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Give Kids a Smile

The LSU Health School of Dentistry (LSUSD) hosted children ages Pre-K to 4th grade from Esperanza Academy on February 2, 2024, for Give Kids a Smile Day.

LSUSD dental and dental hygiene faculty, along with dental students, residents and dental hygiene students teamed up to screen the children and apply sealants as needed.

This year's theme for the event was "Your Smile Is Out of This World". In addition to the dental screenings, children were also treated to educational programming, arts and crafts. The children engaged with students and model oral hygiene instruction.

Second and third year dental students, Harli Jacob and Ally Lutgring, spearheaded this year's effort. They worked with faculty, staff and residents to coordinate the day's events. Our sponsors for this year's event were the Academy of General Dentistry, ASDA's New Orleans Chapter, Campus Federal Credit Union and The New Orleans Dental Association.

The Interim Chair of Pediatric Dentistry at the LSU Health School of Dentistry, Dr. Karen Bruggers, worked with students to make sure the day was a success. "Access to affordable dental care for children continues to be a need. Events like this one highlight LSUSD's commitment to addressing the oral healthcare needs of children in our community," says Dr. Bruggers.

Give Kids a Smile Day launched nationally in 2003 as a way for dentists across the country to provide dental services to underserved children at no cost.



(Event organizers: Ally Lutgring & Harli Jacob)



(L-R; Ashley Breaux, Riley Waguespack, Madison Cronan and Presley Tapia)

LSUSD Upcoming Events

ADEA Annual Session and Expo - March 9-12, Convention Center

IADR - March 13-16, Convention Center

LSUSD ASDA Vendor Fair - April 4, 2024, LSUSD

Alumni Day 2024 - April 6, 2024, LSUSD

The Southwest Academy of Restorative Dentistry Welcomes LSUSD Alumnus

The Southwest Academy of Restorative Dentistry has inducted Dr. L. King Scott, DDS '78, into its ranks! Dr. Scott is honored to be one of 6 dentists from Louisiana in its membership. The organization includes dentists from the West coast 3 states, Nevada, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

The Southwest Academy of Restorative Dentistry focuses on contemporary developments in restorative dentistry and its membership has expanded to include a variety of restorative and restorative-related specialists. The Academy meets yearly at the George Bush Presidential Center at the SMU Campus in Dallas, Texas. The membership is by invitation and is limited to restorative dentists and restorative specialists.



(Dr. Mark Palmer of Dallas, Texas, and Dr. L. King Scott at the Southwest Academy of Restorative Dentistry)

LSUSD Alumnus Serves as AGD President

The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) installed Merlin P. Ohmer, DDS, MAGD, as president during its Annual Meeting, Nov.10-12, in Chicago. Ohmer, who recently served as the organization's president-elect, steps into this role after serving the organization and the dentistry profession in a variety of leadership roles.

"AGD has been instrumental in developing both my clinical skills and knowledge and has allowed me professional growth, development and success," Ohmer said. "AGD has been there for me at all stages of my career. I found pursuing Fellowship and Mastership to be challenges and attaining them made me a better dentist."

Ohmer graduated in 1975 from Nicholls State University in his hometown of Thibodaux, Louisiana, with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. He earned a Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1979 from the Louisiana State University School of Dentistry while in the U.S. Army Reserve. He then spent three years on active duty in the U.S. Army, stationed at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Georgia. After release from active duty in 1982, he served in the Louisiana National Guard as a major and practiced in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, until 1989, when he returned to active duty in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps as a lieutenant commander. He retired as a captain in 2016 after 30 years of active military service. He then opened a solo practice in St. Augustine, Florida, where he practiced until 2022.

Ohmer will serve as president until Nov. 24, 2024.



Celebrating 50 and 25 Years of Membership in the LDA

In commemoration of 50 and 25 years of membership in the LDA, and in recognition whereof your fellow members and associates in dentistry extend their warm commendation and express their high esteem for this singularly outstanding achievement in your chosen profession of dental science. It is our great honor to work with and represent these talented and dedicated member dentists.

50 Years of Membership

Acadiana District Dental Association

Dr. Edwin L. Bercier III
 Dr. Gantt N. DeJean
 Dr. Gene O. Dupree
 Dr. Richard H. Maness
 Dr. Thomas G. McKenna
 Dr. John F. Taylor

Bayou District Dental Association

Dr. James P. Mire
 Dr. Murray L. Rabalais, Jr.

Central Louisiana Dental Association

Dr. Richard R. Brasher, Jr.
 Dr. Cecil C. Gaddis
 Dr. Joseph O. LaPrairie, Jr.
 Dr. H. V. Traxler, Jr.

Northwest Louisiana Dental Association

Dr. Alton R. Lott, Jr.

Southwest District Dental Association

Dr. Mesonie T. Halley
 Dr. Dean L. Manning

Greater Baton Rouge Dental Association

Dr. John M. Barksdale, Jr.
 Dr. James W. Gilbert III
 Dr. James C. Keller, Jr.
 Dr. Samuel R. Levatino
 Dr. William H. Tuttle

New Orleans Dental Association

Dr. Clayton J. Charbonnet, Jr.
 Dr. Philip J. DiSalvo, Jr.
 Dr. John A. Franck, Jr.
 Dr. Arnold E. Gelfand
 Dr. Gary A. Glaviano
 Dr. Kenneth P. Najolia
 Dr. Edward C. Vocke III
 Dr. James J. Young III
 Dr. Emmett L. Zimmerman III

Northeast Louisiana Dental Association

Dr. William P. Bolton
 Dr. Jimmy W. Leonard
 Dr. Michael W. Walker

25 Years of Membership

Acadiana District Dental Association Greater Baton Rouge Dental Association Northeast Louisiana Dental Assoc.

Dr. Danielle A. Dore	Dr. Melissa J. Aldy	Dr. Jesse Roberts III
	Dr. Shelly F. Fallin	Dr. Corbin J. Turpin III
Bayou District Dental Association	Dr. Robin J. Levy	Dr. Melannie G. Turpin
Dr. Pedro J. Cuartas	Dr. Fletcher S. Sutton III	

Central Louisiana Dental Association New Orleans Dental Association

Dr. Steven L. Falkenheiner	Dr. Mark D. Anderson	Northlake Dental Association
Dr. Gena T. Spangler	Dr. Paul C. Armbruster	Dr. Edward V. Brown III
	Dr. Michael W. Gallagher	Dr. Chantal L. Causin
	Dr. Ambrose M. Martin III	Dr. Kay D. Daniel
	Dr. Thomas A. Taylor	Dr. Jill M. Donaldson
		Dr. Jayne A. Sanchez

Join
Us for

LSUSD Alumni SATURDAY!

Leveraging ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE to Enhance the Dental Practice with Dr. Todd C. Synder

Saturday, April 6, 2024 • in New Orleans

at LSU School of Dentistry, 1100 Florida Avenue

Sign-In & Breakfast: 7:00-8:00 am (CST) | **Course Starts:** 8:00 am (CST)
a maximum of 3.5 clinical hours (lecture)

Registration Fees for Dentist / Hygienist / Lab Tech / Dental Assistant

Continental breakfast and post event celebration included

Early Bird	Regular	Late
(by March 15)	(March 16-29)	(AFTER March 29)
\$125	\$150	\$190

In Dr. Todd C. Snyder's engaging lecture, we delve into the fascinating realm of dentistry's present and future, where cutting-edge technology and artificial intelligence converge to transform patient care and the dental practice as we know it. We'll explore how AI is revolutionizing engagement and opportunities to do more cosmetic and restorative dentistry to diagnostics, treatment planning, and patient management, offering dentists a powerful toolkit to enhance their clinical decision-making processes. From image analysis and predictive modeling to patient communication and administrative tasks, AI is making its mark in every facet of dentistry. Learn how you can be more productive and profitable by implementing AI. Join us as we unravel the potential of AI in dentistry, discussing its integration into everyday practice and the myriad benefits it offers.

After participating in this activity, participants will have the skills to:

- Learn how AI can assist with diagnosis
- Simplify the front office with AI integrations.
- Marketing simplification through AI adaptations.
- Create more cosmetic and restorative cases and doing more treatment.

REGISTER TODAY!

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<https://t.ly/D59vA>



ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Todd C. Snyder, DDS, FAACD, FIADFE, ASDA received his doctorate in dental surgery at the UCLA School of Dentistry and trained at the F.A.C.E. Institute for complex gnathological (functional) and temporomandibular joint disorders. Dr. Snyder is the 77th Accredited Fellow of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry and is a Fellow of the International Academy of Dental Facial Esthetics. He is also a member of the American Society for Dental Aesthetics and a Diplomat of the American Board of Aesthetic Dentistry. Dr. Snyder has been on the faculty at U.C.L.A. where he helped create and co direct the first (in the world) two year graduate program in Aesthetic and Cosmetic Restorative Dentistry. Dr. Snyder lectures both nationally and internationally and has been published and featured in many books and dental journals worldwide.



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**Don't Miss the
Post Event**

