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**SUMMER 2024  
EDITION**

**2024 New Year!**



**Spring 2024 recap!**



**Impressions Day  
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**2024 Graduates!**



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## A message from the Editor

Hey SNDA family! 2024 has been filled with awesome milestones, from local chapter events to our national conference hosted in Las Vegas, I had the pleasure of having a front row seat!

My main goal within my role was to promote an environment of collaboration and community. I focused on this by planning and executing our inaugural virtual national regional meet-ups. This event turned out amazing and we are looking forward to hosting this event biannually moving forward!

As your 2023-2024 Director of regional communications, My job was to connect chapters across the nation and one way I do that is by creating the emerge newsletter! Within this Spring/Summer 2024 edition you will find highlights from the spring 2024 semester and our 52nd National Conference.

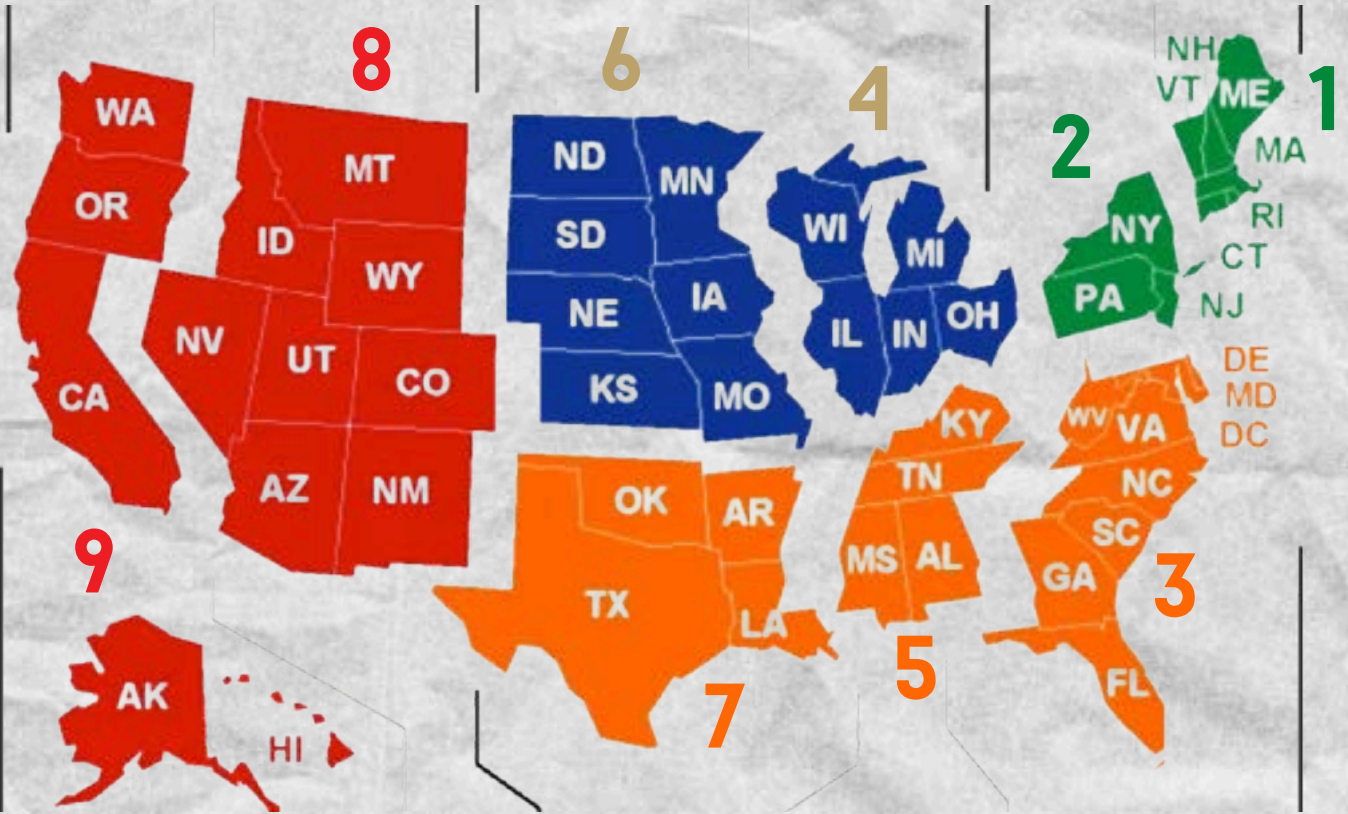
I would like to thank you all for your participation on the national and local level through out the 2023-2024 academic school year. I look forward to serving in my new role as one of your Members-at-Large during this upcoming academic school year under the strategic plan of going "Above and beyond" Enjoy!

Best Wishes,  
'24-'25 SNDA Director of Regional Communications UNC Adams school of  
Dentistry

DDS Candidate 2025

*Fadia Graham*

*A Special Thank you to our*  
**'23-'24 COORDINATORS!**



**REGION 1**  
**Jasmine Dennis**  
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**REGION 2**  
**SheNeka Williams**  
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**James Bennett III**  
 University of Michigan



**REGION 3**  
**Madeleine Buckner**  
 Tufts University



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**Cassia Clayton**  
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**Jada Archer**  
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**Blaine Turner, Jr**  
 University of Mississippi



**REGION 8**  
**Taylor Johnson**  
 Tufts University



**REGION 9**  
**Cheyenne Love**  
 University of Michigan

# SPRING 2024 RECAP!

## Black History Month Family Feud with UNC SNDA!



Pass or Play?! Shoutout to the University of North Carolina - Adams school of dentistry for hosting a black history month family feud. Each team consisted of members from a dental school class, and apparently the DIs came prepared because they cleared the board and won! Great work UNC!

Cardi B got a bag and fixed her teeth but who did them?! UCSF hosted a dinner and learn with the Dr. Catrise Austin, a Celebrity Cosmetic Dentist and Branding Coach Dinner with the goal of showing Black excellence in our dental school. Famously known for her veneer case with Cardi B, Dr. Catrise Austin discussed the Fame Formula: 5 Strategies To Get Noticed and Create a Well-Known Dental Expert Brand. This was a campus wide event aimed to give students the opportunity to learn how to access larger audiences as a dental professional. So cool!



## UCSF Dinner and Learn with Dr. Catrise Austin!

## TAMSOD's Got Talent!



TAMSOD's Got Talent! TAMSOD partnered with the Music Society as well as the wellness committee in order to create an inclusive event allowing students to showcase their skills outside of clinic and sim lab. Acts ranged from singing, playing instruments, and dancing. Entry into the event included students donating non-perishable items to our school's food pantry. While we had a panel of judges, the audience vote decided the winner.

# IMPRESSIONS DAY RECAP!



The Zeb F. Poindexter SNDA Chapter at UT Health Houston recorded its largest Impressions Day in chapter history with 89 pre dental's in attendance. Being a small chapter with only 7 national members, it is extremely hard to organize events and get high attendance. That did not stop the e-board of this chapter from putting together a great event.

They worked extremely hard all year and reaped the benefits. The moment they opened registration, there was an influx submissions. The chapter learned that being extremely active, regardless of attendance numbers or worrying if it even matters since were the little guys on campus, pays off and theres always someone watching.

The Zeb F. Poindexter chapter believes them being extremely active all year made them known amongst the pre dental communities and that is why we had such a great turn out.



UNC SNDA Chapter held their biannual Impressions Program on April 20th. It was an amazing event where pre-dental students were able to learn more about dentistry as a career path, experience hands-on dental activities like drilling plastic teeth and waxing up a fractured incisor, experience mock dental school interviews, and network with current students in our SNDA chapter. The response from Impressions Day has been incredible and many students mentioned that it was inspiring to see successful minority students in dental school!



The UMSOD chapter of SNDA proudly hosted their 15th annual Impressions Day, an event designed to inspire and educate future dental professionals. This year, they welcomed over 75 pre dental students who traveled to Baltimore, MD, to gain insights and firsthand experience about the dental school experience. The event featured a variety of informative and interactive sessions, including a scholarship panel that provided essential information on financial aid opportunities and a D1 panel where current first-year dental students shared their personal experiences during their initial year at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. Attendees also had the opportunity to participate in a mock interview session. Additionally, the event included a couple of hands-on clinical activities, allowing pre dental students to engage in practical exercises and learn some skills required in the dental profession.



# CONGRATS 2024 GRADUATES!

Dr. Kern Kinley-Howard

Dr. Jibri Muhammad

Dr. Kennedy Chioma

Dr. Madison Jenkins

Dr. Danielle Bassaragh

Dr. Alexis Hyacinthe

Dr. Ashlee Alyssa Campbell

Dr. Cyprian Akamnonu

Dr. Brianna Horne

Dr. Chinyere Enih

Dr. Barbara Clyburn

Dr. Kayla Copeland

Dr. Ashley Onwu

Dr. Micheal Kennedy

Dr. Christina Williams

Dr. Shonté Reed

Dr. Brandon Wallace

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TO OUR  
SESSION  
SPEAKERS



DR. BIANCA VELAYO | PACIFIC DENTAL SERVICES

***Beyond the Mouth: Aesthetic Enhancement with Facial Injectables***

Discover the artistry of facial aesthetics in dentistry at 'Beyond the Mouth: Aesthetic Enhancement with Facial Injectables.' Explore innovative techniques that surpass traditional dental boundaries as we dive into facial injectables to harmonize smiles and facial features. Join us to redefine dental aesthetics and unleash the potential of comprehensive facial enhancement.

DR. LEONARD M. BADGER & CATHY TELLES, MBA | HEARTLAND DENTAL

***Smile Tech: Unleashing the Power of AI in Dentistry***

Smile Tech: Unleashing the Power of AI in Dentistry' as we delve into the exciting realm where technology and dentistry intersect. Discover how artificial intelligence is revolutionizing patient care, treatment planning, and practice management, empowering you to embrace the future of dental excellence.



DR. TUCKER, DR. SPATES, DR. MENA | ASPEN DENTAL

***New Beginnings: Thriving in Your Dental Career Post-Graduation***

Delve into practical strategies and firsthand experiences shared by recent graduates, offering invaluable insights and guidance for navigating the transition from dental school to professional practice. Whether you're just starting your career or seeking to establish a strong foundation, this workshop equips you with the tools and knowledge to flourish in the dynamic field of dentistry.



DR. TREVOR THOMAS & DR. JERRETT ROSE

***The Power of You: Making Your Mark in Dentistry***

Step into your potential with 'The Power of You: Making Your Mark in Dentistry' workshop. Discover the strategies and insights needed to carve out your unique path in the dental field, empowering you to make a lasting impact. Join us as we delve into personal branding, leadership, and innovation, equipping you with the tools to thrive in your dental career.



# Thank you!

TO OUR

## WOMEN TO WOMEN PANELIST!

### EMPOWERHER: WOMEN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF DENTISTRY



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*Thank you!*

TO OUR

**MEN TO MEN PANELIST!**

**CONFIDENCE AND COMPETENCE:  
EMPOWERING MEN IN DENTISTRY**



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**SCHOLARSHIP GALA**

CAESARS PALACE, LAS VEGAS, NV

*Thank you!*

TO OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**DR. AMIRA OGUNLEYE, CELEBRITY  
COMESTIC DENTIST**





# **SND** Student National Dental Association

The Student National Dental Association looks forward to  
welcoming and hosting students for our 53rd National  
convention in  
Kansas City, Missouri in July 2024! Stay tuned!

*See you in the City of Fountains!*

