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DENTISTRY IS OUR PROFESSION. It is the common denominator that identifies and unites every dentist. The excellence we strive for in all aspects of our profession is the responsibility of every practicing dentist. Working in concert as members of the tripartite, we accomplish more because our voice is strong and unwavering. This is key to our success. It's incumbent upon the President-Elect of the American Dental Association to create an environment within the boardroom that brings out all the skills of the amazing people in that room, and in our profession.

I knew at a young age that dentistry was my calling. During my first month of dental school, I was commissioned in the Navy Dental Corps. Becoming a dentist and, simultaneously, serving my country, I quickly learned that I thrived as a member of a team. This realization helped me hone my leadership skills. And as a leader, I bring to the table the qualities of communication, self-awareness, drive to succeed, effective listening, and innovative and strategic thinking. At the same time, I recognize that a leader's success is often measured by the quality of the team around him. I vow to be a good team member and representative of the profession.

A successful team comprises people from all walks of life. We must foster relationships across the organization inclusive of all diverse communities, from dental students to new dentists to seasoned professionals. Engagement begins with students, who are the future of our profession, and continues through their entire career. As the father of a new dentist, and as a liaison to the ADA New Dentist Committee, I've witnessed the amazing talent these individuals possess. I see our Association benefiting from their knowledge and leadership.

I promise to lead and represent our members with passion for our profession. My desire to serve is built into my DNA. I look forward to meeting you all and earning your support for my campaign to be your ADA President-Elect.



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As an organization, we must hold ourselves accountable. The needs of the profession are endless, and a strong ADA responds to those needs readily. This has never been more tested than in the handling of the pandemic. Through it all, the strength and knowledge of our profession were clearly demonstrated by the work of everyone who serves this organization. Their nimbleness and readiness to act and react under the most extreme conditions were on full display. This is your ADA. Members demand that we communicate our intentions clearly and articulately. I possess these qualities and stand ready to serve.



DEDICATION

Dedication has defined me throughout my career. It is my guiding principle. There are no boundaries or limits to your ability to succeed when you are dedicated to the goals. The people who came before us carved a trail. They passed the baton to us. We must be open to trusting what they accomplished, and embrace change to continue the process they began. That trust is essential to providing a pathway for those who will follow us.



INSPIRATION

To act without inspiration is almost impossible. I have derived inspiration from the individuals I have met along the way. The positive results of their efforts draw others to follow. I'm here to hold the lantern, to light the way. Let us find the way forward together. Tell me what needs to be done to help you reach your goals. Working as a team, we can achieve for our profession far more than any of us could accomplish alone.



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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1989 – Present

Private Practice, Smithtown, NY

1986 – 1989

US Naval Dental Clinic, Newport, RI

1982 – 1996

US Naval Reserve

Achieved rank: Commander

EDUCATION

1982 – 1986

Temple University School of Dentistry

DMD

1978 – 1982

St Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA

BS Biology

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

American Dental Association, 1985–Present

- Chair of AT Dental Hygiene examination
- Liaison to New Dentist Committee
- Chair Dental Content Committee
- Executive Director Search Committee, 2020
- Liaison to CEBJA, 2018–2019
- Liaison to CCEPR, 2019–2020
- Pension Committee, 2018–Present
- Compensation Committee, 2018–Present
- Trustee Second District, 2018–Present
- CERP Committee Member, 2014–2015
- Chair CCERP, 2015–2016, 2016–2017
- Reference Committee CDEL ADA, 2009
- PGY-1 Presenter to ADEA Taskforce, December 2014

New York State Dental Association, 1989–Present

- Trustee from Suffolk County, 2014–2017
- Delegate to House, 2010–2017
- Chair CDEL, 2008–2012
- CDEL Workgroup Chair PGY-1, 2012–2018
- ADA Delegate or Alternate, 2004–2018
- Caucus Chair CDEL, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016
- NYSDA Governor, Suffolk County, 2007–2009
- New York State Dental Foundation Board, 2009–2014
- Washington Leadership Conference Action Team Leader, 2007–2017
- Grassroots ADPAC Speaker to Student Legislative Day, Albany, 2013
- Student Presentation on Lobbying, Stony Brook, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- Bernard Tillis Award for Literary Excellence, 2006

Suffolk County Dental Society, 1989–Present

- Raskin Award for Outstanding Service, 2014
- Co-Editor Suffolk County Bulletin, 2007–Present
- Suffolk Board of Delegates, 1995–2018
- Board Liaison, 2000–2001
- SCDS Ladder, 2002–2005
- SCDS President, 2006
- Chairman CDEL Suffolk, 2005–2008 and 2010–2013
- Chairman Member Benefits Committee, 2002–2005
- National Diversity Delegate, 2006, 2007
- Greater Long Island Dental Meeting Director, 2007–2018
- General Chairman to GLIDM 2012

American College of Dentists, 2008–Present

**Student Ethics Course, Stony Brook
Dental School Facilitator, 2010–Present**

**International College of Dentists,
2010–Present**

**American Academy of Military Surgeons,
1986–1995**

**Academy of General Dentistry, 1986–2011,
2017–present**

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