

# NODA News

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*To maintain a cohesive organization that serves its membership by promoting the art, science and professionalism of dentistry, and by communicating the value of optimal oral health to the community.*

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## President’s Message... by Claudia A. Cavallino, D.D.S. – NODA President

As we move into a busy and exciting spring season, I’m pleased to share several upcoming events that highlight the strength, camaraderie, and continuing growth of the New Orleans Dental Association.

On March 18th, NODA will host our General Membership Meeting at Jaeger’s Seafood & Oyster House. Dr. Jared Mason, a nationally recognized endodontist, will presenting on “*Managing Endodontic Emergencies.*” These meetings remain an important benefit of membership, offering valuable clinical insight while allowing members to stay connected and engaged with the association. We encourage all members to attend and take advantage of this educational opportunity.

Later, on March 20th, we look forward to our President’s Banquet at the Metairie Country Club. This special evening is dedicated to celebrating service, leadership, and the accomplishments of our



association. We will be installing the new NODA Board of Directors as well as recognizing our 25-year and 50-year members. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity to gather with colleagues, recognize those who have given their time and talents to NODA, and enjoy fellowship outside of the office setting.

On April 9-11, the state’s dental community will come together for the New Orleans Dental Conference and the Louisiana Dental Association’s Annual Session at the Hilton Riverside.

This premier event provides outstanding continuing education, access to the latest products and technologies, and meaningful networking with dentists from across the state and beyond. It is always a highlight of the year and a testament to the collaborative spirit of organized dentistry. Register for your opportunity to earn up to 18 hours of high quality CE.

Looking ahead to May, we will wrap up the spring season with one of NODA’s most popular social events—the Annual Crawfish Boil on May 8th at The Kamp in Harahan. This beloved tradition offers a relaxed setting to reconnect with colleagues, enjoy great food, and celebrate our shared community.

Thank you for your continued support of the New Orleans Dental Association. I look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events and to another successful season together.



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# Upcoming Scientific Program

by Claudia A. Cavallino, D.D.S. - NODA Scientific Program Committee Chair

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| <p><b>March 18, 2026</b></p> <p><b>Jaeger's Seafood &amp; Oyster House</b><br/>901 South Clearview Parkway<br/>Jefferson, Louisiana 70121</p> <p><b>Check In &amp; Dinner:</b> 5:30pm</p> <p><b>Meeting:</b> 6:00 pm – 8:30pm</p> <p><b>CE:</b> 2.0 clinical hours</p> <p><b>Registration:</b> Must register in advance for seat &amp; food guarantee.</p> <p><b>Early Registration price until:</b><br/>March 13, 2026</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>NODA Member</td><td>\$20</td></tr> <tr><td>Resident</td><td>\$20</td></tr> <tr><td>Dental Student</td><td>\$20</td></tr> <tr><td>Non-NODA member</td><td>\$75</td></tr> <tr><td>Hygienist</td><td>\$75</td></tr> <tr><td>Other staff</td><td>\$75</td></tr> </table> <p><b>Late Registration price starts:</b><br/>March 14, 2026</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>NODA Member</td><td>\$35</td></tr> <tr><td>Resident</td><td>\$35</td></tr> <tr><td>Dental Student</td><td>\$35</td></tr> <tr><td>Non-NODA member</td><td>\$85</td></tr> <tr><td>Hygienist</td><td>\$85</td></tr> <tr><td>Other staff</td><td>\$85</td></tr> </table> <p><b>Registration &amp; Payment:</b><br/>Payment is required with registration, otherwise registration for the meeting is not guaranteed. A 25% administration fee will be applied to any refund request received after Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. If applicable, all no shows will be charged. All requests for refunds or cancellations must be received in writing no less than three days prior to the course. Refund requests will not be accepted after this deadline. Registration fees are for this meeting only.</p> | NODA Member         | \$20                     | Resident | \$20 | Dental Student | \$20 | Non-NODA member | \$75 | Hygienist | \$75 | Other staff | \$75 | NODA Member | \$35 | Resident | \$35 | Dental Student | \$35 | Non-NODA member | \$85 | Hygienist | \$85 | Other staff | \$85 | <p><b>General Membership Meeting with CE Lecture &amp; Dinner</b></p>  <p><b>Jared D. Mason, DDS, MS, Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics</b></p> <p>Dr. Mason is a board-certified endodontist and the Program Director for the AFPDS Endodontic Residency, and is the Consultant for the USAF Endo Corps. He graduated from Indiana Dental school in 2010, practiced for 4 years as a general dentist, and earned his endodontic certificate in 2017. He has been published and has presented more than 45 lectures across the US and Europe.</p> <p><b>"Managing Endodontic Emergencies"</b></p> <p>Over the last 10 years of endodontic practice, I have worked with more than 50 general dentists across 5 locations, and the same questions seem to come up. This lecture was designed to answer those questions and has been utilized across the USAF as part of the annual readiness training. This presentation is designed to give providers a practical approach to managing acute endodontic pain in an urgent and time sensitive situation. It will explain the biologic concepts of pulpitis and how inflammation correlates to endodontic diagnostic challenges, treatment objectives and how to prevent endodontic emergencies. Lastly, it will discuss how to deal with anesthetic challenges of getting a "hot tooth" numb.</p> <p><b>Learning objectives:</b> At the end of this presentation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) At the end of this presentation, the participants will be able to determine if they are treating an infection or inflammation, and which treatment should be utilized in each situation.</li> <li>2) This lecture will explain the challenges of referred pain and give strategies to diagnose patients without periapical inflammation.</li> <li>3) The member will understand the indications for therapeutic pulpotomy, pulpectomy, and pulpal debridement.</li> <li>4) The participants will be able to understand how to safely and effectively shape the coronal portion of the canal without the fear of making a ledge.</li> <li>5) The attendees will be able to compare and contrast different anesthetic strategies to get a "hot tooth" numb.</li> </ol> | <p><b>Sponsor</b></p> <p><b>New Orleans Dental Enterprises</b><br/>Dr. Kevin J. Collins<br/>Committee Chair<br/>collinskevinjdds@bellsouth.net<br/>www.nodental.org/preferred-providers</p> <p><b>Event Partners</b></p> <p><b>AmeriClean, LLC</b><br/>Brett Tribou<br/>Integrated Waste Specialist<br/>Cell: 985/789-3228<br/>Office: 866-988-2536<br/>brett@americleangroup.com<br/>www.americleangroup.com</p> <p><b>Hancock Whitney</b><br/>Tiffany Ebersole<br/>Business Banker<br/>Assistant Vice President<br/>504/729-8717<br/>tiffany.ebersole@hancockwhitney.com<br/>www.hancockwhitney.com</p> <p><b>Darby Dental Supply</b><br/>Zachary Berkey<br/>Account Manager – CHC Specialist<br/>800-645-2310 Ext. 4178<br/>zachary.berkey@darby.com<br/>www.darby.com</p> <p><i>New Orleans Dental Association is an ADA CERP Recognized Provider (November 2024 – December 2027). ADA CERP is a service of the American Dental Association to assist dental professionals in identifying quality providers of continuing dental education. 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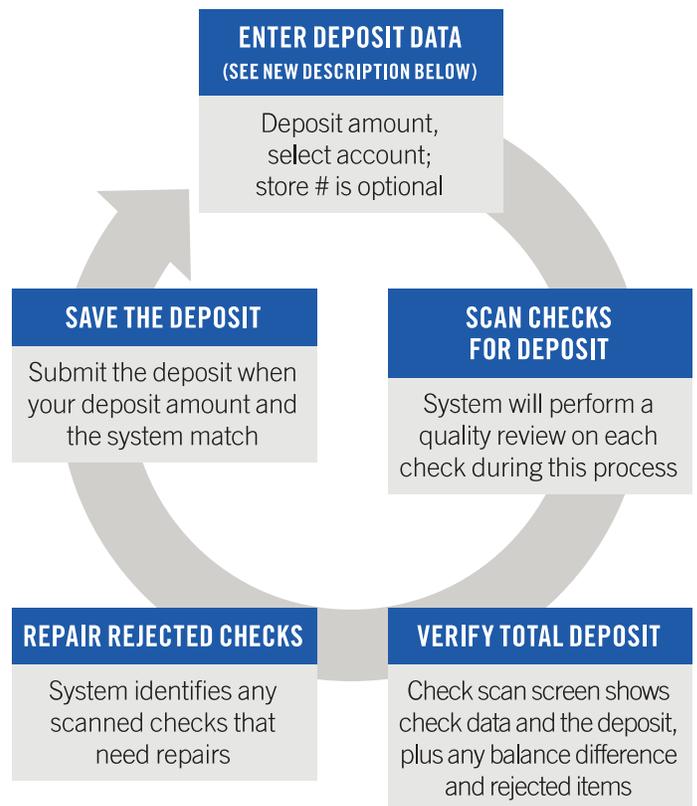
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## “Hello and Happy Spring from the NODC & LDA Annual Session Committee!”

*by Kay Jordan, D.D.S.*

*NODC & LDA Annual Session Committee Chair*

Hello and Happy Spring from your 2026 New Orleans Dental Conference & Louisiana Dental Association’s Annual Session Committee! By now all of you and your staffs, spouses, and associates should be registered for the fantastic upcoming meeting to take place at the New Orleans Hilton Riverside April 9-11 2026. We’re featuring dynamic speakers that will appeal to everyone. You can choose from hands on technical courses, new technology such as artificial intelligence, updates on cybersecurity, and even renew your BLS certificates. As a special treat after the Thursday courses end, LSU School of Dentistry is sponsoring a social in the Exhibit Hall with food and beverage offerings. So, if you haven’t registered, hurry up! Go to NODC.ORG and sign up for the courses and be sure to allow time to visit the Exhibit Hall!



*Dr. Jacob Dent*

Dr. Jacob Dent will present two courses on Friday which will appeal to everyone, and either of his courses qualify as approved courses for the Special Needs Pediatric Dental Medicaid Incentive Program.

Dr. Dent is an outside the box general dentist and speaker who has built a successful career treating

patients of all ages and disabilities in a non-conventional way using desensitization. Dr. Dent is a fellow of the Academy of Dentistry International, clinical director for Special Olympics Special Smiles, and Co-founder of the Brush and Bite Collection

We also would like to introduce you to Dr. Victoria Sullivan who will offer an enlightening course on providing compassionate, comprehensive dental care to children and adolescents. Dr. Sullivan assumed the role of Chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at LSU Health School of Dentistry in July 2025.



*Dr. Victoria Sullivan*

She received her Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of the Pacific before ciphering a certificate in pediatric dentistry through the University of Southern California and Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. Her training provided a strong foundation for her lifelong dedication to providing compassionate comprehensive dental care to children and adolescents. This course appeals to general dentists, specialists and staff members.

Many thanks to all involved in the formulation of this event including Committee Members, LDA Staff, NODA members, and of course Andrew Hale, our Conference Coordinator and Secretary! We will see you at the Hilton Riverside!



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## Sun Life U.S. and DentaQuest announce 2025 recipients of the Health Access Hero Awards

Sun Life and DentaQuest, part of Sun Life U.S., have announced this year’s recipients of the Health Access Hero Awards, which recognize nonprofits and individual change-makers working to broaden access to health services and improve health outcomes for communities in need. Areas of focus include education, awareness, treatment and access for oral health, diabetes, obesity prevention and nutrition.

“Sun Life and DentaQuest are committed to broadening access to care through philanthropic initiatives that can have large-scale impact at local levels,” said David Healy, president, Sun Life U.S. “Over the years, we have had the privilege of supporting many incredible programs and witnessing the meaningful results achieved in their communities. We thank these Health Access Heroes for the opportunity to help make their impact even stronger and move the needle toward equitable health access for all.”

There are two tracks to the Health Access Hero awards: grants to fund innovative health and wellness programs at community organizations, and recognition of individuals who have made a significant impact in their communities. Individual Heroes also receive a \$10,000 donation to the charity of their choice. The Health Access Hero Awards have provided more than \$3.5million in grants and recognized more than 130 individuals across the country to date.

A 2025 winner of the Health Access Hero Awards (*one of several from around the country*) is:

As Dental Director at EXCELth, Inc., Dr. Cross works to expand access to dental services across Louisiana. His innovative approach led to the implementation of the state’s first teledentistry program and first general dentistry residency program through NYU-Langone, addressing dental shortages in rural areas. His combined efforts have positively affected the dental health of over 5,000 individuals across the state.



*Dr. Douglas Cross, DDS, Dental Director, Excelth*

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# LSU Health New Orleans School of Dentistry Welcomes Esperanza Academy for Give Kids a Smile Day

LSU Health New Orleans School of Dentistry (LSUSD) reinforced its long standing commitment to community oral health by welcoming approximately 120 first, second, and third graders from Esperanza Academy for this year’s Give Kids a Smile Day—a national initiative dedicated to expanding access to dental care and oral health education for children.

From the moment the school buses arrived, enthusiasm filled the campus. Students from the Dentistry and Dental Hygiene programs, as well as Pediatric Dentistry residents, dressed in this year’s theme, “Your Smile Is Out of This World,” and lined the



walkways to greet the children against a space inspired backdrop. The celebratory atmosphere set the stage for a morning focused on

learning, wellness, and community engagement.

Throughout the event, children rotated through a series of interactive educational stations. In the clinic, LSUSD students and residents provided dental screenings, cleanings, and sealants as needed. Hands on demonstrations taught proper



brushing and flossing techniques using oversized dental models and stuffed animals with large sets of teeth. Nutrition activities helped children distinguish tooth friendly foods from those that encourage “sugar bugs.” Outdoors, volunteers led additional activities, including games, chalk art, and face painting.

Strong student leadership remains vital to the success of Give Kids a Smile Day at LSUSD. This year’s event was coordinated by Pediatric Club President Annikah Guenther (D3), Vice President



Taylor Thibodaux (D2), and Give Kids a Smile Day Liaison Gracie Poe (D3), who collaborated closely with faculty, staff, residents, and fellow students.

Guenther shared that her favorite part of the day was “seeing everything come together” after extensive planning. “There was so



much coordinating involved, and it was great to see the kids come in excited,” she said. “For some of them, it was potentially their first trip to the dentist, and we hope that this experience helps create healthy habits for the future.”

The event was supported by generous partners, including the Louisiana Department of Health’s Well Ahead program and Haute Soiree, as well as

national supporters of the Give Kids a Smile program including the American Dental Association, Colgate, and Henry Schein, whose ongoing contributions help ensure children across the country receive essential preventive dental care and education.

LSUSD students emphasized the importance of Give Kids a Smile Day in reducing barriers to pediatric dental care. Since its launch in 2003,

the national Give Kids a Smile program has enabled thousands of children to receive no cost dental care and oral health education. At Louisiana’s only dental school, the tradition continues to grow each year, driven by the dedication of LSUSD students and a shared commitment to improving oral health throughout the community.



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| <br>Dr. Kathryn Alderman<br>Topic: AI in Dentistry                              | <br>Dr. Stanley Malamed<br>Topics: Pain Control and Patient Safety   |
| <br>Dr. Eugene Antenucci<br>Topics: Wellness and CAD/CAM                        | <br>Dr. Brian Novy<br>Topics: Preventative Dentistry and Caries  |
| <br>Dr. John Barksdale<br>Topics: CBCT Technology, Implants                     | <br>Capt. Iggy Rosales, RN<br>Topics: CPR, AED (BLS) Training, and Office Emergencies                                |
| <br>Dr. Jacob Dent<br>Topics: Patients with Special Needs and/or Autism         | <br>Dr. Molly Rosebush<br>Topic: Oral Lesions  |
| <br>Dr. Paul Feuerstein<br>Topics: Treatment Planning, Technology, Diagnostics  | <br>Tom Viola, R.Ph., C.C.P.<br>Topics: Dental Outcomes with Cannabis Use and Dental Outcomes with Diabetes Mellitus |
| <br>Dr. Nate Lawson<br>Topics: Advanced Prevention and Cosmetic Dentistry       | <br>Tricia Barker, R.D.H., M.Ed.   |
| <br>Dr. Emily Letran<br>Topics: Patient Retention and Team Engagement          | <br>Angie Reedh RDH, BSDH, MED, CH-ONC   |

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**INVITATION TO NODA PRESIDENT'S BANQUET**

*Claudia A. Cavallino, D.D.S.*  
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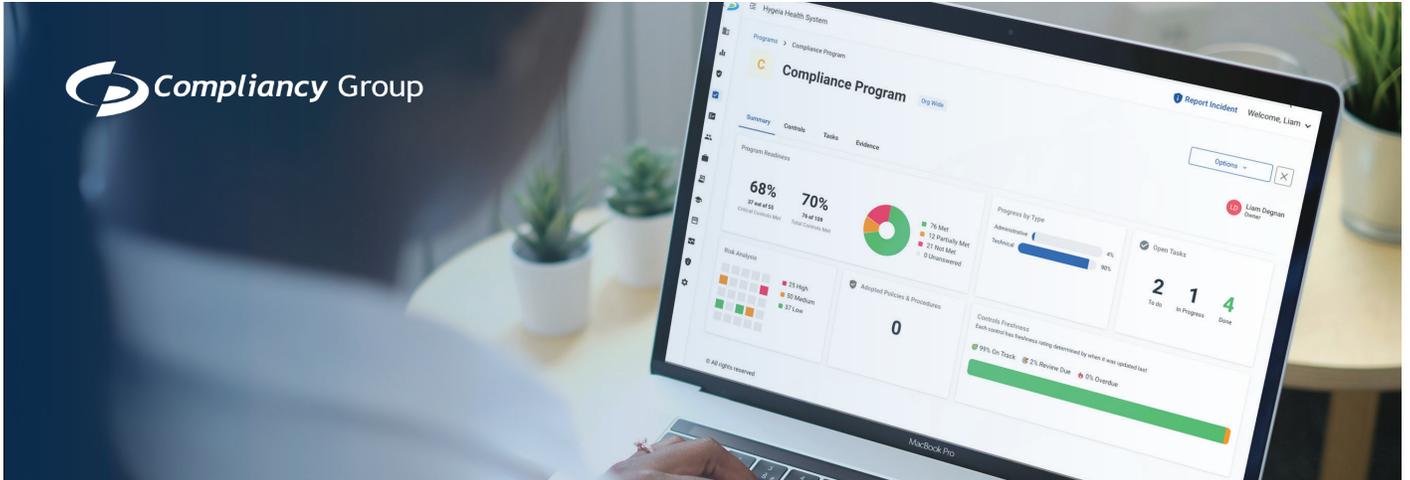
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*Friday, March 20, 2026*  
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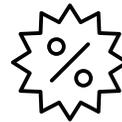
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