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The American Dental Education Association Conference

New Beginnings, Endless Opportunities

The Chair of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA), presented the ADEA Distinguished Service Award Posthumously to Henry A. Gremillion, DDS, MAGD. Dr. Gremillion was the Dean for the LSU Health School of Dentistry and the former ADEA Chair of the Board. He had a huge impact not only on the LSUSD community and ADEA, but also on the oral health profession. The award was presented after a second line funeral march in Dr. Gremillion's honor. Dr. Gremillion served as the Dean of LSUSD from 2008 until his passing in 2020.



(Henry A. Gremillion, DDS, MAGD)

LSUHSC Faculty, Staff, Residents & Students Present at ADEA

SPEAKERS



Heather B. Allen, RDH, BSDH, MSHCM
Director of Student Affairs
Associate Professor
Clinical Comprehensive Dentistry
School of Dentistry



Sandra C. Andrieu, PhD
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
School of Dentistry



Maximilian Bourgogne von Hohenstaufen
4th year Dental Student
School of Dentistry



Megan Davis
2nd year Dental Student
School of Dentistry



Caleb Freyder
3rd year Nursing Student
School of Nursing



Tina Gunaldo, PhD, DPT, MHS
Director, Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice



Arielle Huotari
2nd year Dental Hygiene Student
School of Dentistry



Amber Kreiko, DDS
Periodontics Resident
School of Dentistry



Logan Roberts
3rd year Medical Student
School of Medicine

LSUSD Student Wins Scholarship at ADEA

LSUSD D4 Student Dana Karkoutli was honored at ADEA. Karkoutli received The ADEA/Haleon Preventive Dentistry Scholarship. The Scholarship is aimed to support twelve predoctoral dental students annually with a \$2,500 award each, recognizing their outstanding academic performance and commitment to preventive dentistry. Applicants must be full-time students at U.S. or Canadian dental schools, exhibit a keen interest in preventive dentistry through personal activities, hold a superior academic record, and be nominated by their dental school dean or designate, with a limit of three nominations per school. Additionally, applicants must be ADEA Individual Members to be eligible for consideration.



(L-R, Nader A. Nadershahi, D.D.S., M.B.A., Ed.D., Dana Karkoutli, Astronaut Katya Echazarreta, M.S., and Susan H. Kass, ADEA Board of Directors Chair)

ASDA AWARDS

Gold Crown Awards

The LSU School of Dentistry ASDA chapter proudly received recognition as the District 5 Gold Crown Award finalist at ASDA's Annual Session in Denver, CO. Catch a glimpse of our memorable moments from 2023 in our application video here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6FJM9Y_U-A.

Double Gold Crown Awards: LSU ASDA was recognized as the only dental school nationally to win two Gold Crown Awards.

The first, for Member Engagement and Value, commends our innovative Active Member Point System, which our Executive Council implemented last year. This point system allowed leaders to track and celebrate member involvement, resulting in an impressive 189% increase in Active Members during Fall 2023 and a remarkable average 300% increase in participation throughout the year.

The second Gold Crown Award in Member Communications celebrated the launch of LSU ASDA's inaugural website, louisianaasda.com. Serving as a central hub, the website enhances transparency within the chapter, attracting over 902 visitors since its mid-August debut. It features concise information on ASDA's mission, vision, and engagement opportunities, along with dedicated sections for pre-dental students and visiting vendors. The site also showcases committee newsletters, event calendars, and avenues for direct communication with chapter leadership, embodying LSU ASDA's vibrancy and achievements.



ASDA AWARDS

Individual Achievements

At the Annual Session, D2 student Harli Jacob earned recognition as the District 5 Delegate of the Year for her outstanding commitment to mentorship within ASDA.

Additionally, LSU students Katherine Burkett and Megan Davis were selected for national leadership roles. Katherine Burkett was appointed to the position of Editor-in-Chief of ASDA's Editorial Board. She will head ASDA's monthly Contour magazine and lead a team of six nationwide editors to identify themes and determine content strategy. Megan Davis was appointed to serve on ASDA's Council on Advocacy as the Legislative Coordinator for Districts 4&5. They will attend ASDA's Spring Council in Chicago this month to with all national ASDA leaders to discuss initiatives and programs related to their council's mission.

Dentistry in Space

D3 student Katherine Burkett wrote the cover story in the March issue of ASDA's Contour magazine. Her article explores the intriguing history of dentistry in space and the potential opportunities for dentists in this unique frontier. Read here:

<https://digitaleditions.walworth.com/publication/?i=B16677&p=22&view=issueViewer>.



THE COMING AGE OF SPACE DENTISTRY

Could a new generation of dentists be drilling on the moon
and filling on Mars?



KATHERINE BURKETT
Editor-in-Chief
ASDA's Editorial Board

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(Annette B. Drodny
Executive Director, Louisiana
Dental Association)

Why do geese fly together in the V shape?

Each bird, as it flaps its wings, is creating lift for their fellow birds, allowing them to fly further with less effort. When a goose falls out of formation, they quickly realize that it takes a lot more energy to try to fly alone. Very quickly, they move back into formation and work as part of the group again.

When we have a common goal that we want to reach, we will be more efficient, effective, and successful when working together.

When one person tries to do all of the work alone, or removes themselves from the group, they discover how much more work they need to do to be successful. By working together, our goals will be much more attainable.

You may be wondering, why is she writing about geese!

I am comparing the V shape of the geese to the strength of the Tripartite. It means that there are many things locally, statewide and nationally that would be very difficult for one or five or even 10 dentists to get together to do. However, as a force of nearly 1,900 members in Louisiana and 161,000 nationally, there is much we can accomplish together.

We represent you legislatively and at governmental meetings all year. Just last year, we received a \$52 million increase for dental Medicaid, a \$60,000 appropriation for Dental Lifeline Network Louisiana, and helped the LSU System to achieve a \$48 million LSU School of Dentistry long term modernization upgrade.

We battle insurance companies, managed care organizations, and sometimes even the department of insurance or the department of health.

In August, our Foundation hosted a successful Mission of Mercy treating over 900 patients and providing over a million dollars in free dental care in Lafayette, LA.

Through LDA Member Perks we look for products you can use that provide discounts and value. If you use just 5 of the nearly 30 companies, you can save well over \$8,000 each year (Fortress, Office Depot, Medical Waste Management, The Dentists Supply Company, and BestCard). In 2023, the average Louisiana dentist who shopped with TDSC saved \$3,112. The highest individual savings number in 2023 was \$28,229, with two close runner-up offices at \$25K and \$23K in savings!

Another example of LDA Member Perks is that dental practices save an average of 27% or \$5,516 annually in credit card processing fees with BestCard. One member in Monroe let us know that BestCard is saving his practice \$1,000 a month compared to what he was paying with his former processing company.

We still offer a host of great C.E. events including a beach trip, a Walt Disney World Resort trip and a ski trip. We have live, in-person, Zoom C.E. and a Last Chance in-person seminar in Baton Rouge.

Most recently, we partnered with NODA and offered the ADA CERP DEA Mate Act course so many of you needed. This means that 500 Louisiana dentists attended our Mate Act courses.

We also added nine expanded duty dental assistant courses and two sedation renewal courses in 2024.

ALL of these courses are at dramatically reduced rates for LDA members.

We will also be supporting the ADA's SmileCon in New Orleans in October of this year.

The LDA's goal is to promote, advocate and protect the dental profession at every step of your career. From your first days as a new dentist, to the day that you are retiring, we want to be there for you.

I thank you all for your membership and your support of the LDA. I am appreciative for those of you that are staying in the V formation. You'll be stronger and better dentists for it.

Join
Us for

LSUSD Alumni SATURDAY!

Leveraging ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE to Enhance the Dental Practice

with Dr. Todd C. Snyder

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

(by March 15)

\$125

Regular

(March 16-29)

\$150

Late

(AFTER March 29)

\$190



LSUSD
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DAY
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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.



**Don't Miss the
Post Event**

REGISTER TODAY!

CALL TODAY!
(504) 941-8193

or ONLINE
<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.

