

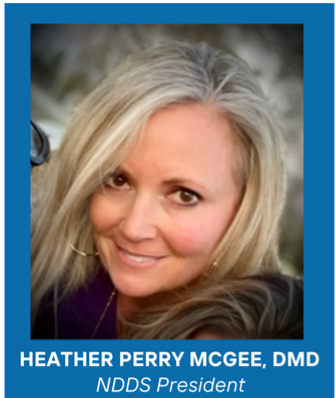


NDDS Northern District
GEORGIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Northern District Dental Society Members,

I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as your president for the 2023 year. I am honored and humbled to be able to take on this role for our district and our administrative council. We are blessed with many dedicated dentists who care deeply about our discipline, its standing, and contributions in an ever-changing specialty. I am fortunate to have an Administrative Council who cares about serving our members, from the most junior to the most experienced, and about creating opportunities for the betterment and advancement of their careers in dental. We will do our best to make you proud of your district within GDA.

It has been an honor and privilege for me to serve under outgoing President Amy Kuhmichel. She is gracious, energetic, and thoughtful. She is passionate about the NDDS and our members and she led the district in a stellar fashion. The NDDS has been fortunate to have a volunteer like her who has contributed in so many ways and at so many levels.

A little about me...

I am a periodontist with offices in Gainesville and Winder. I joined the practice of my stepdad, Dr. J.D. (Del) Mixon, in 2002 after graduating from the Medical College of Georgia. Since his retirement, ten years ago, I have been in solo practice. Dr. Mixon still attends many of the NDDS events and continues to be a great role model to me. He always emphasized the importance of the GDA's involvement with governmental affairs and how they are a watchdog for legislation that may impact our patient's safety or our ability to practice as small business owners.

My husband, Ross, is a Mining Engineer at Ford Steel Company, providing steel products to the aggregate industry (rock quarries). We have two fabulous middle school boys, Owen (14) and Will (13). We live in Flowery Branch and spend our time at soccer games, lacrosse games and cheering for the Dawgs with friends.

My involvement in dentistry...

I quickly became involved at our branch level after graduation and moved through the chair positions at GDA and the NDDS. I have been an active delegate for the Northern District at the GDA House of Delegates for many years. I am also currently serving on the GDA Board of Trustees and on the ADA Delegation for the Fifth District. I am a member of the Hinman Dental Society, Pierre Fauchard Academy, and the International College of Dentists.

Together, with the "Gainesville Mafia," I am also proud to serve on the Greater Hall County Dental Society planning committee. We plan and host CE and social events for our members who live or practice in the northern end of our district. I would love to show you my hometown of Gainesville if you are ever in the area.

The year ahead...

I will continue to strive to connect our district - through education, membership, and opportunities to serve our community. We are here to educate and distribute information related to the practice of dentistry and the changes that come with each year. While national information is important, much also happens on a state level, including legislation that affects our daily practice of dentistry. We continue to send email and social media updates as to changes that may impact our practices and patient care. Please follow us on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook.

We have so many great events and opportunities on the calendar for the year ahead. I encourage you to attend, bring a new dentist (or three) and introduce yourself to someone you do not know. We are always looking for new volunteers to serve in the NDDS as well.

I want to personally thank you for your membership! It is an investment in dentistry, the future security of our specialty. I would also encourage you to remind any other dentists in your area about the importance of membership. We are all in this together and we are stronger as a united front. The larger our membership, the stronger we are when it comes to legislation and delineating the importance of our vital skill sets to patients, legislature, and payors.

Please reach out to me with any issues, questions, concerns, or suggestions! We have an incredible team and are looking forward to a productive year ahead!



District Action Takeaways : March 2023 GDA Board of Trustees Meeting

GDA Volunteer Leadership Opportunities:

GDA President, Dr. Chris Adkins, requested the BOT and districts assist in recruiting qualified candidates for 2023 committee, council, and task force positions that remain unfilled, including Leadership GDA Chair. Visit <https://www.gadental.org/member-services/leadership-resources> for a detailed description of GDA Committees, Councils, and Task Forces, including desired skills and required time, travel, and expertise for each committee. This resource was developed as part of the GDA's strategic plan initiatives related to leadership recruitment and succession with the goal of obtaining qualified, committed, and informed volunteers for committee positions. Contact your district president or monica@gadental.org for more information or to express interest in a position.

GDA Convention & Expo: The 2023 GDA Annual Convention and Expo is July 13-16, 2023, at the Omni Orlando at Championsgate in Orlando, Florida. We look forward to seeing you there! Register now at www.GDAConvention.com. Be sure to share information about the Convention with dentists in your circles so they can register and save the dates on their calendars.

Member Feature in Action: We are seeking members who are willing to answer a few questions and provide one to two pictures for the Member Feature section of Action. Please email megan@gadental.org if you would like to be featured!

Membership Initiative Volunteer Opportunities: Member dentists interested in involvement in any of the below membership initiatives should contact Kathy Ridley, Vice President of Membership, at kathy@gadental.org.

Georgia Dental Insurance Services: GDIS business continues to grow in health, Medicare supplements, professional liability, business, and personal lines. Note that if you are purchasing a new practice, GDIS can write your business insurance on the new location with little to no effort from you. Visit <https://www.gdaplus.com/> for more information or to request a quote on any of our insurance products.

Integrity Dental Buyers Group: The GDA Plus+ Supplies Program is available to all GDA members at NO COST or fee to join the program. This member benefit gives you everyday discounted pricing on dental supplies and additional savings on equipment servicing. If you haven't already, join and start enjoying the benefits of savings on over 65,000 products from more than 550 brands, including 3M products. The IDBG Perks Program provides complimentary onsite training and certification to members who spend a specific amount annually from GDA Plus+ Supplies in a given year. For more information, please visit <https://www.gdaplus.com/gda-plus-supplies>.

GDA Political Action Committee: GDAPAC support enables GDA to communicate concerns to candidates for state office and fight for the safety of Georgia patients and the profession. You can now give online by visiting <https://www.gadental.org/advocacy/gadpac>.

Upcoming Destination CE in 2023: GDA – Your Home for Required CE
All Day Required CE Courses – 6 credit hours encompassing all your State required CE

- Speaking at a lunch and learn at DCG
- Becoming a mentor to a recent graduate

Contact Scott Piper, Vice President of Continuing Education and Training, at scottp@gadental.org if you are interested in

- Participating on the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force
- Participating in the 2023 Leadership GDA program

If you are already a mentor and have stories/photos to share, please contact Megan Capaldo, Senior Director of Marketing, Communications & Community Outreach, at megan@gadental.org.

Community Outreach/Events

The GDA is led by volunteer members, and when you get involved, you help the GDA achieve its mission to "Help Members Succeed." Member dentists gain experience in leadership, benefit from networking opportunities, and get an inside view of trends and issues in organized dentistry. Whatever fits your interests, skill set, and availability – the GDA needs you!

Upcoming events

- GDA Foundation Derby Fundraiser – Saturday, May 6 – 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Location TBD
- Special Olympics, Special Smiles – Saturday, May 20 – Emory University, Atlanta, GA

For more information on a particular opportunity or to volunteer, contact Carol Galbreath, Vice President of Public Relations and GDA Foundation Managing Director, at carol@gadental.org.

These courses include the requirements for opioid CE and the laws, ethics, and professionalism ("LEAP") CE. The all-day CE event also has a Conscious Sedation Update CE course covering techniques for individuals with active sedation permits performing dental in-office conscious sedation. Participants will learn current pharmacology updates associated with conscious sedation, airway management, and management of potential emergencies with dental office sedation. This course fulfills the requirements for continuing education.

Upcoming Dates

- Savannah – Saturday, April 15
- Macon – Friday, May 5

Upcoming CE – 3 Required CE Webinars

- OSHA Update for 2023 - Friday, April 28 – 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – OSHA is required annually for all dental staff. This is your chance to get your entire staff OSHA compliant for 2023
- LEAP CE – Friday, May 12 – 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – This course will satisfy the State's new requirement for an hour of CE in laws, ethics and professionalism - LEAP
- The Opioid Epidemic: 2023 Update – Thursday, June 15 – 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – the 2023 update to satisfy your one-hour opioid CE requirement.

Annual Convention

Earn up to 20 hours of live CE for dentists and their staff during the GDA Annual Convention – July 13-16, 2023 – at the Omni Orlando at Championsgate (Orlando, FL). This CE curriculum includes clinical and practice management CE designed for the entire dental team.

Registration coming soon. For more information contact Scott Piper, Vice President of Continuing Education and Training, at scottp@gadental.org.

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Friday, May 5th

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