



District of Columbia  
DENTAL SOCIETY

# NEWSLETTER



## Election Edition 2023

This year the DCDS election is being conducted by electronic ballot. DCDS has selected Balloteer as the solution provider to administer the election. Candidates profiles are listed on the online ballot as well as on the following pages.

Voting **will close at 2 PM Tuesday, December 5**. All DCDS members who are eligible to vote have received an email with their unique login credentials. To vote, you will need:

- Your ADA Number—if your ADA number begins with one or more zeroes, they must be entered as well.
- Your Unique Password

Please contact your DC Dental Society staff at [info@dcdental.org](mailto:info@dcdental.org) or (202) 367-1163 if you need us to resend your unique password or if you have any questions about the 2023 DCDS election or the voting process.

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## Year-End Celebration—Dec. 5 Election Results to be Announced

Join us for a year-end celebration at the DCDS headquarters on Dec. 5. Hear the lecture “Fit Body. Calm Mind. Inspired Practice.” by Dr. Uche Odiatu.

See page 3 for details.

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# Election Summary

Elections are underway for:

- DCDS Officer Positions
- DCDS Board Director Positions—note that 6 candidates are running for 4 open board seats
- DCDS Foundation Board Director Positions
- Candidates for the DCDS Delegation to the ADA House of Delegates

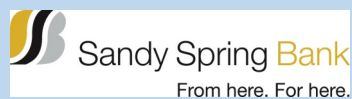
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# Tuesday, December 5th Meeting and Year-End Celebration

## “Fit Body. Calm Mind. Inspired Practice. ”

### Presented by Uche Odiatu, DMD

NSCA Certified Personal Trainer  
Personal Training Specialist Can Fit Pro  
Holistic Lifestyle Coach



5:45 PM—Business Meeting Begins

6:00 PM (approx.) Education Program Begins

**CE Credits Offered:** 2.0 CE Credits

**Cost:** Free to DCDS Members | Non-Members—\$75 Presentation Recording or \$110 In-Person

### Location for In-Person Event:

DCDS Headquarters  
2001 K Street, NW, 3rd Floor  
Washington, DC 20006



[Register Here](#)

**Disclosures:** None

Visit the [DCDS Registration Fees & Cancellation Policy page](#) for more details on registration and [read about Dr. Odiatu here](#).

The District of Columbia Dental Society is an ADA CERP Recognized Provider.

### Meeting Description:

An invigorating presentation designed to give the health care professional strategies on how they can eat mindfully, exercise regularly & develop a fitness modus operandi. The research shows that physically active professionals and CEO's have stronger resilience, faster reaction time, more energy and sharper cognitive ability than their inactive counterparts. Most health care professionals are surprised to uncover the robust science between their personal health and their professional performance. Finally, a different kind of program to help health care pros perform better in & out of the office in 2023 and beyond.

### Learning Objectives Session 1 - 6:00-7:00 pm

- Develop a nutrition and fitness mindset 24/7 & feel more empowered to talk nutrition with patients' chairside.
- Discover the daily health habits of other business and high-performance individuals.
- Gain insight into the new science of the human microbiome & FOUR things all dental professionals need to know about their patients' microbiome health.

### Learning Objectives Session 2 - 7:15-8:15 pm

- Understand how the body performs under prolonged pressure & receive strategies to balance the autonomic nervous system.
- Learn how your health & vitality impacts your ergonomic work life.
- Discover seven new Sleep Strategies.

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### **Dr. Hillary Hochman - President-Elect**

It is my honor to be nominated for President-Elect for the DC Dental Society. I graduated from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in 2009 and practiced general dentistry in New Hampshire before I moved to Washington, DC in 2011. I then practiced in Reston, Virginia for four years and have been with Comprehensive Dental Care downtown since 2015. It has been such a pleasure to be a part of the society, from getting to know the dentists that have had long and decorated careers, to working alongside the new wave of younger dentists to the city. I am currently the society's Vice President. As well as having served on the Board of Directors, I have

been Chair of the Education Committee and member of Public Policy, Awards and Nominating, and Strategic Planning Committees. My focus will be to continue our efforts in making improvements with the Board of Dentistry for the benefit of all providers in the district. Thank you for your consideration.



### **Dr. Kim Menhinick - Vice President**

Born and raised in British Columbia, Canada, I moved to Cleveland Ohio in 1993 to work towards completing a D.D.S at Case Western Reserve University. A GPR at Illinois Masonic Hospital in Chicago soon followed. Upon completion I relocated to the Washington, DC and Maryland area to work as a general dentist. After a few years of practice, I chose to pursue a residency in Endodontics at Baylor University in Dallas, where I earned a Certificate in Endodontics and a Masters in Oral Biology. Returning to the area thereafter I joined Advanced Endodontic Associates where I have since been practicing for the past 20 years.

During my time here in the District I have maintained active involvement with DCDS as well as being involved in the local community. This has included participation for a number of years with the Mid-Atlantic/Nations Capital dental meetings, Give Kids a Smile Day, Chair of the Fall Symposium for Licensure for the past two cycles, and rendering care for Spanish Catholic Charity patients. Along with other previously held positions on the DCDS board my most recent position is a member of Professional Standards Committee.

As a longtime member of our society I have always felt it is important to be involved in order to keep our society strong. It is vital we maintain a presence on the political forefront, at both local and national levels. My intent if confirmed as your Vice-President is to bring a breadth of experience as well as a perspective that spans my time practicing in the District. I will dedicate my time and energy to be a clear and effective voice because I believe we are a society that is truly passionate about our profession, our community and our future.

Thank you for your time.

## DCDS Officer Candidates



### Dr. Eugene Giannini - Treasurer

I am asking your support of my candidacy for a second term as Treasurer for the DC Dental Society. It is critical for the Treasurer to have firsthand experience in the operations of the Society and the impact our programs have for our members and our profession. My track record of service and commitment to organized dentistry and our Society began while I was a student at Georgetown Dental School as a two term National Vice President of the American Student Dental Association. After graduation and a general practice residency in New York, I returned to DC and began my involvement with DCDS by serving on several committees. These culminated in my selection as Chairman of the Nation's Capital Dental Meeting in 2004 and later to serve as President in 2006.

I was later appointed to the ADA's Council on Communication in 2006 for a four year term and also served as the council's consultant to the ADA's Council on Governmental Affairs. I was later appointed to the District of Columbia Board of Dentistry's Anesthesia Task Force in 2009 and have served in an advisory position to the board. In 2014, I chaired the Society's Executive Director Search and I currently serve as a member of the DCDS Public Policy Committee am the current Treasurer of the society.

You can see that I have been involved at all levels in our Society and have a proven record of engagement and results. I am proud to live and work in the District and feel my experience and understanding of the Society's past finances and budgets has provided me with the skills required for this position. I look forward to continuing as an active member of the Board.



### Dr. Sally Cram - Secretary

I have been a member of the DC dental community for over 34 years. Upon graduation from Georgetown University School of Dentistry and the University of Texas Health Science Center's graduate periodontal training program, I established a private periodontal practice here in Washington, DC in 1988. I have held previous teaching positions at Georgetown University School of Dentistry and Northern Virginia Community College's Dental Hygiene Program. I am a past president of the D.C. Dental Society and currently the President of the D.C. Dental Society's Foundation.

I have been a spokesperson and consumer advisor for the American Dental Association since 2001 and have served in the ADA's House of Delegates since 2004. I have been nominated as the Local Arrangements Chair for the 2025 ADA SmileCon here in Washington, DC. I have served on and chaired the American Academy of Periodontology's Clinical Practice Committee and have lectured locally and nationally on periodontics, communication and leadership.

My numerous experiences on the local and national level have given me insight into the DC Dental Society's strengths and challenges and I will continue to help the next generation of dentists succeed as leaders. I know the importance of keeping our members informed and involved about issues on the local and national levels. As your DCDS Secretary, I will continue to advocate for our members to ensure that you are kept informed on any issues that may affect you and your practices.

## DCDS Board Director Candidates

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### Dr. Ioana "Anna" Bettios

I have been a member of the DC Dental Society, since I retired from a 30-year highly decorated military service with many positions in Executive Medicine, and clinical care. I am currently in charge of the Prosthodontics Program at Howard University with a unique and grateful position to mentor our future generation of dentists and continue to support and encouraging them to be successful and benefit our dental communities and our dental profession. I am very honored to have contributed to the 98% graduating class ADA signing-in rate for the last six years. I completed my specialty degree in the military, and my Master's Degree at George Washington University. I am a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and have served in global clinical assignments as both a general dentist and a specialist. I am a passionate volunteer for geriatric, and wounded warrior care, and fortunate to have worked with many diverse cultures, and appreciative of the experiences in serving our communities. I think my past positions in executive medicine, education, and clinical care, as well as my knowledge acquired as outgoing President, and amazing experiences from attending the last two Annual ADA House of Delegates, and local District Caucus meetings and resolutions, will help our Society with aligning our strategic goals and initiatives in improving our market share and budget forecasts for our members. I respectfully ask for your kind consideration to continue to support the voice of our members at our Board, and will work towards our strategic initiatives with our challenges with dental staffing, licensure delays, and insurance reforms for our DC dentists. My goal is to continue to strive for equality, diversity, and member inclusiveness in all our tasks on the Board meetings. Given the opportunity, I will continue to assist our Society to build partnerships and participate with ongoing hearings with the Department of Health Council, and DC Board legislative initiatives. I am very honored to have met and practice with so many talented dentists in the DC area and will continue to assist and serve our Society. Thank you for your consideration.



### Dr. Kathryn Clark

As someone who grew up just outside of DC, I am incredibly thankful to now be practicing here and part of this amazing dental community.

I completed my dental training at the University of Maryland Dental School and my orthodontic residency at Oregon Health Sciences University. I received my undergraduate degree in Neuroscience from the College of William and Mary. I have been in practice in Tenleytown for the past 13 years. I am an active member of the ADA, AAO, DCDS, ICD and GWAWD. I served on the Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting Committee from 2015-2017 selecting the capsule clinic lectures and coordinating the volunteers. Currently, I am serving as an ADA Delegate and member of the DCDS Board of Directors and Membership Committee. In my spare time, my husband and I enjoy watching our three kids participate in their many sporting events and activities. With whatever time is left, I also love to knit, read, cook, and travel.

Finally, I was recently reminded of a story from dental school in which I had relayed a dental joke to my sister that my classmates and I had found funny. She responded that I had, "found my people!" I truly did, and I hope to have the opportunity to continue to represent our local dentists as a Board Member.

## DCDS Board Director Candidates

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### Dr. Urwashi Dubey

Urwashi Dubey, DDS was born and raised in New Delhi, India. She graduated from Dental School in India and wanted to pursue further education here in the United States. In 2015, she earned her DDS degree from New York University College of Dentistry with Honors in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and Radiology. After graduation she moved to Washington DC and has been practicing her passion since then. She has been a DCDS member since 2015 and has been actively participating in their public policy committee meetings this past year. The District of Columbia is a melting pot of different cultures and backgrounds. As a member of this community, her background as an immigrant, who has also embraced American culture, has enabled her to empathize and provide proper care to the ever-growing and changing population of the area. She hopes to bring the same enthusiasm, compassion, diversity and dedication to the board. In her free time Dr. Dubey loves to travel with her family and explore different countries and cultures. She is also learning to be a Padi diver.



### Dr. Chad Jones

As the Owner of Navy Yard Dental, Dr. Jones is thrilled to be providing cosmetic, advanced restorative and surgical dentistry services to D.C.'s fastest growing neighborhood. His emphasis on patient comfort, as well as keeping up to date with the latest advancements in dentistry, enables him to provide the best possible care.

As a strong believer in continuing professional training and learning about the latest advancements in dentistry, Dr. Jones strengthens and develops his restorative, cosmetic, and implant dentistry skills by completing extensive continuing education programs each year in order to keep providing his patients with expert-level oral health treatment.

In his previous role as a General Dentist at So Others Might Eat (SOME), a community health non-profit, Dr. Jones served as attending doctor for rotating St. Elizabeths general practice residents, providing ongoing mentorship and training. In addition to his role on the Board of the District of Columbia Dental Society, Dr. Jones is also involved with the American Dental Association, the Academy of General Dentistry; and has volunteered with the Give Kids a Smile program, providing underserved children with free oral health services.

Dr. Jones has a deeply rooted understanding of the importance of oral health, from his childhood days of volunteering in his father's dental practice in Greenbelt, MD. He graduated from Howard University where he earned both his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Dental Surgery degrees. Dr. Jones received advanced general dentistry training at St. Elizabeths Hospital in Southeast Washington, the country's first public psychiatric hospital, where he worked with patients challenged by substance addiction, mental illness and living in extreme poverty.

As a proud recipient of the 2018 Prince George's County Social Innovation Fund *Forty UNDER 40 Award*, Dr. Jones is thrilled to share his passion for dentistry with the broader DMV-community.

Outside of dentistry, Dr. Jones enjoys spending time with his wife, Shivonne, and toddler son, as well as playing tennis, golfing, and exploring new restaurants in the D.C.-area. A native of the DMV, Dr. Jones currently resides in Mount Rainier, MD.

## DCDS Board Director Candidates

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### **Dr. Lucciola Lambruschini**

Director of Dental Services at Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Washington has over 23 years of both general and pediatric dentistry experience as well as clinic management. Dr. L completed dental school at University of San Martin de Porres in Lima, Peru. In 2005, started to volunteer at Spanish Catholic Center, where she found her passion about the importance for everyone to have access to dental care. After graduating from AEGD and GPR at Howard University College of Dentistry, Dr. Lambruschini moved to Shenandoah Valley, where she had the opportunity in establishing, growing, and managing a local community dental clinic. Through both national and international dental health initiatives, Dr. Lambruschini has been able to share her skills in dentistry in providing dental care to many different populations including underserved children and adults. As a bilingual Peruvian dental practitioner also holding a Master of Business Administration from Shenandoah University, Dr. Lambruschini continues to collaborate with various organizations to promote oral dental health as well as direct the dental services program at Catholic Charities Spanish Catholic Center that continues to impact the immense population that is in great need. Currently, Dr. Lambruschini serves on the Board of Directors of the DC Dental Society and as Vice Chair on the Maryland Dental Action Coalition Board, an organization that advocates for underserved populations and promotes access to oral health care for all. Moreover, Dr. Lambruschini was inducted into the International College of Dentists in 2019 as well as participating with MOM Mid Atlantic organization. Dr. Lambruschini serves as a leader in our community's network of dental care professionals. She had served as a part-time adjunctive faculty at Howard University College of Dentistry and has volunteered with numerous organizations in the Washington DC metropolitan area, including the MOM, the Montgomery Volunteer Dental Clinic, the Northern Virginia Dental Clinic, Give Kids a Smile Day (VA, MD, DC) and the American Dental Association

In her spare time, Dr. Lucciola enjoys traveling, cooking, long walks on the beach and spending time with family and friends.



## DCDS Board Director Candidates

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### **Dr. Naghmeh “Nina” Latifi**

With great enthusiasm and a deep sense of gratitude, I present myself as a candidate for the position of the board of director seat for the District of Columbia Dental Society. Throughout my remarkable journey as an endodontist, I have traversed continents, embraced diverse cultures, and dedicated myself to providing exceptional dental care.

Born in Lincoln, NE and raised in Iran, I embarked on a pursuit of the American dream, returning to the US in 2003. Through diligent efforts and unwavering commitment, I completed dental school and advanced specialty training in endodontics, establishing my practice in the vibrant cities of Boston and Chicago, and ultimately have chosen Washington DC as my cherished home.

Driven by a passion to make a difference, I have eagerly participated in pro bono outreach programs in Nepal and Mexico, extending vital endodontics care to underprivileged communities. These experiences have instilled within me a profound appreciation for diverse cultures and equipped me with a creative problem-solving approach, enabling me to overcome diverse challenges with ingenuity and compassion.

Fortified by my active memberships in multiple dental associations in the DMV area, and within the vibrant dental community, I understood the importance of being involved in an Organized dentistry and being a part of a community that will advocate for our profession and fight to establish public policies to help us excel in our profession and consequently the care we provide to our patients. So here, I seek to contribute my expertise, dedication, and unwavering commitment to excellence, to our dental society.

Having had the privilege of serving as a chair of a DCDS new member subcommittee for the past 2 years and a member of the board of directors of a Greater Washington academy of women dentists as a sponsorship coordinator and a treasurer for the past 4 years, I am profoundly humbled and honored to have been nominated for this esteemed position of the DCDS board of director seat and I kindly request your thoughtful consideration. Together, let

## DCDS Foundation Board Director Candidates



### Dr. Patrick Grogan

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I have been on the Delegation to the ADA from 2011 through 2023, serving as both Delegate and Alternate Delegate. I have been appointed to several reference committees throughout my tenure as Delegate/Alternate Delegate, including serving four years on the Council for Members Insurance and Retirement Plans, (CMIRP), being appointed Delegation Chair and District 4 Caucus Chair several times, and most recently appointed to the Public / Professional Action Committee, which is an action group of the newly formed ADA Strategic Forecasting Committee.

I proudly support and represent the DC Dental Society on the national level and will continue to do so in the future.

I have been in private solo practice for 35 years. When I am not working, my winter passion is skiing and during the summer I enjoy boating on the Chesapeake Bay with my wife and our Yorkie, Rocko.



### Dr. Aliya Kassam

Dr. Aliya Kassam initially began her affiliation with the D.C. Dental Society as a student liaison in 2008 through the American Student Dental Association. After completion of her General Practice Residency in 2014, she returned back to DC and continued her membership with the society. In 2016, she volunteered to serve on the committee for the Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting, and has been an active volunteer working to benefit the DCDS community ever since. In 2019, she participated in a committee charged with developing a new event for the DC dental community, which would become the first Symposium for Licensure, while also serving on the Membership Benefits Committee. That same year, she was elected to her first term as a member of the Board of Directors. In addition to her service on the Board, she also sits as a member of the Awards and Nominating Committee. Dr. Kassam works to keep the ADA strong by regularly participating in the annual National Signing Day event at the Howard University College of Dentistry, a key membership development activity.

While a student at the Howard University College of Dentistry, she actively held numerous leadership and liaison positions in her class, along with being elected chair of various organizations. She participated in several Mission of Mercy events—in Oklahoma, DC, and Maryland—and is currently an adjunct professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry at Howard University. Dr. Kassam regularly participates in mission trips to serve underserved communities, both domestically and abroad, with her students.

Dr. Kassam is currently the co-founder of multiple locations of Mint Dental in DC. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, attending local sporting events, mentoring future dental professionals, experimenting with different cuisines, and spending quality time with her cat.

## DCDS Foundation Board Director Candidates



### Dr. Salvatore Selvaggio

After completing his DDS degree from the Georgetown University School of Dentistry in 1979, Sal completed a GPR at Providence Hospital. He and fellow resident Dr. Jeff Almo decided to join forces, and in 1980 began a dental partnership until their retirement 35 years later.

Sal began volunteering at the Spanish Catholic Center Dental Clinic in 1985, and continued there until 2020. He served on their Board of Directors, and acted as president for six years.

He has served one term on the Dental Society's Foundation board so far.

In his retirement, Sal has become an active advocate for our older community members. As part of the Society's Foundation strategic plan goals, he has been lecturing to homecare aides and Certified Nurse Assistants students (CNA's) on oral care for the elderly. The Foundation has realized these critical workers have never had training on oral care for their patients, and is now developing a recorded training module to be used in long term care facilities, nursing homes, and CNA schools.

Sal is a member of Iona Senior Services advisory board, for whom he has given testimony before the District City Council advocating for the much needed development of an adequate healthcare workforce to care for our older population.

He is also a volunteer for the Northwest Neighbors Village, part of a network of community based non profits, where he provides rides to medical appointments and shopping trips.

Sal enjoys playing guitar, writing whimsical essays, and regular exercise. Sal and Andrea, his wife of 52 years, live in the District of Columbia.



### Dr. Stanley Shulman

Dr. Shulman, a native Washingtonian, served as a dental officer in the U.S. Public Health Service treating Native Americans in Alaska. As the first recipient of the American Dental Association's national "Community Preventive Dentistry Award," he received national recognition for his pioneering work with dental disease among young children. He is a graduate of the Georgetown University School of Dentistry and served on the faculty. For over 20 years he has been a member of the Board of Directors for the D.C. Dental Society Foundation, established to promote dental health locally. One of Dr. Shulman's passion is helping underprivileged children get their badly needed dental care. Dr. Shulman takes part in the yearly Give Kids A Smile Day in Washington, D.C. And once a year, he travels to Central Vietnam to do volunteer work on children in dental missions. The theatrical arts are among Dr. Shulman's hobbies. He served on the Board of Directors of Imagination Stage, in Bethesda, Maryland, one of America's leading theatres for children. He is married and has one son.

## DCDS Foundation Board Director Candidates



### Dr. Patrice Smith

I am honored to be nominated for the position of Foundation Board Director, and I am excited to share a brief overview of my background and experience with you.

As a proud native of Jamaica, I carry the values of community and service with me wherever I go. My journey in the dental field began with undergraduate degrees in Dental Hygiene and Biology from Northern Caribbean University (NCU) and Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York (CUNY), respectively. This strong foundation propelled me to pursue higher education, and I earned my Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree from Howard University in Washington, DC.

My commitment to excellence led me to further specialize in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, and I am currently the owner of Infinity Orthodontics, a thriving private practice in Washington, DC. Every day, I have the privilege of creating beautiful smiles and positively impacting the lives of my patients.

Having served as a board member for the past year, I have gained invaluable insights into the intricacies of our profession and the unique challenges facing our community. This experience has deepened my understanding of the importance of collaboration, strategic planning, and effective communication in achieving our collective goals.

Beyond my professional endeavors, I am deeply passionate about giving back. I am the co-founder of a non-profit organization dedicated to providing dental health services and education to underserved communities in developing countries, like Jamaica. This commitment to philanthropy aligns with my belief that oral health is a fundamental human right, and I am eager to bring this perspective to the Foundation Board.

In my leisure time, I enjoy blogging, traveling, crafting divinely scented candles, and cherishing moments with family and close friends. These diverse experiences contribute to my holistic approach to leadership, understanding the importance of creativity, adaptability, and empathy in achieving our shared mission.

I am excited about the opportunity to contribute further to the DC Dental Society as a Foundation Board Director, leveraging my skills, experiences, and passion for service to advance our collective vision. Thank you for considering my nomination.

## DCDS Delegation to the ADA House of Delegates



### Dr. Angela Noguera - Delegate

Dr. Noguera is a board-certified endodontist, who has been in private practice for more than 20 years. She received her undergraduate dental education from the Universidad Metropolitana in Barranquilla, Colombia. She then proceeded to further her education in the U.S.A. at the University of Maryland where she received an M.S. in Oral Biology from the Graduate School, as well as a Certificate in Endodontics through Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in 1988.

Dr. Noguera achieved the highest level of excellence recognized by the dental profession in 1994 when she became a Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics.

Dr. Noguera is an active member of numerous dental associations including the American Association of Endodontists, American Dental Association, the International and the American College of Dentists, and the College of Diplomates of the American Association of Endodontists. She is a proud past president of the District of Columbia Dental Society, the Edward C Penick Endodontic Study Club, and the Maimonides Dental Society. Dr. Noguera has been actively involved with the DC Dental Society Delegations since 2016. This will be her 3rd term serving as a DC Delegate, representing our members voice at the ADA level.

Dr. Noguera is happily married to Dr. Ali Fassihi and is the proud mother of three daughters: Eliana, Maryam, and Roxana. In her spare time, she enjoys and supports the Music and Arts, reading and sitting by the water.

### Dr. Patrick Grogan - Alternate Delegate



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## MEMBER VALUE

### Save with DCDS and ADA Programs and Discounts

DC Dental Society has partnered with service providers to offer member discounts. We currently partner with:

#### Educational Loans



#### Compliance Services



Rebranding as Rectangle Health

#### Insurance



#### Dental Supplies



### ADA Endorsed Programs

Our Endorsed Company Program brings you special member savings on products and services designed specifically to work for your practice: from professional liability insurance to business credit cards to office supplies and computers. There are also endorsements geared towards your home life, such as health insurance, appliances, and even automobiles.

Many members are able to recoup a great deal of their dues dollars through the savings they receive by simply participating in these programs. Take advantage of the benefits of membership.

For more information about these programs, visit the [DCDS website](#)



The DC Dental Society, in partnership with College Ave Student Loans, is ready to meet your higher education financing needs. Whether you or someone in your family needs a private student loan to pay for college or you are looking to refinance existing dental school loans, College Ave has simplified the student loan experience and offers loans that fit your budget.

We can help you find the best loan with a three-minute application, instant credit decision and no fees to apply. In addition, DC Dental Society members receive a 0.25% interest rate discount on all in-school loans\* and 0.5% of the loan amount\*\* paid back to the borrower on all refinance loans.

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## [Tips on Taking Out Private Loans for College](#)

\*DC Dental Society Members receive a 0.25% interest rate reduction on In-school loans that are opened through the DC Bar member benefits portal. The DC Dental Society member discount will be applied to your loan account after the initial disbursement occurs.

\*\* Amount equal to 0.5% of the initial loan balance to be credited on the borrower's statement within 60 days of closing of the loan. For example, if the consolidated loan equaled \$20,000, the member benefit equals \$100, with a maximum of \$599.99.



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As a member of the American Dental Association, you're eligible to receive a special offer from Laurel Road.

### MEMBER BENEFITS

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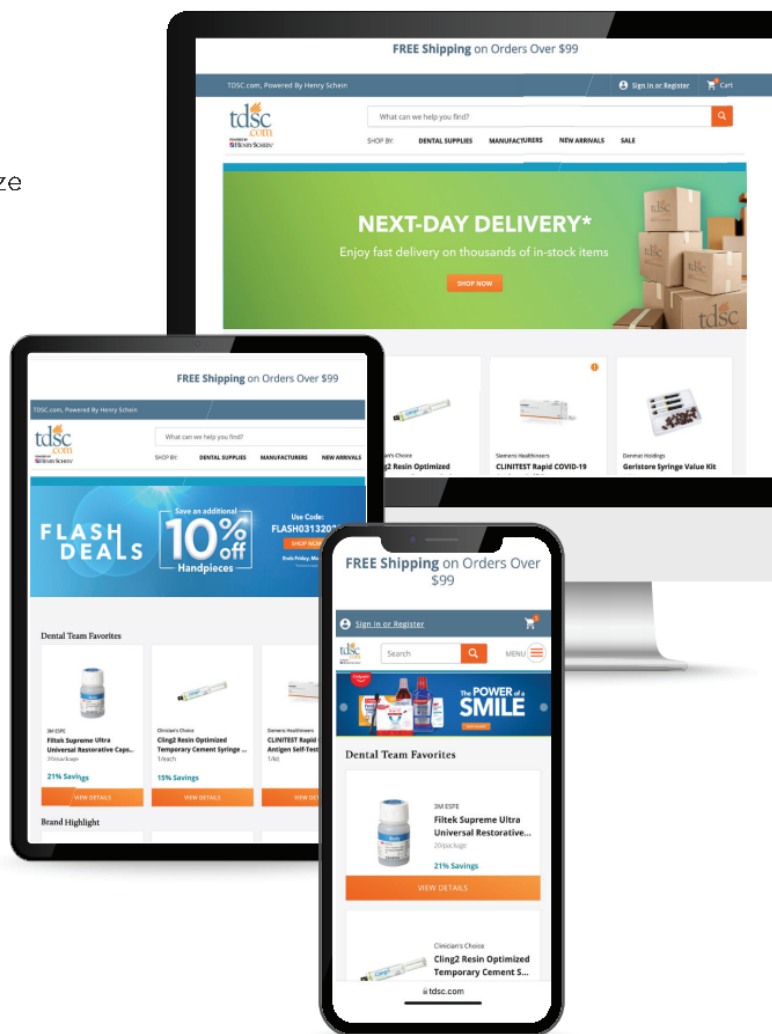
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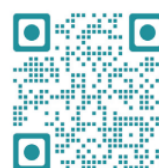
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