

# LSU Health

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### School of Dentistry

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# Dr. John Gallo to Serve as Dean of LSU School of Dentistry



LSU Health New Orleans announced on July 1 that Dr. John Gallo, III, DDS, MS, previously Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs in the LSU School of Dentistry, would become the new dean of the LSU School of Dentistry effective July 1, 2024.

In this transition, Dr. Gallo has replaced interim dean, Dr. Janet Southerland, also Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs for LSUHSC, who filled the position since September of 2023 while careful consideration was made in selecting a candidate for the permanent position.

Dr. Gallo is a lifelong member of the LSU School of Dentistry community. A fellow alumnus, Dr. Gallo began his journey graduating with the DDS Class of 1992. He later pursued an MS in Health Care Management from the University of New Orleans.

It was not long after that Dr. Gallo soon returned to the halls of the dental school. In 1996, he accepted an academic appointment in the Department of Operative Dentistry and Biomaterials. Since then, he has accumulated 28 years of service in various positions while also making significant contributions to the field through his research on adhesive dentistry and clinical education. Dr. Gallo has also held many positions of leadership throughout his career. Prior to his appointment as Dean, Dr. Gallo served as Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs, a position he had held since 2014.

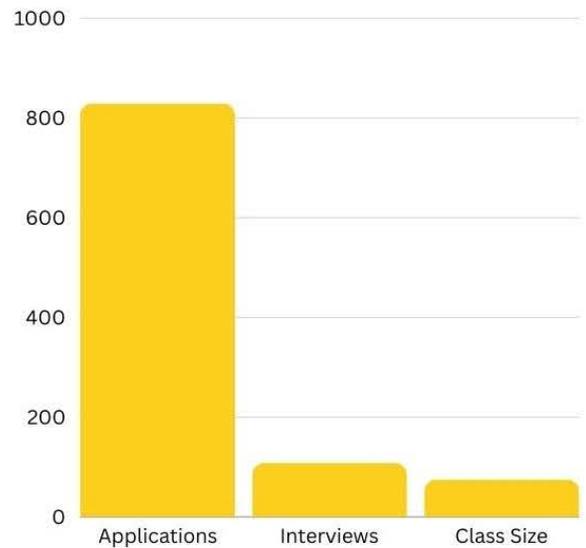
Throughout his career, Dr. Gallo has been an active member of numerous professional organizations including the American Dental Association, Louisiana Dental Association, New Orleans Dental Association, the International College of Dentists, the American College of Dentists, and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He has served in leadership positions, such as Vice President and President of the New Orleans Section of AADR and Chair of the Annual Session Program Committee for the American Dental Education Association, and is a site visitor for the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

As Dean, Dr. John Gallo commits to shaping the future of dental education, emphasizing excellence in academics, patient care and collaboration with the local community. LSU School of Dentistry is optimistic and welcomes Dr. Gallo in his new position as Dean.

# Welcome, DDS Class of 2028!



## Acceptance Rate

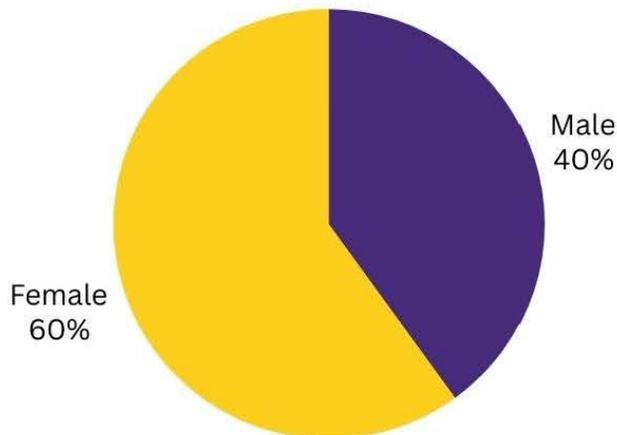


## Academics & Hand Skills

GPA: Overall 3.70, Science 3.61

DAT: Academic Average 21.6

Chalk Score: 6.49



# Exploring the Dental Career with Son of a Saint

On June 26, in conjunction with the American Association for Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD), the LSU School of Dentistry joined local organization, Son of A Saint, for an event centered on mentorship and education. This event was spearheaded by fourth year LSU dental student, Harrison Rosen

“The purpose of the event was to educate rising high school juniors and seniors on dentistry as a career path and the steps they need to take in college to get to dental school”, Harrison explains.



Dr. Jorge Paravicini presenting to young men

Comprised of lecture-based education, LSUSD student and faculty volunteers covered topics such as the pros and cons of a career in oral health, public health and diversity in dental practice, and the LSU Dental admission processes. A fun explainer on the integration of dentistry in movie sets and costume design was included as well.

Son of a Saint exists to provide mentorship, education, recreation, camaraderie, cultural enrichment and emotional support to fatherless young men in New Orleans. Serving nearly 250 youth, Son of a Saint partners with various community organizations to help address the boys' overall development and empower each to reach their full potential.



# Resurgence of the Summer Enrichment Program

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Universities represented by the students this year were Grambling, Hampton, Louisiana State University of Baton Rouge, Loyola, Southeastern, UNO and Xavier.

Several LSUHSC-SOD faculty members, general dentists and dental specialists participated in the event. Guest speakers that were involved in the event include Dr. Brandon Bean (general dentist), Dr. Jenny Herman (periodontist), Dr. Kenneth Markle (periodontist), Dr. Peter Park (oral surgeon), Dr. Remington Richardson (orthodontist) and Dr. Sterling Roberts (pediatric dentist).

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# The Directory for Dental Student is LIVE on the LDA Website



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## The Dentist Directory for Students (The DDS)

Welcome to the Dentist Directory for Students! This page is a collection of LDA members from all over the state who are ready to answer your questions about a career in dentistry. Feel free to contact dentists from any component, but check out this component map to find dentists close to your hometown, new job location, or dream city!



- Acadiana District Dental Association
- Bayou District Dental Association
- Central Louisiana Dental Association
- Greater Baton Rouge Dental Association
- New Orleans Dental Association
- Northeast Louisiana Dental Association
- Northlake Dental Association
- Northwest LA Dental Association
- Southwest District Dental Association

### Acadiana

Local towns/cities: Abbeville, Crowley, Eunice, Lafayette, Opelousas, Ville Platte



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Louisiana dental students want to connect with dentists who share their career goals, location, or dental specialty, so we created the Directory for Dental Students (or the DDS for short). Any dental student at any level can utilize this resource.

If you know a dental student who wants to get connected, tell them to visit [ladental.org/dds/](http://ladental.org/dds/)!

This page is a collection of LDA members from all over the state who are ready to answer questions about a career in dentistry. Students are free to contact dentists from any component, but they may want to check out the component map on the DDS webpage to find dentists close to their hometown, new job location, or dream city. For instance, if a student knows where they would like to move but does not have dental contacts in that part of the state, this would be an ideal way to connect with dentists in that area.

Dentists who have not had the opportunity to join the directory but would like to can fill out the form at [ladental.org/ddsform](http://ladental.org/ddsform).

This project is another way to showcase the power of working together in organized dentistry for the betterment of the profession. It is also another example of the LDA's dedication to supporting the state's only dental school and its students

### Upcoming LDA/ADA Events

LDA members save an average of \$150 per C.E. event.

Pediatric Moderate Sedation Review Course (Via ZOOM) **August 23, 2024**

Kick-Off C.E. (Via Zoom, counts for in-person C.E hours) **September 20, 2024**

ADA SmileCon (New Orleans, LA) **October 17-19, 2024**

Last Chance Seminar (Baton Rouge, LA) **December 13, 2024**

Bowden Leadership Conference (Baton Rouge, LA) **January 10, 2025**

Winter C.E. at Walt Disney World (Orlando, FL) **March 2-5, 2025**

New Orleans Dental Conference/LDA Annual Session **April 10-11, 2025**

Summer Education Conference (Pensacola, FL) **June 18-21, 2025**

Sip & C.E. (Napa Valley, CA) **September 17-19, 2025**

For more information about ALL upcoming events, visit [ladental.org/events](http://ladental.org/events)

### 2024 LDA EDDA Events

LDA Members save \$200 per assistance for EDDA course registrants.

New Orleans EDDA Course **August 15-17**

Gonzales EDDA Course **September 12-14**

Lafayette EDDA Course **October 10-12**

New Orleans EDDA Course **December 5-7**