

# Guest Presenters

## **Vani Anand, MPH • Trumbull, CT**

Vani Anand joined Southwestern AHEC in 2007, as Oral Health Care Coordinator for ORBIT (Oral Health Bridgeport Initiative). Vani's responsibilities include increasing oral health literacy among underserved populations; coordinating free dental care for uninsured children through *Give Kids A Smile®*; and addressing oral health objectives of *Healthy People 2010*. She serves as consultant to the Connecticut State Dental Association's *Give Kids A Smile®* Steering Committee. Vani has volunteered in the field of public health in India, and consulted for UNICEF/New York.

## **Susan Bauer, MA, MPH • Rochelle, IL**

Susan Bauer has dedicated her 31 years of professional life in service to migrant farmworkers, first as a health educator at a migrant health clinic in Rochelle, Illinois, and thereafter as a program and resource specialist, developing innovative programs in collaboration with private practice dental professionals and schools of dentistry and hygiene to deliver school-based dental care to children enrolled in Migrant Education and Migrant Head Start programs throughout Illinois. Ms. Bauer also was instrumental in securing funding and community support for the construction and operation of three full-service dental clinics that provide comprehensive dental care to migrant farmworkers and other underserved populations in Aurora, Kankakee and Mendota, Illinois. In July of 2004, Susan became Executive Director of Community Health Partnership of Illinois, where she has worked her entire career. Ms. Bauer also has worked extensively in developing programs that incorporate indigenous health workers (*promotores de salud*) into community-centered oral health care and research. She was honored by the National Association of Community Health Centers with the Louis B. Garcia Award for her contributions to the migrant health movement.

## **Jeffrey B. Dalin, DDS • St. Louis, MO**

Dr. Dalin, a St. Louis native, has been in private practice in St. Louis for the past 28 years. Dr. Dalin is a 1980 graduate of Indiana University School of Dentistry. He was a former clinical instructor in the Department of Operative Dentistry at Washington University School of Dental Medicine. He has earned Fellowships from the American College of Dentists, the Academy of General Dentistry, and the International College of Dentists. In the fall of 2001, Jeff co-founded, planned, and implemented Give Kids A Smile, a program designed to deliver full service dental care to children who do not have access to dentistry. In February 2002, his dream became reality with the first Give Kids A Smile Clinic. Over 6500 St. Louis area children have received over \$2 million dollars worth of dental care in ten two-day clinics. Jeff has won numerous dental journalism awards from the International College of Dentists. He has also won Awards of Merit, Distinguished Service Awards, and the Gold Medal Award from the Greater St. Louis Dental Society; a Dentist of the Year Award from the Missouri Dental Association; and a Presidential Citation from the American Dental Association. Jeff and his wife, Debbie, live in Chesterfield, Missouri with their three children: Jamie, Zachary, and Andy.

## **Burton L. Edelstein, DDS, MPH • Washington, DC**

Dr. Edelstein, a pediatric dentist, is Professor of Dentistry and Health Policy & Management at Columbia University and Founding Director of the Children's Dental Health Project (CDHP), a DC-based non-profit policy and strategic consulting organization. He practiced pediatric dentistry in Connecticut and taught part time at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine for 21 years before committing to full time health policy practice. As a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow, he was health aide to US Senate Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD) during development of the State Child Health Insurance Program. Edelstein served as consultant to the US Department of Health and Human Services on its oral health initiatives from 1998-2001, chaired the US Surgeon General's Workshop on Children and Oral Health, and authored the child section of the US Surgeon General's Report "Oral Health in America." He is a graduate of Harpur College, SUNY Buffalo School of Dentistry, Harvard School of Public Health, and the Boston Children's Hospital pediatric dentistry residency program. His work on behalf of children has been nationally recognized by dentistry (ACD Outstanding Service), pediatric dentistry (AAPD Pediatric Dentist of the Year), public health dentistry (AAPHD and ASTDD Distinguished Service; MSDA Visionary Leadership), academe (ADEA, Harvard Distinguished Alumnus), the research community (Friends of NIDCR Public Advocacy), and students (ASDA Dental Visionary).

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## **Caswell Evans, DDS, MPH • Chicago, IL**

Dr. Caswell A. Evans is the Associate Dean for Prevention and Public Health Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), College of Dentistry and has a joint appointment as professor in the UIC School of Public Health. He has been appointed to the Illinois State Board of Health. Dr. Evans was the Executive Editor and Project Director for *Oral Health in America; A Report of the Surgeon General*, released in May 2000, and subsequently directed the development of the *National Call To Action to Promote Oral Health*, released in April 2003. Prior to that, Dr. Evans was the Director of Public Health Programs and Services for the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. He previously served as Director of the County Division of the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health in Washington State. He is a past-president of the American Public Health Association and the American Association of Public Health Dentistry. He has been elected into the Institute of Medicine. Dr. Evans is a graduate of the Columbia University's School of Dental and Oral Surgery in New York City, and earned his Master of Public Health degree from the University of Michigan.

## **Olimata Faal • Riverside, CA**

Olimata Faal is a recent graduate with a Bachelor of Arts from Rutgers University, New Jersey. She plans to attend Dental School in the Academic year of 2012. In the meantime, she has been volunteering with Project K.I.N.D. , and has participated in the dental clinics with Project K.I.N.D. She has been accepted in the University of California, San Francisco Post Baccalaureate Program, a year long structured program that is designed to make dental school applicants more competitive. While in the program, she is scheduled to participate in a research project with a faculty member of the USCF School of Dentistry. She is interested in the "*Center to Address Disparities in Children's Oral Health (CAN DO)*" research program, whose mission is to "identify cultural, environmental, workforce, behavioral, and biologic factors associated with health disparities among ethnic/racial groups in the very diverse California environment."

## **Meredith Ferraro, MS • Trumbull, CT**

Meredith Ferraro has served as Executive Director of Southwestern AHEC since its inception in 1998. Her work focuses on program and systems development, recruitment of a diverse health professions workforce, and health care access, with a special emphasis on oral health. Her prior experience as a Physical Therapist and Certified Hand Therapist includes clinical practice, research and publications. Meredith received her BS in Physical Therapy from NYU, her MS in Health Sciences Education from Stony Brook University, and has taught at Housatonic Community College and Touro College.

## **Colleen Greene, MAT • Cambridge, MA**

Colleen Greene recently finished her 2<sup>nd</sup> year as a DMD student at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. She graduated from Kalamazoo College in 2005, and then taught high school chemistry in Chicago for three years through Teach for America. She will soon begin the MPH program at the Harvard School of Public Health, concentrating in Health Care Management. In 2013, she will finally become a dentist.

## **Brian Homann • Rockford, IL**

Brian Homann is a third year student at the UIC College of Dentistry. He graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a Bachelors in Physics and minor in Chemistry. He serves as the UIC student chapter's president of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry. Recently, he celebrated his first wedding anniversary and is currently training for the Chicago Marathon.

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## **Dillon Kalkhurst • Altamonte Springs, FL**

Dillon Kalkhurst is an expert in youth and societal marketing with over 20 years experience creating and managing media centric youth engagement initiatives. He currently works with Scholastic, Inc. as the Director of Business Development and Specialty Programs. He developed Read and Rise, a media/sponsor driven national literacy awareness campaign that helps low-income schools host Family Reading Events while promoting the importance of the parent's role in their child's literacy development. In the program's second year Dillon has secured Read and Rise partnerships with over 100 Clear Channel Radio Stations across the U.S. Scholastic hosts more than 125,000 literacy events in 60,000 schools each year. Sadly, all schools can't participate because of socioeconomic challenges. Read and Rise and it's sponsors make it possible for all schools to inspire a life long love of reading and learning for all students regardless of their home environmental circumstances. Prior to Joining Scholastic, Dillon worked as Vice President of Marketing and Partnership Development at Entertainment Publications where he developed and managed One for the Community, a national campaign that partnered with more than 150 television stations to raise awareness of school funding issues. In addition to his current Scholastic responsibilities, Dillon has served as an advisor and consultant for media companies, community organizations and youth oriented businesses, helping grow their business by crafting social responsible campaigns that help their communities. Dillon currently serves on the advisory board of MyVerse, an interactive global teen lifestyle, learning, and self help website geared towards the Millennial Generation that acts as a total resource center for teens helping define career paths, money matters, personal development, social responsibility, news, entertainment, technology and more.

## **Joan Lane, MPH • Trumbull, CT**

Joan Lane joined Southwestern AHEC as Director of Programs in 2006, where her responsibilities focus on oral health and immunization programs. Before AHEC, Joan held strategic planning, marketing and program management positions with Anthem BCBS/CT, PruCare HMO in Chicago, Beth Israel Hospital and Fenway Community Health Center in Boston. Joan has guest lectured at Harvard School of Public Health, University of CT and Southern CT State University. She holds a BA from Oberlin College, and an MPH from Boston University.

## **Lora Mattsen • Multnomah, OR**

Lora Mattsen is the Executive Director of the Multnomah Dental Society, which is the largest component of the Oregon Dental Association. She has participated in the ADA's National GKAS program for the past 8 years by organizing the local GKAS event throughout Multnomah County. The event has provided several thousands of dollars worth of free dental care to several hundred underserved children in the community. Several sites participate in the annual event, with the largest site being OHSU School of Dentistry which has actively participated in the program with MDS for the past 8 years. Today she will share with you some key ideas that have improved their program in working with the dental school and how it impacts dental students once they graduate. This information can also be useful for programs that don't have the benefit of a dental school in their community.

## **Jessica Minahan • Salem, OR**

A co-founder of the Dental Solutions for Children Program, Jessica has been the Dental Health Coordinator for the Salem-Keizer School District for over five years. She maintains a large and active network of dental care providers and program participants, chairs the steering committee, schedules community and school-based dental education, dental disease prevention and access-to-care programs, tracks treatment referrals, and raises funds through donations, grants and Program publicity.

## **Vishal Panchmatia • Portland, OR**

Vishal Panchmatia is currently a third-year student at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland, Oregon. He has volunteered in some capacity with OHSU's Give Kids a Smile for the last 4 years, and will be the main student organizer for the event in 2011. Along with his participation in Give Kids a Smile, he has also served on the American Student Dental Association's National Editorial Board. Vishal hopes to one day serve as a pediatric dentist...only after enjoying some time away from school for awhile!

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## **Catherine Pederson • Salem, OR**

A co-founder of Dental Solutions for Children and a former registered nurse, Catherine has been a community volunteer and activist for needs of the elderly and children for 30 years. She worked as a Protective Services Case Manager for persons 65 and older while assisting her husband in the management of his oral surgery practice. With Stand for Children founder Jonah Edelman, she researched dental access disparities and through focus groups and face-to-face conversations with area dentists formed the 'Neighborhood Dentist' network in 1998. Catherine continues to serve on the Dental Solutions for Children steering committee.

## **Debra Wood, MS • Riverside, CA**

Debra Wood has spent her academic and professional career researching and providing ways to remove barriers to health care and improve outcomes. She has held the roles of Researcher, Adjunct Faculty, and Program Director. She provided Program Evaluation to Tobacco Control Programs for three of the public health departments in California. She is currently the Program Director of Project K.I.N.D. During the last six years, she has increased the number of patients served by 131%, recruited approximately 100 new providers, expanded into four additional school districts and implemented a case management system to ensure that the children's dental health needs are met. Debra holds a Master's Degree in Health Services Administration. Under Debra's direction, Project K.I.N.D. received the 2006-2007 Lyda M. Smiley award from the San Bernardino/ Riverside School Nurse Organization and the 2006 Service Oriented Lifetime Award from The Riverside Community Health Foundation.