings by providing an experiential learning environment where dental residents can practice a variety of technical and behavioral skills.



▲ DR. BABAK BINA,
Program Director



▲ DR. ERIC BROTMAN,
Associate Director



▲ MS. NATALIE PRINGLE,
Residency Coordinator

To learn more about NYU Langone Dental Medicine’s GPR Program visit: <https://www.nyulangonedental.org/programs/gpr>

For questions, please contact dentalresidency@nyulangone.org.



▲ ANNA D'EMILIO, DDS, MA, F-PFA, FICD, Vice President and Program Director, Advanced Education in General Dentistry

NYU Langone Dental Medicine–Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program builds on foundations

AEGD Program Accomplishments

The AEGD staff approached 2021 as a year that would bring relief, renewed strength and with the promise of better things to come. After surviving a year that tested all of us to our limits in numerous ways, we emerged with a desire to regain some semblance of normalcy in our every day lives professionally and socially, pursue our goals, and use what we experienced during and learned from the past year to forge a better pathway towards the future. We accomplished many wonderful things during this year and plan to continue to do so because our program is comprised of amazing, compassionate and dedicated people; faculty, residents and administrators who are driven towards success with determination and passion.

Our clinical training sites continue to provide an exceptional experience for our residents and advance their level of education while building their operations to pre-COVID 19 status and enhancing best practices for patient care, safety and infection control. Our residents continue

to pursue their goal for advanced training, successfully complete the program and contribute to the public health initiative to increase access and quality of care provided to their community of patients. The program re-organized its structure and processes to create more efficient practices that would improve its curriculum, level of communication with faculty and residents, and approach towards continued successful CODA site visits. The program realized the value of virtual platform and used it to enhance upon communication and connection among residents, faculty and administrators. We continue to build upon a foundation to strive for quality assurance and process improvement. We have been enlightened about the concept of work-life balance, strengthening relationships, and utilizing available resources to be and stay well. We continue to accomplish all of this with creativity, the ability to adapt, and resilience as we evolve.

We have not let the past dictate who we are, but will use it to determine who we will become; better and stronger.

2021 AEGD PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ① On-boarded new clinical training sites:
 - Dientes Community Health Center, Santa Cruz, CA
 - Elica Health Centers, Sacramento, CA
 - Crescent Community Health Center, Dubuque, IA
 - EXCELth, Inc., New Orleans, LA
- ② Dr. Anna D'Emilio and Dr. David Reznik inducted as fellows into the International College of Dentists on November 13.
- ③ Dr. Anna D'Emilio and Dr. Amy Kim presented at the ADEA fall meeting, Business and Financial Administration and Clinical Administration section. Presentation title: "Organizational Resilience – The Story of NYU LANGONE'S AEGD PROGRAM Successful Navigation of COVID-19 PANDEMIC" on October 28.
- ④ The AEGD program held its First Annual AEGD Alumni CE Event on October 21.
- ⑤ Dr. David Reznik became a member of the Georgia Board of Dentistry.
- ⑥ Dr. Amy Kim submitted a poster to ADEA that was accepted for the 2022 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition. Poster Title: "Academia and Community Health Partnership Model for Access to Care"
- ⑦ CODA Site Visits: 10 CODA site visits occurred during the year.
 - No recommendations and no suggestions received for all the special focused and comprehensive site visits that occurred.
 - Some were conducted virtually and others using the hybrid model.



NYU Langone Dental Medicine – Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry Program is making a meaningful difference in the communities we serve

Greetings to Alumni, Faculty, Residents and Friends

I hope you and your families are staying safe and doing well. What a year this has been for the Pediatric Dentistry Program! I am so proud of how we as a program and a profession weathered this pandemic, provided care to our patients and continued to make a meaningful difference in the communities we serve, in the world of academics and education, leadership and research. The rich culture of innovation and creativity that sets our program apart served us well as we accommodated and adjusted to this insidious virus we call COVID-19. The hard work of all our faculty, residents, Senior and Associate Directors and NYU Langone Leadership, especially during these challenging times, has made this 2021 journey and its multiple transitions and curveballs almost effortless.

As one CODA consultant exclaimed in the exit interview of one of our successful virtual site visits: “No program

in the galaxy was as prepared as the NYU Langone Pediatric Dentistry Program when COVID-19 and the shutdown hit!” Thanks to our innovative approach to video-teleconferencing and our online curriculum, having to go virtual was indeed seamless. I am happy to report all of our residents graduated in June of 2020 and 2021 and all of our sites are currently open and running with residents meeting all their requirements for graduation.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the annual AAPD meeting in San Diego and especially to seeing everyone in person at our annual alumni reception at the AAPD. Please keep your eyes open for details as we finalize plans.

Please continue to keep up the good work that you all do. I know Dr. Sylvia Perez would be so proud of this program she founded almost 28 years ago.

As she would always say, “stay well and stay in touch.”



▲ DANIEL J. KANE, D.M.D., M.A.,
Program Director,
Advanced Education in
Pediatric Dentistry Program

To learn more about the NYU Langone Dental Medicine Pediatric Dentistry Program visit: <https://www.nyulangonedental.org/programs/pediatric>

For questions, please contact dentalresidency@nyulangone.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! MAY 26-29, 2022

At this time, we are hoping to host an in-person reception to be held during AAPD 2022! More details to come.

YES! TO COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

During the kickoff of COVID-19 vaccinations for Family Health Centers at NYU Langone employees, the first two FHC employees who received the vaccine gave some feedback



RAJESH ADHIA DMD, MPH, MA
Senior Associate Director of
Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry,
NYU Langone Dental Medicine Postdoctoral Residency Programs



FRANCIS LOPEZ, MD, MPH
Clinical Assistant Professor,
Department of Rehabilitation Medicine

“I’m excited, amazed, and relieved to have reached this moment. There has been a lot of anticipation in dentistry since we work in an aerosolizing environment. Now we can either let this pandemic continue, or trust in medicine to end it.”

“This whole crisis has been horrible for so many people. It’s incredible we’ve gotten to this point. I honestly didn’t think it would happen, but it’s such a relief we’re here.”

Cheers to our dental attendings, directors, residents, and staff who received their COVID-19 vaccine.



▲ **DR. AYAH RASHWAN**, Pediatric Dentistry PGY2 resident in Brooklyn, NY



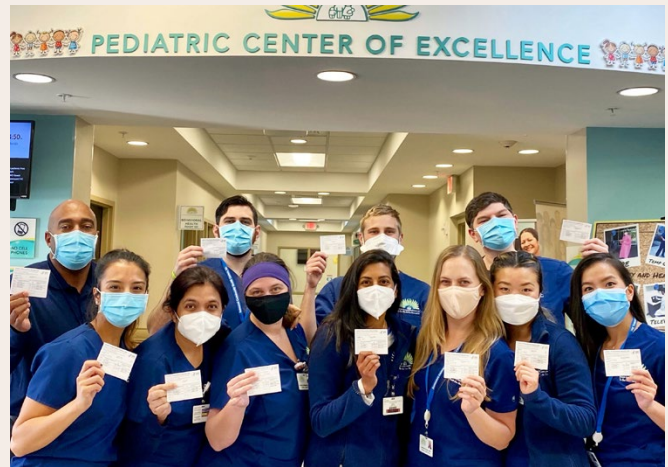
▲ NYU Langone Dental Medicine GPR Program Director, **DR. BABAK BINA**



▲ **DR. JOHN CELONA**, Pediatric Dentistry attending in Brooklyn, NY



▲ **DR. CHELSEA HOPE**, Pediatric Dentistry PGY2 Chief resident in Brooklyn, NY proudly shows her vaccination record



▲ Cheers to Brandon Community Health Center, an affiliate of Suncoast Community Health Centers, Inc. and NYU Langone Dental Medicine Postdoctoral Residency Programs! All NYU Langone Dental Medicine Pediatric Dentistry Program residents received their second vaccine shot. Residents shown with Associate Director, **DR. RICHARD GYLES**.



Diversity & Inclusion

We cultivate diversity and inclusion among students, faculty, staff, and leadership.

Walter Parrish and Dr. Christian Torres answer questions and provide insight from the Office of Diversity Affairs

What is the role of the Office of Diversity Affairs?

The Office of Diversity Affairs' mission is to "cultivate a diverse and inclusive environment", and we accomplish this through our curriculum within medical education, training and professional development

of residents and faculty, and collaboration on best practices to ensure that we attract, onboard, and retain diverse talent. We support the NYU Grossman School of Medicine across the medical education continuum, as well as faculty recruitment and retention. The Office of Diversity Affairs,

also known as ODA, also works with offices in the education mission, clinical departments, and collaborates with diversity partners across NYU Langone Health. It sounds lofty, but the immense challenges we face in medicine need even bigger aspirations to overcome them.

How does the NYU Langone culture value and embrace the uniqueness of others?

It's nearly impossible to live and work in New York City without recognizing the value of diversity. We serve people from all over the city, country, and world, and we know from research that the best care is achieved when we reflect and represent our community. Similarly, bringing together people from an array of backgrounds yields a plethora of ideas, and we know that is key to improvement and innovation.

The Workplace Culture and Inclusion (WCI) team within Human Resources, led by **Molree Williams-Lendor, JD**, has begun to help staff create Employee Resource Groups that allow folks to network, collaborate, enhance professional development, and bring awareness to cultural groups. Additionally, we work with WCI to host programs that commemorate heritage months and other initiatives that bring awareness and seeks to enhance the cultural competency of learners and employees. The LGBTQ Council is also a strong network of professionals that is open to anyone in the community. And lastly, Human Resources has developed inclusive policies and practices related to gender transition, names, and pronouns.

What kinds of leadership efforts are being undertaken to encourage a commitment to excellence through diversity?

We have several ongoing efforts. Our largest right now is one of our partners, the Institute for Excellence in Health Equity, led by **Dr. Gbenga Ogedegbe**. The Institute will not only support health equity research, but also attract and develop diverse faculty and staff. In collaboration with the Institute, NYU Langone department chairs have established vice and associate chairs for diversity and health equity within select departments, which will bolster the work being done within each field. Lastly, we're now in the second year of our Faculty

Leadership Development Program, which is dedicated to elevating junior faculty from underrepresented groups.

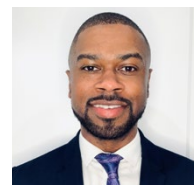
What recruitment sources and strategies have you found are most effective at attracting diverse resident and faculty candidates?

Aside from those leadership efforts, it's really the people of NYU Langone who make the best case for coming here. We often see in residency recruitment, for example, that the people with whom applicants want to speak to the most are also our greatest advocates: the current residents themselves. The same happens at the faculty level. We continue to make strides in representation, and with that comes more voices who can truly speak to our culture of inclusion.

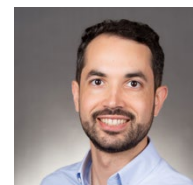
We're also developing a training on holistic review within admissions. The American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) has been committed to holistic review and encourages all institutions to think intentionally about the applicant as a whole. ADEA also supports this movement and has developed its own definition and workshops for holistic review that programs and institutions can utilize.

How do residents and faculty communicate concerns in a safe, confidential way?

Individual program and department leadership each have their own processes for residents and faculty to share their concerns when it comes to discrimination and other issues. Our partners in NYU Langone's Human Resource office are also available, particularly when these issues cross into legal territory. Our office mainly serves as another way for individuals to connect with these resources, or for more general, emotional support.



▲ **WALTER P. PARRISH III, MSED**, (he/him/his), Director of Diversity and Inclusion



▲ **CHRISTIAN TORRES, MD**, (he/him/his), Director of Diversity Training and House Staff Mentoring

Find more information by visiting <https://med.nyu.edu/our-community/why-nyu-grossman-school-medicine/diversity-inclusion/>

For questions, please contact diversity@nyulangone.org.

MILESTONES

Reflections and Advice

Candid interviews with...



Dr. Anna D'Emilio
by Jennifer Hernandez



Dr. Margaret K. Mason
by Dr. Martin Lieberman

Many do not know that you started as a resident, what year did you start your residency?

Dr. D'Emilio: I started as a PGY-1 in July of 1991 and then 2nd year as Chief Resident in 1992. In 1993, I stayed on as an attending at the Sunset Park main site and in addition, I worked as a Program Coordinator for the AEGD Program assisting the Director.

Dr. Mason: I started my GPR residency in 2001 and was the second year I was the chief resident. I was originally going to go into private practice part time in New Jersey and work at Lutheran Medical Center part time at the Park slope clinic. The operations director at the time had to go on medical leave and asked me to fill in for her. The rest is history, I've been here ever since.

What are some of the accomplishments that you had as Program Director for the AEGD program?

Dr. D'Emilio: I became [Program] Director in April of 1996, I continued with the expansion in Metro and Upstate NY. That same year was the first expansion out of NY into Arizona.

What are some of the accomplishments that you are most proud of? What do you attribute this success to?

Dr. Mason: I'm most proud of bringing in highly competent providers who treat our patients with the high quality equitable care. It's a pleasure to watch residents learn and grow in a community health environment. It means a lot. I see the value in others and that has helped build an incredible team so that the work can continue.

From 24 Residents to 236 residents is an incredible accomplishment. What do you attribute this success to?

Dr. D'Emilio: The motivating factor is accredited to **Dr. Neal Demby's vision** and wanting to expand this program across the country and even globally. *His passion was to expand our outreach to areas to increase access to oral healthcare for the vulnerable underserved populations and to increase manpower in shortage areas.* The prime way to accomplish this was to place residents in Community Health Centers throughout the Country. Dr. Demby was the motivating factor behind all of that, inspiring all of us to reach out to Health Centers and attend dental organizational meetings to connect with potential partners and sites.

We celebrate the accomplishments of
Dr. Anna D’Emilio on her 25 year journey from Resident to
Vice President and Program Director, Advanced Education in General Dentistry
—and—
Dr. Margaret K. Mason and her 20 year journey from Resident to
Vice President and Senior Administrator

The pride you take in your work inspires us all to work harder and do better.

While serving as Program Director (Dr. D’Emilio) / Senior Administrator (Dr. Mason) you have also accomplished many things in addition to your work with the organization. What are some of the accolades that you are most proud of?

Dr. D’Emilio: I received my Master in Arts in Dental Education in 2017. In 2018 I became fellow into the Pierre Fauchard Academy. In 2021, I became a fellow with the International College of Dentists. In 2011, I received the Faculty of the year award and The Outstanding Leadership Award. In 2012 at NNOHA, I received the Outstanding Leadership Award.

Dr. Mason: The accolades I am most proud of are graduating from the NYU Lutheran Dental Medicine’s General Practice Residency Training Program; holding a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Rutgers University; a Doctorate of Dental Medicine from the University of Pennsylvania; School of Dental Medicine and a Master of Education from the University of Pacific; Benerd School of Education and I am currently a MBA candidate at Johns Hopkins Carey Business School.

What would you tell your younger self? Straight out of Dental School, coming into residency, would you do it the same or would you do it differently?

Dr. D’Emilio: I always say this now “The best laid plans are unplanned.” I say that because when I came out of Dental School and went into the Program I did it for a specific reason. I had a specific goal. I was going to go into to a private practice with my own dentist. I needed to train to become better skilled and more confident, as well as learn more advanced procedures and techniques. I was getting great education and mentorship by my faculty at the time. I realized that if I did not do the year of training going into private practice would be a disservice to patients. That whole year opened up my eyes to public health dentistry. I just loved community dentistry and giving back to people who needed the care.

Dr. Mason: I would have listened a little more to my attendings and asked more for their advice. I would do it the same, but I would have been more interested in the relationships as a way of growth in the field.

When you look back at your 25 (Dr. D’Emilio) /20 years (Dr. Mason), what are you most proud of?

Dr. D’Emilio: I am the most proud of the people who believed, inspired, and supported me. Without them, this wouldn’t mean anything.

Dr. Mason: Serving patients as if they were one of my family. I’ve always had the restlessness to want to improve care and do more for our patients.

To learn more about NYU Langone Dental Medicine’s AEGD Program visit: <https://www.nyulangonedental.org/programs/aegd>

For questions, please contact dentalresidency@nyulangone.org.

Alumni hired as Faculty

We are pleased to announce that recent NYU Langone Dental Medicine Postdoctoral Residency Programs' graduates have stayed on and are now working as faculty at our affiliate training sites!

Here, our Alums are excited to share why they decided to stay on...

NYU Langone Dental Medicine Postdoctoral Residency Programs is nationally recognized for its high quality postdoctoral programs with locations across the US. And that's just one reason so many of our alumni return to work in the healthcenters where they trained.



Yesha Banajo	<i>Lee Specialty Clinic, KY</i>
Joseph Benson	<i>Interfaith Dental Clinic, TN</i>
Hallie Casteel	<i>Jordan Valley CHC, MO</i>
Bryan Do	<i>APLA Dental Services, Inc., CA</i>
Grant Hooper	<i>Family Health of Darke County, OK</i>
Sarah Jackson	<i>Jordan Valley CHC, MO</i>
Richae Jimenez	<i>Columbia Basin Health Association, WA</i>
Tiara Marshall	<i>Albany Area Primary Health Care, Inc., GA</i>
Hanzara Panol	<i>Family Tree Dental, OH</i>
Alexa Silva	<i>Good Samaritan Health Center, GA</i>
Kasey Stark	<i>Alaska Native Medical Center, AK</i>
Shannon White	<i>Jordan Valley CHC, MO</i>
Ryan Yokota	<i>Western University of Health Sciences, We Care Dental, CA</i>

RYAN YOKOTA, DDS

AEGD, We Care Dental, Rancho Mirage, CA
Current position: Assistant Professor

Dr. Ryan Yokota received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of The Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco, California. After graduating, he went on to sharpen his dental skills through NYU Langone's Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency program, located at We Care Dental, Rancho Mirage. There, Dr. Yokota performed all phases of general dentistry and was given the opportunity to explore his passion for teaching and endodontics.

Dr. Yokota enjoyed his experience so much, that he's returned to We Care Dental as a full-time Assistant Professor. Here, he continues to grow his passion for dental education in a clinical setting where he can continue to provide his own care of patients at the We Care Dental Clinic.

He spends his free time perusing the endless selection of Costco treasures, building custom keyboards and PC's, and spending time with his family and two cats.

"I chose to stay on as faculty because of my passion for education. I experienced a wonderful residency education that pushed me to transition from a new graduate beginner to the next level. I love the patient base at the clinic, and feel at home with everyone here. To return and teach students and residents to challenge themselves, alongside my mentor, is a huge blessing."

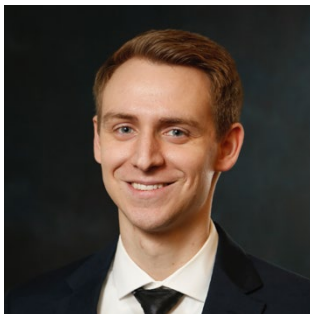


YESHA BANAJI WESTBROOKS, DDS

*AEGD, Lee Specialty Clinic, Louisville, KY
Current position: Dental Director*

Alumna Dr. Yesha Westbrooks, or "Dr. Yay" to her patients, talks about her decision to stay with Lee Specialty Clinic:

"I stayed at Lee and am now actually the Dental Director for the clinic! Lee Specialty Clinic is a very unique place. We have the opportunity to provide dental, medical, psych, OT, PT, speech, among tons of other specialties (audiology, ophthalmology, gynecology, neurology, oral pathology, etc.) to our patient population. Here at Lee, we work with adults diagnosed with intellectual or developmental disorders (IDD). We are unique in the sense that this is our only patient population, and we work very well with a Board Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA) to ensure that these patients are getting quality care through behavioral management techniques rather than sedation. I have always wanted to work with patients in this population, and when I found NYU Langone Dental Medicine's AEGD program at this clinic, I couldn't have been happier. I stayed on as faculty because I want to ensure that our residents get a very similar experience at our clinic with our very special population. NYU Langone made a very smart choice in partnering with LSC as a residency site, because the residents will always take away from this experience and, hopefully, apply the teachings to their future practices."



HOOPER GRANT, DDS

*AEGD, Family Health Services of Darke County, OH
Current position: Faculty*

AEGD Alumnus Dr. Grant Hooper on why he chose to stay on as faculty at Family Health Services of Darke County:

"I had a great experience during my residency and learned so much from the faculty at my site. When I had the opportunity to continue working at my site and stay on as a faculty, I could not have been more thrilled to stay. I have loved continuing to work at my site and it has been great to pass on the experience that I had last year to our current residents."



BRYAN DO, DDS

*AEGD, APLA Dental Services, Inc., Los Angeles, CA
Current position: Faculty*

Alumnus Dr. Bryan Do shares why he returns to work at APLA Dental Services:

"I chose to come back as faculty because I wanted to continue my passion for teaching. Working at my clinic allows me to do that for both the new residents as well as the patients that I've already connected with. This was a great opportunity for me to help the community and continue working with the great mentors and staff that I've had the pleasure of meeting this past year!"

ACCREDITATION

COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION

The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) employs a nationwide collaborative peer-review accreditation process to evaluate the quality of dental education programs. Every seven (7) years, CODA visits the institution's clinical training sites to verify that the programs meet accreditation standards. Additionally, when new clinical sites are approved, a special-focused site visit is scheduled before the graduation of the first class of residents.

NYU Langone Dental Medicine Residency Postdoctoral Residency Programs comprise five programs – AEGD, Endodontics, Dental Anesthesiology, GPR, and Pediatric Dentistry; they are all accredited and follow this process.

AEGD, Pediatric Dentistry, Endodontics, and Dental Anesthesiology each have a model of one Program Director with affiliated off-campus clinical training sites. AEGD has 38 regions throughout the United States consisting of one to fourteen clinical training sites. Pediatric Dentistry has fifteen regions, each with one to two clinical training sites, several hospital affiliations, and pediatric medicine rotations for required off-service rotations. Endodontics has its institution-based program in Brooklyn and an affiliated off-campus clinical site in Puerto Rico. Dental Anesthesiology is primarily based in Brooklyn but has affiliated clinical rotations in Arizona and California. The GPR program has two institution-based clinical training sites.

THE NYU LANGONE HOSPITALS ACCREDITATION PROCESS

Two months before a scheduled CODA site visit, each postgraduate program submits a self-study guide that is a comprehensive self-analysis detailing the program's resources, curriculum, policies, and operational standards. A CODA team consisting of two independent CODA consultants, reviews the written and on-site documentation. The team conducts interviews with administrators, instructors, and residents to verify the information in the self-study guide, and to ensure that the program meets accreditation standards. The Commission meets in the Summer and Winter of each year to review all site visit reports. The results of each Commission meeting are sent to the Dean, Vice-President of Graduate Dental Education, and the Program Director.

Due to the nationwide locations of the clinical training sites, AEGD and Pediatric Dentistry visits are scheduled by states or regions. Each year, AEGD has five to six comprehensive site visits and multiple special-focused site visits for the newly approved clinical training sites. Pediatric Dentistry has one to two comprehensive site visits and one to two special-focused site visits annually. The other programs have a site visit approximately every seven years.

The pandemic created new challenges. All site visits were postponed for one year. In 2021 and into the foreseeable future, CODA developed a policy to allow site visits to be conducted virtually or as a hybrid to accommodate the clinical site's visitor policies and the CODA reviewer team preferences. NYU Langone Dental Medicine's Accreditation Team has prepared for every situation that may occur. A virtual visit means all participants are virtual, and presentations, interviews, and the video tour of the clinical training sites are conducted via Zoom. If the site visit is virtual, the US Department of Education requires an additional on-site visit within 18 months. If the site visit is hybrid, one or both CODA reviewer team members are on-site, while other participants can elect to be on-site or virtual. As with the virtual site visit, presentations, interviews, and the video tour of the clinical training sites are conducted via Zoom; however, since the on-site reviewer can attend a live tour of the facilities, hybrid visits are considered complete.

ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY (AEGD) APPROVED SITES

AEGD Sites approved at Winter Meeting 2020

Colorado Region – May 9, 2019

Salud Family Health Centers – Brighton Clinic, Brighton, CO

Salud Family Health Centers – Commerce City Clinic, Commerce City, CO

Salud Family Health Centers – Longmont Clinic, Longmont, CO

UCSF Region California – October 8-10, 2019

University of California - San Francisco (UCSF) School of Dentistry AEGD Training Center, San Francisco, CA

Open Door Community Health Centers – Burre Dental Center, Eureka, CA

La Clinica de la Raza - Pittsburg Dental, Pittsburg, CA

Ravenswood Family Health Center, East Palo Alto, CA

AEGD Sites approved at Summer Meeting 2020 New York – November 7-8, 2019

Callen-Lorde Community Health Center, New York, NY

Upper Room AIDS Ministry, Inc., The Nest Community Health Center, New York, NY

Flatbush Family Health Center at NYU Langone, Brooklyn NY

Seventh Avenue Family Health Center at NYU Langone, Brooklyn NY

Sunset Terrace Family Health Center at NYU Langone, Brooklyn, NY

Texas – November 21, 2019

Heart of Texas Community Health Center – Elm Avenue Dental Clinic, Waco, TX

Georgia – February 11, 2020

Good Samaritan Health Center, Atlanta, GA

Nevada – March 4, 2020

Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine – Henderson Campus, Henderson, NV

AEGD Sites approved at Summer Meeting 2021

California-South – March 23, 2021

Gary and Mary West Senior Dental Center, San Diego, CA

Gary and Mary West Senior Dental Center, San Marcos, CA

Ohio – March 31, 2021

Family Tree Dental, Marietta, OH

New York-Metro – April 13, 2021

Refuah Health Center – Twin Avenue Site, Spring Valley, NY

Refuah Health Center – Main Site, Spring Valley, NY

Montana – April 29, 2021

RiverStone Health Dental Clinic, Billings, MT
Montana Center for Implants and Dentures, Billings, MT

ADVANCED EDUCATION IN PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY APPROVED SITES

PEDS Sites approved at Winter Meeting 2020

Maryland – October 29-30, 2019

Chesapeake Health Care Dental – Princess Anne, MD

Chesapeake Health Care Dental – Salisbury, MD

PEDS Sites approved at Summer Meeting 2021

Missouri – April 26, 2021

Compass Health – Broadway Bluffs, Columbia, MO
Compass Health – Worley Street, Columbia, MO

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Gregory Carter LaChance

1953 - 2021



We are deeply saddened by the passing of **Dr. Gregory LaChance** on February 1, 2021. Dr. LaChance graduated from Georgetown University School of Dentistry. Through the National Health Service Corps, he was hired by the El Rio Community Health Center in Tucson, Arizona where he practiced community-based dentistry for 40 years.

In 1996, he was instrumental in pioneering the expansion of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency program out of New York and into Arizona. Aligned with the AEGD program's service-learning mission, El Rio CHC became one of the first clinical training sites in Arizona to affiliate with our organization, then known as Lutheran Medical Center and train AEGD residents. He later helped to establish our Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry residency program at El Rio CHC.

As El Rio's Dental Director, he oversaw the growth of the department from one dental site to seven dental sites with over 50,000 annual visits. His steadfast leadership was an inspiration furthering the cause of community based dentistry and equity and quality of care for all. He impacted the lives of countless patients throughout Arizona and dental professionals across the country.

In 2020, Dr. LaChance retired from El Rio CHC and stepped down as Dental Director of the NYU Langone Dental Medicine AEGD Program. His legacy lives on with his colleagues who continue to train AEGD and Pediatric Dentistry residents. "He will be forever remembered for his dedication, service, compassion, and collaboration."

Those interested may make a memorial gift in Dr. LaChance's memory at elrio.org/donate.

From Dr. Anna D'Emilio, Vice President & Program Director, Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD), NYU Langone Dental Medicine Postdoctoral Residency Programs.

CURRICULUM NEWS

NYU LANGONE DENTAL MEDICINE POSTDOCTORAL RESIDENCY PROGRAMS CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENTS

The Graduate Dental Education (GDE) team led by Vice President, **Dr. Martin Lieberman**, developed new educational courses and events for residents and faculty.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS

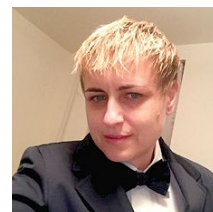
NYU Langone Dental Medicine Postdoctoral Residency Programs has partnered with the NYU School of Global Public Health (GPH) to offer scholarships to Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD), General Practice Residency (GPR), and Pediatric Dentistry (PEDS) residents to participate in the Advanced Certificate in Public Health Program. The certificate program consists of 6 core courses worth a total of 15 credits, which can be completed within 3 years. The certificate program is fully supported by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) through grant #D88HP37549 to NYU Langone Hospitals. After completion of the program, residents may be eligible to take the Certified Public Health (CPH) exam. Learn more at <https://publichealth.nyu.edu/programs/advanced-certificate-public-health>.

Congratulations to the following residents on their acceptance!

Dr. Bernice Bamgbade, AEGD
Dr. Akeadra Bell, AEGD
Dr. Joshua Bussard, AEGD
Dr. Joseph Cucolo, PEDS
Dr. Erin Guttormson, PEDS
Dr. Emily Johnson, PEDS
Dr. Kalp Juthani, AEGD
Dr. Zev Kizelnik, AEGD
Dr. Sara Merhi, PEDS
Dr. Regina Nguyen, PEDS
Dr. Alex Olson, PEDS
Dr. Abimbola Oyenyi, AEGD
Dr. Tonya Ozbeki, GPR
Dr. Brett Parks, PEDS
Dr. Aia Shalan, GPR
Dr. Jose Sifuentes-Cervantes, AEGD
Dr. Christy Tran, PEDS
Dr. Ellie Shin, AEGD

NEW COURSE OFFERINGS FOR RESIDENTS

- ① In partnership with NYU School of Global Public Health, we are offering new courses on the relationship between oral health and mental health, sugary beverages, and substance abuse. We are also offering a new course on the Social Determinants of Oral Health. These public health course offerings are made available by funding supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) through grant #D88HP37549 to NYU Langone Hospitals.
- ② Labs & Common Medications in Dentistry, Implant Restorative Dentistry, Key Elements of Dental Practice Management, Special Care Dentistry, Advanced Imaging in Pediatric Dentistry, and a study course and mock exam for the pediatric board exams.



▲ **BARBARA M. OTTENIO, DDS, MA, CADL, FICD,**
Director of Curriculum and Continuing Education

CE CREDIT COURSES FOR FACULTY

The Graduate Dental Education team announced two new on-demand Continuing Education (CE) credit courses for NYU Langone Dental Medicine faculty. To access: Log into Brightspace and search for Faculty Development. Titles for the new courses are:

- ① Fostering Information Literacy and Evidence-based Dental Medicine
- ② Teaching Professionalism for the New Generation of Healthcare Providers

CE CREDIT WORKSHOPS FOR FACULTY

In January 2021, GDE offered a 5.5 CE credit workshop had been offered titled “Foundational Motivational Interviewing (MI) Training Workshop”, presented by **Franze de la Calle, MS, RDN**. MI is one method of client-centered communication that is designed to motivate people for change by helping them recognize and resolve the discrepancy between their present behavior, and their future personal goals and values. This counseling approach suggests that for change in behavior to occur, the person must feel convinced that the change will improve their well-being, and confident in making the change. In other words, the person must be self-efficacious about their ability to make the change. The foundational workshops focused mainly on acquisition of basic MI skills. Participants received an overview of the principles and foundational MI techniques (e.g., asking open-ended questions, affirmations, reflections, and summaries) and problem-solving approaches.

In May 2021, GDE offered a CE for General Practice Residency (GPR) Alumni titled “Digital Dentistry: CAD/CAM Technology & 3D Printing”, presented by **Alex Parshin, DMD**. This course introduced participants to digital dentistry by showing how CAD/CAM technology and 3D printing is being utilized in the dental office. Goals and objectives of this course included: 1) How to utilize digital dentistry in your practice, 2) Treatment plan cases using 3D technology, 3) Create efficient digital workflows for every day dentistry, 4) Increase case acceptance, 5) Improve patient care, 6) Learn the benefits of using 3D technology.

On October 21, 2021 GDE offered a CE for AEGD (Advance Education in General Dentistry) titled “Clinical Review of Dental Patients Who Use Marijuana & Cannabinoids” by **Dr. Eric S. Bornstein**. The objectives of the course included: 1) Describe the major physiologic effects of THC, 2) List the most commonly seen adverse effects of THC in dental patients, 3) Outline the concerns and complications of cannabis use in older patients, 4) Summarize the oral and dental complications related to cannabis use, 5) Describe the major adverse drug interactions associated with high potency marijuana, 6) Outline the principal medications used in the pharmacologic management of THC side effects.

In October 2021, a two-part, 5 CE credit Pediatric Dentistry Leadership course titled “Organizational Structure, Culture, and Growth with Application to the Real World; A Model for Successful Team Building; and Successful Team Communications with ‘Crucial Conversations’” was presented by **David M. Okuji, DDS, MBA, MS**, Senior Associate Director, Extramural & Special Projects, Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry. Both presentations provided participants with foundational knowledge about the successful application of organizational culture and foundational knowledge about team building and teamwork. Following this course, the participants would be able to understand the fundamentals of organizational culture as well as be able to understand a model for teambuilding and be provided tools to participate as a contributing member of the NYU Langone Dental Medicine Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry Program.

GDE also offered dental medicine faculty CE on December 9, 2021 titled “Conservative Dentistry Using Direct Composites”, presented by **Thomas M. Paumier, DDS**. Upon completion of this continuing education course, the participant will be able to: 1) Understand how to save fractured teeth with composite, 2) Determine how improvements of direct esthetic bonded composite expand treatment options in your practice, 3) Discover how to solve challenges compacted by limited available finances.

AEGD SITES IN WASHINGTON STATE RECEIVE GRANT SUPPORT

Arcora, The Foundation of Delta Dental of Washington, announced an \$18,975 grant to support NYU Langone Dental Medicine Advanced Education in General Dentistry clinical training sites in Washington State. The grant helped to provide personal protective equipment (PPE) for faculty, staff, and residents. A special THANK YOU to **Dr. Amy Kim**, AEGD Associate Director, for her role in securing this critical support.



OFFICE OF GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION ONBOARDING SUCCESS

The Graduate Medical Education (GME) Office is committed to supporting residents and program leadership through the onboarding process and as well as throughout the academic year. Despite the challenges of the past year and a half, the dental programs had the best onboarding year on record, with the highest percentage of residents cleared to start by July 1st. We hope to continue refining our processes so that we can break that record next year.

The GME Office also supports and guides programs through resident issues, disciplinary actions, leaves of absence, policy changes, and institutional requirements. If you have a concern or question that may pertain to GME, please let your Program Director, Senior Associate Director, or Assistant Program Director know. We work closely with program leadership, and want to hear about your questions and concerns.

We are grateful to be a part of the dental team, and we will continue to partner with our programs to overcome any obstacle that comes our way!

RESEARCH NEWS

THE RESEARCH OFFICE AT NYU LANGONE DENTAL MEDICINE

UPLIFTING OUR RESIDENTS AND TEAM MEMBERS WHO CARE FOR OUR PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES

*From the Virtual Desk of Mary E. Northridge, PhD, MPH
Director of Dental Research*

In this issue of *The Bridge*, the Research Office team members chose to highlight our new directions, projects, and partners. Over the past year, we contributed scientific writing, research and evaluation, and human participant protection expertise toward uplifting our residents and team members who care for our patients and communities. These collaborations among dedicated researchers, providers, and staff build upon and elevate earlier efforts by NYU Langone Health leaders, partners, and funding agencies and organizations to improve oral health and health care equity through patient-centered care and community-based solutions.

*From the Virtual Desk of Tina C. Littlejohn, MSW
Research Program Coordinator*

As a part of their Program requirements, many residents are required or elect to conduct research and practice projects. In accordance with strict rules set by the US Department of Health and Human Services and NYU Langone Health, all projects that involve people must undergo self-certification by the project directors or be submitted to the NYU Grossman School of Medicine Institutional Review Board (IRB) for review and approval. I act as the liaison for the submission of research projects as required by the IRB through helping to ensure that the research is accurately executed in accordance with good clinical practice, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requirements, and IRB and affiliated departmental expectations. Good communication and adherence to these policies and protocols ensures that participants are treated safely and protects the rights, integrity, and confidentiality of research participants.

IMPROVING ORAL HEALTH CARE ACCESS FOR VULNERABLE PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Gary Kalkut, MD, MPH, Senior Vice President for Network Integration, Associate Chief Clinical Officer, and Executive at NYU Langone Health with oversight of the Department of Dental Medicine, has continued to build a more comprehensive grants portfolio with foundation, agency, and organizational support. With the visionary leadership of Margaret K. Mason, DMD, MA and the hands-on contributions of Eliot George, MBA and Lynn Gargano, DDS, the Research Office contributed grant writing and evaluation expertise that resulted in the following awards to Family Health Centers at NYU Langone (FHC).

Providing Dental Care to Underserved NY Children: Expanding Community- and School-Based Programs.

Funded by the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation 2020 Statewide Strategic Grants Program (FY20SSG010). Nowhere have the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Department of Dental Medicine

been as severe as for Dental School Health Program, due to the closure of New York City public schools in March 2020 and in-school service suspension through August 2021. The goals of this project are to:

- (1) expand the capacity of FHC to provide oral health care services to children aged 0-18 years living in underserved NY communities; and
- (2) establish dental homes for family members of children who are patients in FHC programs.

Integration of HIV Primary Care with Oral Health.

Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant # P06HA45163. Through the devotion of Finn Schubert, MPH, former FHC Network HIV Site Director, and current involvement of Migdalia Vientos, Coordinator and FHC leaders across services, the goals of this project are to: (1) increase the proportion of people living with HIV (PLWH) who receive preventive dental visits and all indicated dental treatment services by improving integration of HIV primary care with oral health care through comprehensive policies and procedures and addition of dental case management services; and (2) improve oral health services for PLWH by providing comprehensive training to dental faculty, residents, and staff regarding the oral health needs of PLWH, including clinical care, cultural competence, and stigma reduction.

IMPLEMENTING, REPORTING, AND SCALING UP SUCCESSFUL PILOT STUDIES TO PROVIDE PATIENT-CENTERED CARE IN PARTNERING SITES

In September 2021, team members involved in HRSA grants # T93HP30391 and D88HP37549 submitted the following 4 abstracts to the *Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW) All Grantee and Stakeholder Virtual Meeting* to be held in April 2022. Title 1 has been accepted for presentation. Titles 1 and 2 have been submitted for peer-reviewed publication. Findings will be reported in a variety of venues, including the new *Improving the Quality of Patient Care Series* (available at <https://central.nyumc.org/lmc/site/gde/sitepages/default.aspx> under the Research tab in the left navigation bar in all Program folders, along with a host of other research and practice resources). Successful pilot studies will be leveraged for additional external funding and scaled up with indicated adaptations to provide patient-centered care in partnering sites.

Title 1: Use of intra-oral cameras at chairside and a tele-mentoring protocol to detect and identify oral lesions and educate patients about oral cancer (presented by **Babak Bina, DMD** and **Mary E. Northridge, PhD, MPH**)

Title 2: Screening, referral, and follow-up of dental patients and their families for the social determinants of health to achieve health equity (presented by **Ragbir Kaur, DMD, MPH, MS**, **Isaac P. Dapkins, MD**, and **Margaret K. Mason, DMD, MA**)

Title 3: Integrating oral and behavioral health care screening across platforms in response to COVID-19 (presented by **Eliot George, MBA** and **Jon Marrelli, PsyD**)

Title 4: Training dental faculty in motivational interviewing to support healthful behavior change for patients and resident trainees (presented by **Loreina Tam, MPA**, **Franzenith de la Calle, MS, RDN**, and **Amy Kim, DDS**)



▲ **MARY E. NORTHRIDGE, PHD, MPH**, Director of Dental Research, Research Associate Professor

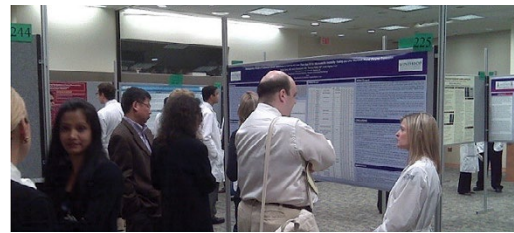
NOTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLICATIONS

- ① Mary Northridge was interviewed for and quoted in the following *New York Times* article by Kim Tingley (published May 19, 2021; updated June 9, 2021) that mentions the following publication with former dental public health resident Anjali Kumar and pediatric dentistry faculty member Raghbir Kaur: Northridge ME, Kumar A, Kaur R. Disparities in access to oral health care. *Annual Review of Public Health*. 41:513-535, 2020.
- ② **Peer-reviewed Journal Article:** Northridge ME, Wu Y, Troxel AB, Min D, Liu R, Liang LJ, Metcalf SS, Seyedzadeh Sabounchi S, Yi S. Acceptability of a community health worker intervention to improve the oral health of older Chinese Americans: a pilot study. *Gerodontology*. 38(1):117-122, 2021.
- ③ **Editorial:** Northridge ME. How enlisting dentists can speed up COVID-19 vaccinations. *Knowable Magazine*. Published February 2, 2021.
- ④ **Guest Speaker:** Mary Northridge delivered a presentation titled, "Writing for Peer-reviewed Publication: A Social Endeavor" at the National Dental Association Inter-professional Student Leaders Colloquium and Summit, Writer's Workshop via Zoom on February 25, 2021.

CONTACTING THE RESEARCH OFFICE FOR GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT

The Research Office is committed to providing up-to-date and individualized research, evaluation, and quality improvement guidance (Dentalresearch@nyulangone.org) as well as statistical and REDCap support (Dentalstats@nyulangone.org) to dental residents and faculty across programs. Residents should copy their faculty advisors/mentors on all correspondence with the Research Office so that we may all learn together and better ensure clear communication. Given competing priorities and scheduled vacations of Research Office team members, please use the e-mail addresses Dentalresearch@nyulangone.org and Dentalstats@nyulangone.org rather than those of individual team members for improved responsiveness and enhanced tracking of requests.

NYU LANGONE DENTAL MEDICINE RESEARCH FAIR



Dr. Martin Lieberman, NYU Langone Dental Medicine, Vice President of Graduate Dental Education, welcomed presenters, mentors, faculty and staff during the 4th Annual Dental Medicine Research Fair held virtually on Thursday, June 10, 2021. Congratulations to the following residents who were selected to present their research during last year's event:

- Emanuel Gluckman, DDS** - Dental Anesthesiology
- Jennifer Ha, DDS** - Endodontics
- Chelsea Hope, DDS, MS** - Pediatric Dentistry
- Jermyn M. Javier, DDS** - AEGD
- Lena Kuang, DDS** - Endodontics
- Hayley Lofquist, DMD** - Pediatric Dentistry
- Ayah Rashwan, DMD** - Pediatric Dentistry
- Jaelyn Rudick, DMD** - Orthodontics
- Peter Tylawsky, DDS** - GPR
- Justin Vice, DMD** - Endodontics
- Jennifer Wismer, DDS** - GPR
- Kiah Zarembo, DDS** - GPR

AWARDS & HONORS

2020 PUGH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

NYU Langone Dental Medicine is proud to recognize and announce the five 2020 Richard C. Pugh Recipients awarded by the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry (see link, <https://www.abpd.org/about-abpd/blog/congratulations-2020-pugh-awardees>). This award honors the top 3% of scores on the 2020 Qualifying Examination.



Colton Charles, *Eagle, ID* | NYU Langone Dental Medicine - Arizona/Tucson



Haejin Kang, *Los Angeles, CA* | NYU Langone Dental Medicine - Brooklyn



Yun Kim, *Westborough, MA* | NYU Langone Dental Medicine - Massachusetts



Tiffany Rangel, *Nashville, TN* | NYU Langone Dental Medicine - Tennessee



Jenna Yu, *Brooklyn, NY* | NYU Langone Dental Medicine - Brooklyn

The program congratulates Drs. Charles, Kang, Kim, Rangel, and Yu who represent 28% of all Pugh Awardees! Thank you for your hard work and for representing the program at the highest level.

DR. MYRON ALLUKIAN RECEIVES ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Congratulations to **Dr. Myron Allukian, Jr.**, NYU Langone Dental Medicine long-time faculty member. In May 2021, he received the Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine Alumni Society's highest alumni award, the Thomas Evans Achievement Award, "in grateful recognition of his innovation, excellence, and leadership in the profession of oral health care nationally and internationally." Read more in the Spring 2021 Issue of the *Harvard Dental Bulletin*, pages 12 and 13.

DELTA DENTAL OF ARIZONA NAMES DR. HEATHER SCHNEIDER AS DENTAL DIRECTOR



Congratulations to **Dr. Heather Schneider**, NYU Langone Dental Medicine (formerly NYU Lutheran) AEGD Alumna '18 on her appointment as Dental Director at Delta Dental in Arizona. <https://patch.com/arizona/phoenix/ep/1817453>

DR. HORACE GRIFFITH ACCEPTED INTO ADA IDL PROGRAM



Congratulations to **Dr. Horace Griffith**, AEGD Associate Director, US Virgin Islands, who was accepted into the American Dental Association's Institute for Diversity in Leadership Program (IDL). IDL is designed to enhance the leadership skills of dentists who belong to racial, ethnic, and/or gender backgrounds that have been traditionally underrepresented in leadership roles.

DR. BABAK BINA NEW PRESIDENT OF SECOND DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY



Congratulations to **Dr. Babak Bina**, NYU Langone Dental Medicine General Practice Residency Program Director. Dr. Bina has been elected to the position of President of the Second District Dental Society, which is the local component of the New York State Dental Association and the American Dental Association representing close to 1,400 member dentists in Brooklyn and Staten Island.

AWARDS & HONORS

DR. MINERVA PATEL FEATURED IN WALL STREET JOURNAL



Congratulations to **Dr. Minerva Patel**, NYU Langone Dental Medicine Pediatric Dentistry alumna '01 Brooklyn, NY site, who was featured in the Wall Street Journal. <https://www.wsj.com/articles/vaccinated-dentists-physicians-hope-their-protected-status-lures-back-wary-patients-11612447831?page=1>

DR. DEBORAH GEORGE RECOGNIZED AS INSPIRING WOMEN OF HEALTH



Congratulations to **Dr. Deborah George**, Dental Director at Jessie Trice Community Health Center, Inc.! Dr. George oversees the NYU Langone Dental Medicine AEGD Program affiliated with Jessie Trice CHC. She was recently recognized by the Health Foundation of South Florida during their first-ever celebration of South Florida's Inspiring Women of Health.

DR. SAMER RASHAD RECEIVES SILVIA PEREZ-SPIESS AWARD



Congratulations to **Dr. Samer Rashad**, NYU Langone Dental Medicine Pediatric Dentistry Program 2021 graduate. Dr. Rashad received the **Dr. Silvia Perez-Spiess Award** in recognition of excellence in patient care and advocacy during the Virtual Graduation Celebration held on Saturday, June 12, 2021.

DR. SERENA KASSAM NOMINATED FOR WOMEN OF DISTINCTION



Congratulations to **Dr. Serena Kassam**, a NYU Langone Dental Medicine Pediatric Dentistry alumna, RI site, '07. She is a 2021 Women of Distinction Award nominee in the Health & Wellness category for the YWCA in Metro Vancouver, Canada. [Women of Distinction Awards | YWCA Metro Vancouver \(ywcavan.org\)](https://www.ywcavan.org)

DR. DAVID REZNIK APPOINTED TO GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY



Congratulations to **Dr. David Reznik**, NYU Langone Dental Medicine AEGD Associate Director, for his recent appointment to serve as a member of the Georgia Board of Dentistry for a 4-year term. The Georgia Board of Dentistry has eleven members who are appointed by the Governor, including nine dentists, one dental hygienist, and a consumer member.

DR. MARTIN LIEBERMAN, DR. ANNA D'EMILIO, AND DR. DAVID REZNIK INDUCTED AS FELLOWS OF THE ICD



Dr. Martin Lieberman, VP of Graduate Dental Education, **Dr. Anna D'Emilio**, VP and AEGD Program Director, and **Dr. David Reznik**, AEGD Associate Director were inducted as Fellows of the International College of Dentists (ICD) in November 2021! CONGRATS.

ICD USA Section honors 12,000 Fellows in over 122 countries - granting recognition of an individual dentist's outstanding professional achievement, meritorious service and dedication to the continued progress of dentistry for the benefit of humankind. Check out the 2021 ICD USA Section Virtual Induction Ceremony, <https://www.usa-icd.org>.

AWARDS & HONORS

DR. HAHN AND DR. BENTLEY RECEIVE ADA 10 UNDER 10 AWARD



Congratulations to NYU Langone Dental Medicine alumna, **Dr. Emily Hahn**, Pediatric Dentistry alumna 2014 and **Dr. Carsen Bentley**, AEGD alumnus 2012. They are recipients of the 2021 American Dental Association's 10 Under 10 Award. The award honors dentistry's rising stars: dentists who are making an impact on the profession less than 10 years after graduating from dental school. The 2021 winners are driving dentistry forward and inspiring their colleagues through their work in science, research & education, practice excellence, philanthropy, leadership and advocacy. <https://www.ada.org/en/member-center/top-10-dentists-under-10-years>

ALUMNUS ON MASSACHUSETTS DENTAL SOCIETY 10 UNDER TEN LIST



Congratulations to **Dr. Matthew Freitas**, 2013 graduate of the NYU Langone Dental Medicine Pediatric Dentistry Program, St. Joseph Health Services in Rhode Island site, for his selection to the 2020 10 Under Ten list by the Massachusetts Dental Society.

DR. JESSICA DE BORD (WEBB) ALUMNI OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENT



Dr. Jessica De Bord (Webb), NYU Langone Dental Medicine Pediatric Dentistry Program Associate Director, WA, was recently selected as an **Alumni of the Year Award** recipient for UCLA School of Dentistry. Congratulations Dr. De Bord!

ALUMNA LAUNCHES MOBILE COVID-19 TESTING SERVICE IN ARIZONA



Congratulations to NYU Langone Dental Medicine Pediatric Dentistry alumna, **Dr. Harleen (Mann) Grewal**, 2013 MA site, and her husband, who is a neurologist. Together, they have started a mobile COVID-19 testing service in the Tucson, AZ region. <https://spectrumnews1.com/ca/la-east/coronavirus/2021/01/27/couple-launches-covid-19-rapid-testing-mobile-business#>

MULTI CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. YANNIE CHEA



Sincere congratulations to **Dr. Yannie Chea** for passing the board certification examination conducted by the American Board of Prosthodontics, thus achieving the status of Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists, and Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics. A 2014 graduate of the School of Dentistry, University of Montreal, and 2015 alumna of NYU Langone Dental Medicine's AEGD Program in Hawaii, Dr. Chea entered the University of Minnesota as a prosthodontic resident, completing the program in 2019. She continued and successfully pursued a fellowship in Maxillofacial Prosthodontics at UCLA in 2020. Dr. Chea is currently in her hometown of Montreal, Canada, sharing her time between private practice and teaching as a clinical faculty at the University of Montreal. She will be joining the University Hospital, University Center as a maxillofacial prosthodontist. The Hawaii region is extremely proud and wishes Dr. Chea continued success!

AWARDS & HONORS

TWO SELECTED TO SERVE ON AAPD'S LITTLE TEETH CHAT



Congratulations to **Dr. Christy Tran**, NYU Langone Dental Medicine Pediatric Dentistry resident at our Columbia, MO training site, and to **Dr. Naheed Ahmad**, NYU Langone Dental Medicine Pediatric Dentistry resident at our San Diego, CA training site. Drs. Tran and Ahmad were two of six new members selected to serve on the Pediatric Dental Residents Committee Group on AAPD's Little Teeth Chat. This is a prestigious appointment with a rigorous selection process. The vision of the Residents' Committee is to evaluate, address, and support the needs and desires of residents in order to establish a lifelong relationship with the AAPD. The duties of the Pediatric Dental Residents' Committee, as listed in the AAPD Administrative Policy and Procedure Manual, are to:

1. Provide a forum for resident issues and a communications mechanism to link residents across the country
 2. Facilitate opportunities for residents to contribute to AAPD activities and initiatives
 3. Assist residents' education about the AAPD as well as current issues facing pediatric dentistry on a local, national, and global level
 4. Cultivate future pediatric dentistry leaders.
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DPH ALUMNI RECEIVES 2021 HDA/ COLGATE FACULTY AWARD



Congratulations to **Dr. Elías Morón**, NYU Langone Dental Medicine Dental Public Health Program graduate, 2018. Dr. Morón was awarded the Hispanic Dental Association (HDA)/Colgate Faculty Award in June 2021. The Faculty Recognition Award recognizes faculty who are members of the Hispanic Dental Association and have contributed towards enhancing the quality of oral health for the Hispanic population by extending themselves beyond the scope of their position.

He was honored during the DDS Multicultural Summit held on June 17, 2021. This event is planned and organized by the National Dental Association (NDA), the Hispanic Dental Association (HAD) and the Society of American Indian Dentists (SAID). The event provides a venue for stakeholders to discuss oral health issues that impact diverse communities throughout the nation. The American Dental Association (ADA) also supports this event.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

NYU Langone Dental Medicine Postdoctoral Residency Programs welcomed the following individuals to our team in 2021



Dr. Priyanka Iyer

Associate Director, Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Iyer received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado, Boulder in Molecular Cellular Developmental Biology in 2007. She went on to receive an MPH and a Global Health Certificate as well as her DDS degree from the University of Michigan. In 2016, Dr. Iyer graduated with a MS degree and her certificate in Pediatric Dentistry from The Ohio State University College of Dentistry. She began working with Suncoast Community Health Centers, Inc. in Florida in November of 2016. This past year, Dr. Iyer took over as Associate Director of the NYU Langone Dental Medicine Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry Program affiliated with Brandon Community Health Center/Suncoast CHC. Dr. Iyer has presented on multiple occasions during the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Annual Session and to the International College of Dentists. She is published in numerous dental and medical publications and has research experience from her work at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Ohio State University, the University of Michigan, and the Karmanos Cancer Center.



Dr. Amir Yavari

Associate Director, Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry

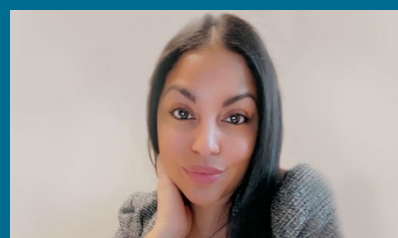
Dr. Yavari is a NYU Langone Dental Medicine Pediatric Dentistry 2017 graduate from the Providence, RI site. After graduation, he became part-time faculty and recently took over as Associate Director for the NYU Langone Dental Medicine Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry Program, working with residents at the RI site. He is a board-certified pediatric dentist. He graduated from the UCLA School of Dentistry, completed a one-year program in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Boston University, prior to his residency with NYU Langone Dental Medicine. He enjoys working with the residents and received a Faculty of the Year award for excellence in pediatric dental education in June 2021, nominated by his RI residents.



Paulina Janczuk

Senior Sites Director of Dental Operations

Paulina joined NYU Langone Dental Medicine in January 2021 as the Senior Sites Director of Dental Operations. Paulina received a Bachelor of Science degree in 2010 from Loyola University at Chicago. She continued her studies, at the University of Illinois at Chicago where she received an MBA in 2014 and a Master of Public Health in 2016. Paulina brings with her almost 8 years of experience as the Director of Financial Affairs and Assistant Director of Clinical & Financial Operations both in the College of Dentistry at the University of Illinois Chicago.



Nilsa Perez

Coordinator/ Graduate Dental Education

Nilsa is working as a Dental Coordinator, responsible for providing administrative support to the offices of Dr. Margaret Mason, Vice President and Senior Administrator for Dental Medicine and Dr. Martin Lieberman, Vice President of Graduate Dental Education. Nilsa has been working for NYU Langone Health for the past two years, most recently serving as the Interim Credentialing Associate.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

NYU Langone Dental Medicine Postdoctoral Residency Programs welcomed the following individuals to our team in 2021



Theresa Yang

Program Coordinator/Information Line Representative

Theresa joined the Graduate Dental Education Team in August 2021. She is working with the Marketing and Recruitment team, serving as the Information Line representative and overseeing social media activities. Additionally, she is serving as the Program Coordinator for the Dental Anesthesiology Program. Theresa received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2018 from the State University of New York Binghamton. She previously worked as a Site Director and Coordinator for CAPA Programs at PS 24 Andrew Jackson and PS 244 TALES.



Joanna Tzanis

Project Manager/ Instructional Designer

Prior to joining the Graduate Dental Education team, Joanne was an adjunct faculty member at Baruch College and New York University's School of Professional Studies. She also worked as a consultant providing nonprofits, multilaterals, and academic institutions with strategic communications, coaching, training, faculty development, and curriculum design services. In her new role, she is working with team members to maintain and improve the online course development process and the online curriculum user learning experience.



Sergio Dominguez

Program Coordinator, AEGD (West Zone)

Sergio Dominguez started at the end of August as a Program Coordinator for the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Program. He works closely with the AEGD leadership team and the program's residents to assist with resident onboarding, orientation, and graduation. Sergio has spent the last 2 1/2 years as a Credentialing Assistant for Medical Staff Services at NYU Langone.



Dr. Mark Macaoay

Associate Program Director at SDCDC/CVMP

Dr. Mark Macaoay has 17 years in clinical dentistry and 14 years practicing in pediatric dentistry. The Pediatric program is pleased to welcome Dr. Macaoay as the new Associate Program Director at San Ysidro Health. Dr. Macaoay has been with San Ysidro Health for 7 years and has been teaching with the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry for the past 5 years. His vast experience in the field will be key to the continued success of the Pediatric program in California.

PRESENTATIONS • PUBLICATIONS

DR. MYRON ALLUKIAN CO-AUTHOR, AWARD RECIPIENT, AND FEATURE



Congratulations to **Dr. Myron Allukian Jr.**, NYU Langone Dental Medicine's long-time faculty member. Dr. Allukian recently co-authored an OpEd piece on the need for a national action plan to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. <https://www.insidesources.com/public-health-action-plan-urgently-needed-to-stem-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

Congratulations to **Dr. Myron Allukian Jr.**, for being featured in the Spring 2021 Issue of the *Harvard Dental Bulletin*, Faculty Focus, Keeping Up the Fight for Public Health, pages 12 and 13.

Dr. Allukian was also recently interviewed by Dr. Laurie McCauley, Dean of the University of Michigan Dental School, for a video addressing students about the need to take the COVID pandemic more seriously and help to create a better understanding of dental public health and leadership. See the interview here: YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/Ja-tVzhNAdI>

DR. DANIELLE CULPEPPER PRESENTS AT ASDA ANNUAL SESSION

At The American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists' Annual Scientific Session, alumna **Dr. Danielle Culpepper** presented about 2020 #NIH Asthma Management Guidelines and #Pharmacotherapy!

DR. MARGARET MASON FEATURED IN MCIT FORUM



Dr. Margaret Mason, Vice President and Senior Administrator of NYU Langone Dental Medicine, was featured in the MCIT Black Lives Matter Forum and MCIT Women's Forum on Thursday, October 21, 2021. The focus of the session was to discuss her journey and contributions to Dentistry and ensuring continuous excellence in dental patient care throughout the NYU Langone Network. Dr. Mason graduated from NYU Lutheran Dental Medicine's General Practice Residency Training Program and has gained innovative skills and knowledge of the workings of the residency program. She also serves as liaison between the NYU Langone Dental Medicine leadership team, NYU Langone Health's executives, and board members as well as the Family Health Centers at NYU Langone.

PEDS ALUMNUS RESEARCH ARTICLE PUBLISHED



Congratulations to **Dr. Johnny Joseph**, NYU Langone Dental Medicine Pediatric Dentistry Program alumnus '20, who is the second author on the research article "Fibroblast Growth Factor 2 High Molecular Weight Isoforms in Dentoalveolar Mineralization," *Calcified Tissue International*. Read more: <https://rdcu.be/cn8CY>

DR. AMY KIM PUBLISHED IN PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY



Congratulations to **Dr. Amy Kim**, Associate Director, NYU Langone Dental Medicine AEGD Program, for being published in the May 2021 Issue of *Pediatric Dentistry*. Dr. Kim published a cohort study, with her former colleagues from the University of Washington.

Title: Longitudinal Analysis of Children's Oral Health-Related Quality of Life After Restorative Dental Treatment

Authors: Cameron L. Randall, PhD, Erin Wallace, PhD, Lisa Heaton, PhD, Matthew Christiansen, MS, Amy Kim, DDS, Ana Lucia Seminario, DDS, PhD, Christy M. McKinney, PhD, MPH

Publication: *Pediatric Dentistry*, Vol 43 / No 3 MAY / JUN 21

DR. AKILESH FEATURED ON GROUP DENTISTRY NOW SHOW



Dr. Shreekrishna Akilesh, NYU Langone Dental Medicine Pediatric Dentistry Program Associate Director in AZ was featured on the Group Dentistry Now Show. First year resident, Thomas (Scott) Randall, DMD and second year resident Somtochi Akamnonu, spoke about their rotation at Pacific Dental Services Foundation, Dentists for Special Needs. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F3mq_eEPAZk&feature=emb_logo

PRESENTATIONS • PUBLICATIONS

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY PROGRAM PUBLISHES MANUSCRIPT

Congratulations to NYU Langone Dental Medicine's Pediatric Dentistry Program for its recently published manuscript, "Predicting Negative Outcomes While Awaiting Dental Treatment Under General Anesthesia" in the *Journal of Dentistry for Children*.

Okuji D, Lin J. Predicting Negative Outcomes While Awaiting Dental Treatment Under General Anesthesia. *J Dent Child*. 2021;88(1):3-10.

Abstract:

Purpose: To determine the wait time for dental treatment under general anesthesia (GA) and its impact on clinical outcomes in a pediatric population at federally qualified health centers in the United States.

Methods: Data were collected from 566 pediatric subjects who underwent dental rehabilitation under GA between July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2014. One-way analysis of variance and linear regression analyses were performed.

Results: Patients waited 110.6 days (±standard deviation: 103.9 days) between the initial and treatment visits. Regression analysis demonstrated that prolonged wait time was a significant predictor for an increased number of preoperative visits and more teeth treated than planned. Among the 25.1 percent of patients who returned for follow-up after surgery, 18.6 percent presented with pain, swelling, or broken/displaced restorations. The Canadian diagnostic code system was associated with the American Society of Anesthesiologists classification system (P<0001) and was not coincident with wait time.

Conclusion: Longer wait time was associated with continuous pain, more teeth treated than planned, and more frequent pre- and postoperative visits. Wait time was predictive of a higher number of preoperative visits. Initial visit pain, and extra- and intraoral swelling were associated with the Canadian diagnostic system.

THANK YOU to the following pediatric dentistry graduates who served as sub-investigators for the study:

1. Maryland: Dr. Meghan Greabell
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NYU LANGONE DENTAL MEDICINE AEGD ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR PRESENTS TO SECOND DISTRICT



Dr. Maureen Perry, Professor and Director of the Center for Advanced Oral Health at A.T. Still University Arizona School of Dentistry and an Associate Director with NYU Langone Dental Medicine's AEGD Program, presented to the Second District Dental Society of New York on Special Care

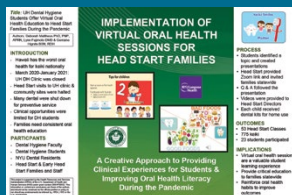
Dentistry: Tips and Tricks. Dr. Perry is an expert on the topic and always willing to share her knowledge.

DRS. ANNA D'EMILIO AND AMY KIM PRESENT ON NAVIGATING COVID-19 AT ADEA 2021 FALL MEETING

Dr. Anna D'Emilio, Vice President and Program Director, Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) and Dr. Amy Kim, Associate Director, NYU Langone AEGD Program presented "Organizational Resilience in Pandemic Times: The Story of NYULH AEGD's Successful Navigation of the COVID-19 Crisis" at the American Dental Education Association 2021 Fall Meeting. Learning objectives:

- Define and identify strategies for fine-tuning organizations and leveraging human capital.
- Identify strategies for innovating curriculum for online delivery, in compliance with accreditation standards such as those directed by CODA.
- Explain the importance of servant leadership during difficult times and develop strategies to implement morale/camaraderie boosting initiatives at home organizations.

VIRTUAL ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION POSTER FESTIVAL 2021 FINAL

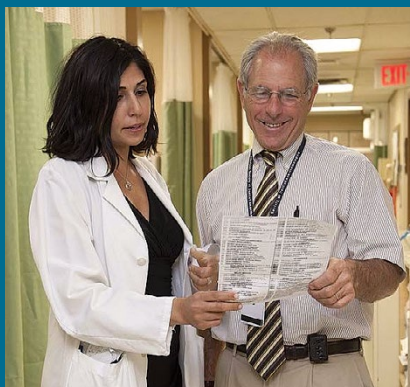


Congratulations to Lynn Fujimoto, DMD, NYU Langone Dental Medicine Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry Associate Director, Hawaii, Deborah Mattheus, PhD, PNP, APRN, and

Gerraine Hignite, BSN, RDH! Their poster was presented during the University of Hawaii School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene poster festival held May 2021.

RETIREMENTS

DR. JEFFREY BURNS RETIRES AFTER 25+ YEARS



It saddens us that **Dr. Jeffrey Burns** has decided to retire this January. He has been an integral part of NYU Langone Hospital – Brooklyn and the GPR program for the past 25 years. Dr. Burns received his DDS degree from NYU College of Dentistry. He then completed his residencies in General Practice Residency and Anesthesia in Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center and dedicated most of his attention to the special care population thereafter. His desire to be the voice of this population amazed everyone around him including Dr. Babak Bina, Program Director of the GPR program. In 2005, when Dr. Bina became the Program Director at Lutheran Medical Center, it was an easy decision for him to choose Dr. Burns as his Associate Director. For the past 15 years, as Associate Director, Dr. Burns has been astronomical in training residents in treating special care patients both in the clinic and in the OR, providing lectures and imparting his knowledge to everyone around him. Dr. Burns has received the “Attending of the Year” award on multiple occasions and in 2013 he received the lifetime achievement award for his distinguished service at Lutheran Medical Center. He has been an active member of the NY State Task Force for special care patients, advocating access to care for this underserved population both at a local, state, and national level. The dental community will struggle to find someone to fill the shoes of Dr. Jeffrey Burns. We thank him for his dedication to the dental community. Please join us in congratulating him on his retirement!

ESTELA LAZO RETIRES AFTER 14 YEARS OF SERVICE



Estela Lazo, Administrative Associate for NYU Langone Dental Medicine Postdoctoral Residency Programs, retired on June 18, 2021 after 14 years of dedicated service and commitment to the Dental Department. Estela has a long history with NYU/Lutheran Medical Center, but began her journey with the Dental Department in 2007.

Dr. Margaret Mason, Vice President and Senior Administrator, hired Estela to work for Lutheran Medical Center’s Dental Department with Dr. Anna D’Emilio, Vice President and Program Director, AEGD Program, and the late Dr. Silvia Perez-Spiess, Program Director, Pediatric Dentistry Program. Estela’s greatest memories of her time working with dental are of faculty development trips and office parties.

“Estela has been, in many ways, the backbone of the department. She is trustworthy, reliable, and has a gentle demeanor. I will miss her presence and her contribution,” said Dr. Mason.

DENISE FRANCES, DMD, RPT RETIRES AFTER 8+ YEARS



Dr. Denise Frances announced her retirement from AEGD Associate Director after 8+ years of dedication and commitment to the AEGD residency program. Dr. Frances retired on January 7, 2022. Dr. Frances will miss the daily (remote) interactions with residents and colleagues, and will cherish the relationships and friendships that she formed along the way. She stated that her “experiences at NYU Langone Health are indelible, and I will carry them with me always. I look forward to watching the AEGD program grow, and the positive impact it will continue to have on the dental community.” She is honored to have been part of the NYU Langone family, carrying out Dr. Demby’s vision of a “dental institution without walls”. Dr. Frances is excited to spend more time with her new grandchildren (all 3!) and looks forward to sailing and traveling with her husband. If anyone is in the Marina Del Rey, CA area, she invites you to come sail with her!

DR. LARRY GREEN RETIRES AFTER 48 YEARS

Congratulations to **Dr. Larry Green, DDS**, a NYU Langone Dental Medicine dentist practitioner in Brooklyn, NY upon his retirement.

Dr. Babak Bina (on left), NYU Langone Dental Medicine General Practice Residency Program Director, presents a crystal plaque to Dr. Larry Green (on right) in appreciation of 48 years of dedicated service. Dr. Green was recognized during a retirement celebration for his enthusiastic spirit and commitment to residents, patients, faculty and staff.



MEETINGS & EVENTS

FIRST VIRTUAL FACULTY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE



NYU Langone Dental Medicine hosted its first Virtual Faculty Development conference on December 16-17, 2020 — a 2-day continuing dental education program with over 200 faculty, program leaders, and staff. “It was a great honor to have **Dr. Kathleen O’Loughlin**, Executive Director of the American Dental Association, as this year’s keynote speaker,” said **Dr. Martin Lieberman**, Vice President of Graduate Dental Education. In Dr. O’Loughlin’s keynote address, *COVID-19: The Impact of a Global Pandemic on the Profession of Dentistry*, she presented data regarding the impact of COVID-19 on the US dental profession from an economic, utilization, and workforce perspective and provided an update on the state of scientific knowledge regarding SARS CoV 2 related to transmissibility, oral physiology, and environmental controls.

Speakers and Topics—Wednesday:

Kathleen O’Loughlin, DMD, MPH - COVID-19: The Impact of a Global Pandemic on the Profession of Dentistry (1 CE)

Khadijah Matin, MS, DMin - Experiences in Racism (1 CE)

Gabriella Castillo & Beleny L. Reese, MPH - Structural Competency: A Framework to Analyze and Address Social Determinants of Health and Health Disparities (1 CE)

Speakers and Topics—Thursday:

Margherita Fontana, DDS, PhD - Evidence Based Recommendations for Non-Restorative Management of Caries Lesions (1 CE)

Thomas Paumier, DDS - The Oral Health Systemic Health Connection: What’s the Difference? (1.5 CE)

Phyllis Blumberg, PhD - Providing Scaffolding Support for Residents Treating Complicated Patients (1 CE)

Sheela Raja, PhD - Stress and Resilience: Practical Strategies for Dental Education (1 CE)

1ST GPR ALUMNI CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) EVENT AND VIRTUAL REUNION



Dr. Babak Bina, NYU Langone Dental Medicine Postdoctoral Residency Programs GPR Program Director, welcomed alumni from across the country to the 1st General Practice Residency continuing education event and virtual reunion, held in May 2021. In his opening remarks, he spoke to alumni and current residents saying, “we will do anything we can to help secure your futures. We want you to be successful and we want to hear about your successes.” He encouraged attendees to email him with news of new jobs, promotions, weddings, births, recognitions, and more. He also introduced alumnus, **Dr. Alex Parshin**, as the presenter. Dr. Parshin completed his GPR residency in Brooklyn, NY in 2011. He shared a photo of his 9-member NYU Langone Dental Medicine GPR class and spoke about how the program has grown to 23 residents in 2021. Dr. Parshin presented on Digital Dentistry: CAD/CAM technology & 3D Printing. A virtual reunion followed the CE event allowing attendees to reconnect with old friends and colleagues.



MEETINGS & EVENTS

NYU LANGONE DENTAL MEDICINE PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY RESIDENTS AND DIRECTORS PARTICIPATE IN AAPD ADVOCACY CONFERENCE



The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) Advocacy Conference was held virtually this year. NYU Langone Dental Medicine residents received training on advocacy and scheduled visits with members of congress to advocate for Title VII funding, making Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program (DFLRP) non-taxable to recipients, insurance coverage for patients with congenital anomalies, and petition CMS to add billing codes for dental procedures in the operating room.



NYU Langone Dental Medicine Pediatric Dentistry Maryland Residents Participate in AAPD Virtual Advocacy efforts. Featured in photo: **Dr. Stefano**, Associate Director, **Dr. Das**, PGY1 resident, and **Dr. Gandhi**, PGY1 resident along with Howard University, Children's National and University of Maryland residents discussing the AAPD 2021 "Asks" with Maryland Congressman, **David Trone**.



Pediatric Residents and faculty met with Senior Legislative Assistant from the Office of Representatives. They were joined by faculty and residents from Interfaith and Brookdale Hospitals as well as private practice pediatric dentists.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

NYU LANGONE DENTAL MEDICINE PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY TEAM ATTENDS BABT



Dr. Rajesh Adhia, NYU Langone Dental Medicine Pediatric Dentistry Program Senior Associate Director, attended the Bourbon & Baby Teeth (BABT) Conference held September 30-October 2, 2021 in Louisville, KY. Second year Pediatric Dentistry residents from the Tennessee site and Dr. Jerome Casper, a PEDS Program faculty member, were also in attendance to learn about topics from sedation, to sleep breathing disorders, tongue tie, depression and anxiety, and marketing.


VALLEY HEALTH CELEBRATES NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK



A shout-out to Valley Health System in West Virginia, an NYU Langone Dental Medicine AEGD Program affiliate, for their role in raising awareness and celebrating healthcare workers during National Health Center Week, August 8-14, 2021. Each day, the organization focused on a specific service area. They held donation drives to collect personal hygiene products for Harmony House, and a Children's Health Day drive-thru health fair to collect backpacks and school supplies for Valley Health's school-age patients.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SIXTH ANNUAL NYU LANGONE PEDS HALLOWEEN THROW-DOWN COMPETITION CHAMPIONS

It was that spooky time of year when the Pediatric Dentistry programs are challenged to compete for bragging rights in the Peds Annual Halloween Throw-Down. This is a friendly competition and we always look forward to health centers sharing their creative ideas through photos and/or videos. Congratulations to the 2021 Champions!



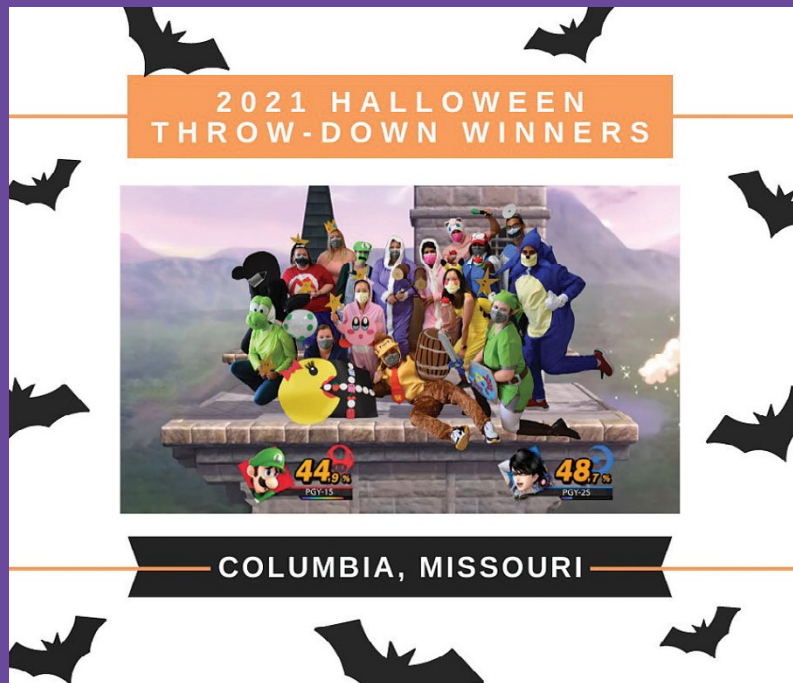
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🏆 Congratulations to our 2021 Halloween Throw-Down Health Center Champions! 🏆
Continuing their reign...

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NYU Langone Dental Medicine Pediatric Dentistry - Columbia, Missouri!! 🏆



2021 GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Residents, faculty, staff, and leadership from five postdoctoral dental residency programs recognized graduates at Brooklyn's Graduation Celebration held in June 2021.

CONGRATULATIONS GPR 2021 GRADUATES



General Practice Residency graduates were recognized and were all able to celebrate together in an outdoor venue on Friday, June 25, 2021.

Three awards were presented during their graduation celebration.

NYU LANGONE DENTAL MEDICINE ENDODONTIC GRADUATES



NYU Langone Dental Medicine Endodontic Program - Brooklyn celebrates its 2021 graduates! Program Director, Dr. Robert Goldberger recognizes this year's Endodontic Program graduates.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DENTAL ANESTHESIOLOGY GRADUATES



NYU Langone Dental Anesthesiology Residents celebrate the graduating class of 2021 at an outdoor venue in June 2021.



Dr. Aia Hamdy Shalan received the Resident of the Year Award
Drs. Peter John Tylawsky and Kristen Nicole Watts received the Annual Anthony L. Di Mango Award



Congratulations to all our Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry
Class of 2021 graduates—across the nation.



NYU Langone Dental Medicine Pediatric Dentistry 2021 graduates from our Maryland training site celebrate with faculty and Associate Director, **Dr. Mariella DeStefano** from Chesapeake Health Care.



NYU Langone Dental Medicine Pediatric Dentistry 2021 graduates from our Florida training site were recognized and celebrated with faculty and staff.



Pediatric Dentistry residents from the NYU Langone Dental Medicine Pediatric Dentistry training site in Rhode Island celebrate graduation with Associate Director, **Dr. Amir Yavari**, who's a 2017 graduate of the program in RI.



NYU Langone Dental Medicine congratulates its Pediatric Dentistry graduates from Washington State, Yakima Valley Farm Workers.



NYU Langone Dental Medicine's Pediatric Dentistry training site in Nashville, TN welcomes its newest residents of the class of 2023. Drs. Smiley and Johnson attended the health center's 2021 graduation celebration along with Associate Director, **Dr. John Kenney**.



Congratulations to **Dr. Samer Rashad**, NYU Langone Dental Medicine Pediatric Dentistry Program—Sunset Park Family Health Center site. Dr. Rashad is the recipient of the 2021 Dr. Silvia Perez-Spiess Award, given annually to a graduating resident in recognition of excellence in patient care and advocacy.

2021 GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Congratulations to all our Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD)
Class of 2021 graduates—across the nation.

ARIZONA - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CENTER, PHOENIX



NEW YORK - SHATKIN DENTAL HEALTH, BUFFALO



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COLORADO - SALUD FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS, BRIGHTON



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ONE OF OUR PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY PROGRAM GRADUATES: DR. KASEY STARK, NYU LANGONE DENTAL MEDICINE PEDS 2021 GRADUATE, ALASKA SITE



Dr. Kasey Stark is originally from the great state of Michigan and graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry in 2017. She worked as a general dentist in a private practice outside of Flint, Michigan for two years before matching with NYU Langone Dental Medicine's Postdoctoral Pediatric Dentistry Residency in Anchorage, Alaska at Alaska Native Medical Center (Southcentral Foundation). She was chief resident during her PGY-2 year of training and will be staying in Alaska as attending faculty at the site after graduation. In her spare time, she enjoys exploring Alaska with her husband, Chase, their large dog, Lebowski, and their restored 1981 Dodge Ram Campervan, 'Big Blue.' She enjoys hiking, skiing, camping, biking, reading, and thrift shopping for unique vintage clothing and furniture.

ONE OF OUR GPR ATTENDING: DR. ARIN ABRAHAMIAN, GPR ALUMNUS '18



Dr. Arin Abrahamian graduated from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry and completed the NYU Langone Dental Medicine General Practice Residency Program in 2018. He was selected as a chief resident and completed his training in 2019. He is now working with the NYU Langone Dental Medicine GPR residents in Brooklyn as an attending for the program. He shares about his experience, "Teaching was always a passion that I wanted to pursue in my future. But I had thought it would be in the very distant future. However, before graduating from my GPR

residency, I told Dr. Babak Bina, GPR Program Director, that I wanted to come back as an attending. The program gave me confidence in dentistry and the opportunity to expand my skill set. There is nothing that I'm not comfortable doing now. The program director, attendings and my fellow residents are like family. I look up to them for advice. They have become a big part of my life."

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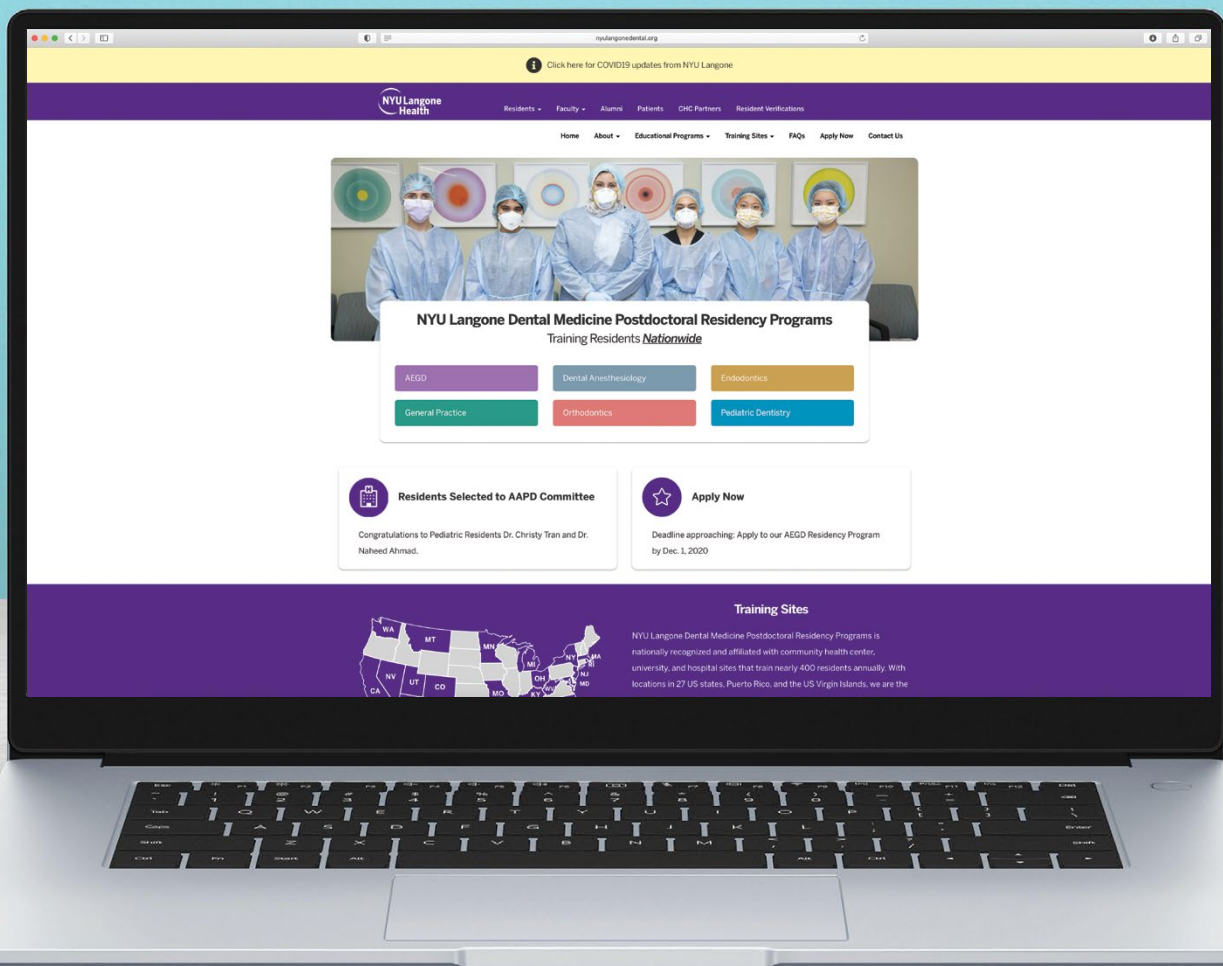
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