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I CHOOSE COURAGE OVER COMFORT, I CHOOSE TO ADHERE TO MY BELIEFS WHEN THE GOING IS EASY AND MORE IMPORTANTLY WHEN THE GOING IS ROUGH.

I have been a clinician, educator, and an advocate/mentor in our profession for over 30 years. I, like many of you, have worked at all levels of our tripartite. The work we do as volunteers and the time we give provide immeasurable value to the public and to our entire membership.

Being a leader and mentor in many dental organizations, including the American Dental Association (ADA), American Association of Endodontists (AAE), American Association for Women Dentists (AAWD), American Dental Education Association (ADEA) and New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) has put me in a position to participate in the creation and development of many different award-winning membership initiatives over the last 20 years. Students and residents are our future. How we embrace and educate the younger generation will influence how they participate in moving the profession forward.

In order for our profession to succeed, we must continue to work together. As a cohesive unit, we are capable of leading our members with kindness, sincerity, and respect, even as we tackle difficult issues. My promise to ADA members is that I will guide, represent and empower all of you, starting with the students and continuing with all members throughout their careers. We are constantly carving our path and we must take OUR association to the highest level possible. I will serve you as I live my everyday life with determination, working until we are finished, not until we are tired.



KIND WORDS SHARED FROM DENTAL RESIDENTS AND NEW DENTISTS

"You advocated on my behalf like I was a family member."

— RYAN KIM, DDS

"I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to have learned from that superwoman that is you!"

—ILANA DASHUT, DDS

"Thank you for being such an inspiration for us and how to be confident."

—ALLISON MARK, DDS

"Thank you for being such a role model in organized dentistry and being our other "mom"."

—RITA TWAN, DDS

"Dr. Maranga is kind, strong and always pushing us to be the very best version of ourselves."

—KADE BARTSCHI, DDS

"Dr. Maranga has relentlessly devoted her time and energy into mentoring us even if that means countless hours on commuting."

—CHRISTINA KIM, DDS

"She knows me better than I know myself and steps in to give words of encouragement."

—EHSAN FARROKH, DDS

Dr. Maranga and her family: Daughter Gabriella—an oncology nurse, Son Philip—an E.R. physician, Husband Ed—a clinical professor and clinician in the P.A. program.



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IS FOR EXCELLENCE

As an organization, we must practice the 3 Es of EXCELLENCE: **Embrace, Educate and Elevate.**

EMBRACE

Simon Sinek said, “Without great people, even great ideas are useless.” But we must identify and welcome all of the diverse and unique members of our dental profession first in order to hear their ideas for change. It is not only necessary to embrace change but also to routinely evaluate it to determine its worth and, when necessary, redirect our approach. Embracing change is essential to the future growth of our association, the ADA.

EDUCATE

Not just in dental school or residency settings, but beyond. We must improve our role in educating the public of our value in both clinical and research areas and also to our ADA members through our advocacy efforts, and by engaging other stakeholders, such as dental specialty groups, ethnic dental associations, ADEA, ASDA, AAWD, AMA, state foundations DSOs and others. I believe that my personal and professional experience as a clinician, educator, dental advocate and mentor will be a tremendous benefit in seeking the transformation needed at this critical time.

ELEVATE

Bill Gates said, “In the next century, leaders will be those who empower others.” The people we elevate must be allowed to fill our shoes in their own constructive and forward-thinking manner. We must encourage a broadened reach for our association to remain relevant and strive to overcome our challenges by setting new goals. That is the ADA of our future.



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EDUCATION

Sept. 1989 – July 1991
New York University
Post Graduate Program
in Endodontics

July 1988 – June 1989
VA Medical Center
Northport, New York
General Practice Residency

Sept. 1984 – June 1988
New York University
College of Dentistry

Sept. 1980 – Aug. 1983
Brooklyn College
BA/BS, Biology/Psychology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1998 – Present
Private Practice
508 Main Road / Route 25
Aquebogue, New York



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TEACHING POSITIONS

June 2018 – Present Endodontic Attending to GPR Program—Interfaith Medical Center
Oct. 2016 – Present NYU-Langone Hospital and NYU College of Dentistry (NYUCD), Post- Graduate Endodontics Faculty
Jan. 2014 – Present ADA original online CE course—Pathways to Leadership
Aug. 2012 – Present GPR Endodontic Attending , Brookdale Hospital and Jamaica Hospital
Sept. 1997 – 2013 Clinical Assistant Professor Post Graduate Endodontics, SUNY at Stony Brook
June 1991 – 2000 VAMC at Northport- Endodontic Consultant

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

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| NATIONAL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Dental Association (1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Chair of Council on Membership, Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Joint Leadership Program, Give Veterans a Smile Committee, Alumna- ADA Institute for Diversity and Leadership, Budget and Finance, Governance, Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, International Policy Work Group, Committee on Diversity and Inclusion) • American Association of Endodontists (President-affiliate, Liaison to ADPAC, Foundation Board Trustee, District II Board Director/Trustee, Leadership Program Committee) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Association of Women Dentists (Liaison to ADEA, Board Member, Chair of Academic Affairs, Director of Membership & Chapters) • ADPAC (Board Member) • ADEA Legislative Committee • Pierre Fauchard Academy (Fellow) • American College of Dentists (Fellow) • International College of Dentists (Fellow) • Xi Psi Phi • Incisal Edge Magazine (Editorial Board for Lucy Hobbs) |
| STATE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New York State Dental Association (Delegate, Chair of the Council on Membership and Communications, Oral Cancer Screening Team, Council on Dental Health Planning & Hospital Dentistry) • New York State Association of Endodontists (President, Chair of Annual State Meeting) • EDPAC (Board Member, Executive Committee, Member at Large) • NYS Dental Foundation (President, Chair of NYU Veterans Initiative Committee, Board Member and Chair of Developmental Task Force, Mission of Mercy-Troy, New York-Endodontic Consultant) | |
| LOCAL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suffolk County Dental Society (President, Scrubs and Stiletos co-Chair, Chair of Membership Committee Education Committees, Give Kids a Smile Committee, Give Veterans A Smile Committee) • Long Island Odontology (Fellow) | |

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

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| 2023 | • AAE Foundation Leadership Recognition |
| 2023 | • Pierre Fauchard International Leadership Award |
| 2022 | • NYS Association of Endodontics Leadership Award |
| 2021 | • Women in Dentistry Podcast |
| 2020 | • "On Call" Television Show on Women Doctors During Covid |
| 2018 | • Attending of the Month, NYU Langone/ Lutheran Hospital |
| 2017 | • Attending of the Year Award, Brookdale Hospital and Medical Center |
| | • Endodontic Mentorship Award, New York City Endodontics Group |
| | • Long Island Academy of Odontology- Service to Dentistry Award |
| | • Scrubs and Stiletos Annual Leadership Award |
| | • Top 25 Women in Dentistry— <i>Dental Products Report</i> : October issue |
| | • Dr. Robert Raskin Meritorious Service Award—Suffolk County Dental Society |
| 2016 | • Dr. Bernard Tillis Award for Literary Excellence—NYSDA |
| 2015 | • NYSDA Hallmarks of Excellence Award for "Flour Power"—Women's MPG Event |
| 2014 | • Athena Leadership Award, finalist |
| | • <i>Long Island Business News</i> , Top 50 Most Influential Women of Long Island |
| | • The Lucy Hobbs Project 2014 National Mentorship Award |
| 2013 | • AAE <i>Communique</i> , Featured Article, "Why I Serve in Organized Dentistry" |
| | • SUNY at Stony Brook Dental Organized Dentistry Advocate Award |
| 2012-15 | • Consultant to the ADA's Board of Trustees Committee on Diversity |
| 2012-13 | • ADA Institute on Diversity and Leadership—Class of 2012/2013 |