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NODA News

2025 NODA Honor Dentist: James “Jimmy” Edward Burns, D.D.S.

by David J. Hildebrandt, D.D.S.



The New Orleans Dental Association Honors & Awards committee is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2025 Honor Dentist: Dr. James E. Burns. Dr. Burns will be presented with this award at the President’s Banquet on March 20th at Metairie Country Club. A 1993 graduate of the LSU School of Dentistry, Jimmy is a past Chairman of the New Orleans Dental Conference & LDA Annual Session and past President of the New Orleans Dental Association.

When asked about his career path, Dr. Burns remembered that he wanted to be a dentist at a very young age. “My parents kept a paper I wrote in third grade on how I wanted to be a dentist.”

Following, graduation from LSU School of Dentistry, Jimmy immediately became involved in organized dentistry. I first became involved in the early 2000’s, becoming a part of the NODC Committee.” He quickly moved up the ladder and eventually became its chairman. Dr Burns also came thru the ranks of the NODA Board of Directors to become its President in 2022.

His commitment and volunteerism in dentistry and his community befit a recipient of the Honor Dentist award. Dr. Burns’ professional affiliations include:

- American Dental Association
- Louisiana Dental Association
- New Orleans Dental Association
- Fellow, American College of

- Dentists
- Fellow International College of Dentistry
- Faculty in Operative Dentistry LSUSD



James “Jimmy” Edward Burns, D.D.S.

When asked about there being any people along the way that you consider to be your mentors either personally or professionally? Jimmy responded, “Yes. Professionally, Dr. Joseph Dongieux, Dr. Anthony Miranda and Dr. Guy Ribando. Personally, it was my father who always taught me to give back to my community and my profession.”

Jimmy’s advice for dental students or recently graduated dentists involves the importance of organized dentistry. “I speak to the Freshman Dental students every year on the importance of organized dentistry. Like I tell the students, The profession of dentistry and how it stands would not be possible

without organized dentistry. My personal advice is always stick to the ethics that you have been taught. Don’t let anybody or any group make you compromise on those ethics.”

For relaxation, Jimmy has a residence in Bay St. Louis where you will find him most weekends. There he likes to fish and relax. He also has season tickets to LSU Football where you’ll find him when not in Bay. St. Louis. He’s also a proud member of The Krewe of Thoth with his three sons.

When asked if there is any message you would like to share with NODA colleagues, Jimmy states, “As I’ve mentioned numerous times in my past. You are my NODA Family. I’m extremely humbled to be named the 2025 Honor Dentist. When I see the names of the people before me, it’s hard to feel that I am worthy of this. I felt the day I became a dentist to today, this a great profession with great people and I don’t regret one moment of picking this as a profession. I guess this 3rd grader picked a darn good profession.



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



As we enter the heart of Carnival Season, I would like to wish all of our members and their families a very happy and safe Mardi Gras. This time of year is one of celebration, tradition, and community—values that are deeply reflected in our New Orleans Dental Association.

I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to our dedicated NODA Board members who attended the Louisiana Dental Association’s L.H. Bowden Leadership Conference last month. The conference was extremely informative and provided valuable insight, inspiration, and leadership development that will directly

benefit our organization and our members moving forward. Thank you for your commitment and service to NODA.

February means Children’s Dental Health Month is underway. The Give Kids A Smile Day event will take place at the LSU School of Dentistry on February 6, 2026. I would like to thank Dr. Linda Cao who is organizing this important event where our profession comes together to make a positive impact on the oral health of children in our community. Events like these truly highlight the heart of dentistry and the importance of service.

Looking ahead to March, I encourage you to join us for our March 18th CE meeting at Jaeger’s Seafood. Presenting that night is national speaker, Dr. Jared Mason, with a course on “*Managing Endodontic Emergencies*”. This promises to be an engaging educational program.

Also in March, we celebrate the President’s Installation Dinner to be held at Metairie Country Club on March 20th. This fun evening includes updates from the

LDA along with the presentation of several awards, including the prestigious Honor Dentist award. This year’s recipient is Dr. James Burns. Don’t miss out on this wonderful event as it is a great opportunity to celebrate with your NODA colleagues.

Additionally, please mark your calendars for the New Orleans Dental Conference & Louisiana Dental Association’s Annual Session and the Louisiana Dental Association’s House of Delegates, taking place April 9–11 at the Hilton Riverside. This is always a highlight of the year, offering outstanding education, networking, and fellowship. The speaker lineup this year is fantastic. Registration is open now and we hope to see you all there. Special thanks go to Dr. Kay Jordan for her excellent leadership as Conference Chair.

Thank you for your continued involvement and support of the New Orleans Dental Association. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events as we continue to learn, lead, and celebrate together.

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Upcoming Scientific Program

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

DATE LOCATION TIME	SPEAKER INFORMATION	SPONSOR / EVENT PARTNERS																								
<p>March 18, 2026</p> <p>Jaeger's Seafood & Oyster House 901 South Clearview Parkway Jefferson, Louisiana 70121</p> <p>Check In & Dinner: 5:30pm</p> <p>Meeting: 6:00 pm – 8:30pm</p> <p>CE: 2.0 clinical hours</p> <p>Registration: Must register in advance for seat & food guaranteee.</p> <p>Early Registration price until: 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>Late Registration price starts: 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>Registration & Payment: 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 13th. 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>General Membership Meeting with CE Lecture & Dinner</p>  <p>Jared D. Mason, DDS, MS, Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics</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>“Managing Endodontic Emergencies”</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>Learning objectives: At the end of this presentation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 2) This lecture will explain the challenges of referred pain and give strategies to diagnose patients without periapical inflammation. 3) The member will understand the indications for therapeutic pulpotomy, pulpectomy, and pulpal debridement. 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. 5) The attendees will be able to compare and contrast different anesthetic strategies to get a “hot tooth” numb. 	<p>Event Partners</p> <p>AmeriClean, LLC Brett Tribou Integrated Waste Specialist Cell: 985/789-3228 Office: 866-988-2536 brett@americleangroup.com www.americleangroup.com</p> <p>Hancock Whitney Tiffany Ebersole Business Banker Assistant Vice President 504/729-8717 tiffany.ebersole@hancockwhitney.com www.hancockwhitney.com</p> <p>Darby Dental Supply Zachary Berkey Account Manager – CHC Specialist 800-645-2310 Ext. 4178 zachary.berkey@darby.com 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. ADA CERP does not approve or endorse individual courses or instructors, nor does it imply acceptance of credit hours by boards of dentistry. Concerns or complaints about a CE provider may be directed to the provider or to the Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition at CCEPR.ADA.org. New Orleans Dental Association designates this activity for 2.0 credit hours of clinical continuing education credit.</i></p>
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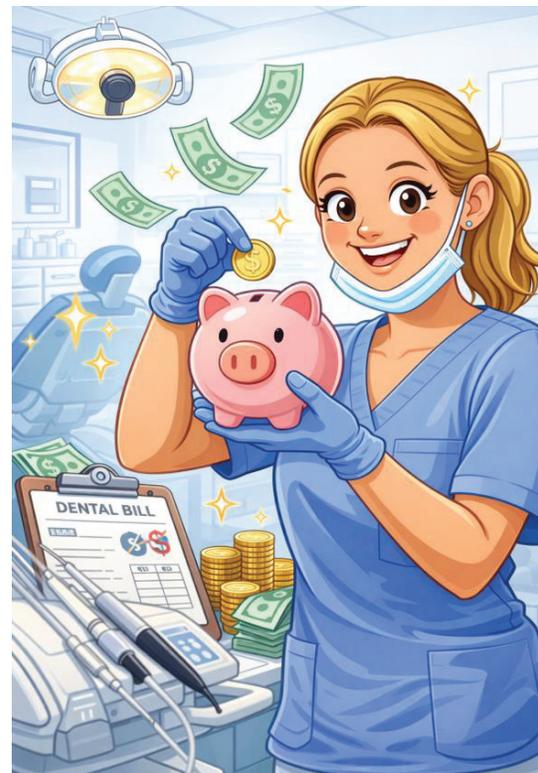
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“Happy New Year from the NODC & LDA Annual Session Committee!”

by Kay Jordan, D.D.S.

NODC & LDA Annual Session Committee Chair

Happy New Year from the 2026 New Orleans Dental Conference & Louisiana Dental Association’s Annual Session Committee members and staff! Let’s get serious now, and if you have not already registered, go to NODC.org and choose your courses, as well as sign up to be Speaker Hosts during this April 9-11 Conference. It is possible to earn 18 continuing education credits while learning new technology and procedures. This Conference has something for the entire dental team including lab techs plus two special Saturday morning courses including CPR/ BLS given by Capt. Iggy Rosales, and a special course for hygienists featuring a variety of pertinent topics presented by Tricia Barker RDH and Angie Reech RDH, both LSU School of Dentistry Faculty. Thanks to all the NODC Committee members, Conference Secretary Andrew Hale, LDA Staff Rebecca Bordelon and Executive Director Annette Drody for all the hard work and assistance in developing this fantastic meeting.



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Executive Director's Corner

Andrew Hale – NODA Executive Director

The ADA's Third-Party Payer Concierge service is to help member dentists with dental insurance concerns involving third-party payers, according to ADA News. "Even though many dentists' issues come down to contractual obligations, the ADA can provide education on the nuances of doing business with dental insurance companies and how to empower themselves to make decisions that are best for their patients and their practices," said Mark Johnston, D.D.S., chair of the Dental Benefit Information Subcommittee of the ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs. The 2021 House of Delegates passed a resolution to restart the service after a one-year hiatus and added a five-year evaluation period. More information is available at ADA.org/dentalinsurance.

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108th President of the
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*Friday, March 20, 2026
Metairie Country Club
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