

# HISPANIC STUDENT DENTAL ASSOCIATION

## VIRTUAL STUDENT REGIONAL 2020 AGENDA SEPTEMBER 26 • 12 - 2:30 PM EST

**12:00 - 12:15 PM**

### *Opening Remarks*

**Edwin A. del Valle-Sepulveda, DMD, JD**  
HDA President

**Sarita Arteaga, DMD, MA, MAGD**  
HDA Foundation President

**Mark S. Wolff, DDS, PhD**  
Morton Amsterdam Dean, Penn Dental  
Medicine

**12:15 - 12:45 PM**

### *Penn Dental Faculty*

**Karina Hariton-Gross, DDS, DMD**  
"Navigating Dentistry as a Minority"

**Julián Conejo, DDS, MSc**  
"Highly Esthetic Ceramic Restorations with  
CEREC: An update on the latest materials,  
software and hardware for 2021"

**12:45 - 1:15 PM**

### *Scholarship Ceremony Pt. I*

**Moderator: Dr. Sarita Arteaga**

**Matilde Hernández González, DDS, MS**  
Remarks

**Nick Rodriguez, DDS, MPH**  
Past Recipient of Colgate Dental Student &  
Resident Scholarships

**Sarita Arteaga, DMD, MA, MAGD**  
Announcement of 10 Colgate Scholarship  
Recipients

**1:15 - 1:45 PM**

### *HDA Panel - Alternative Careers in Dentistry*

**Moderator: Dr. Manuel A. Cordero**

**Timothy L. Ricks, DMD, MPH, FICD**  
"Public Health & Military"

**Rosa Chaviano-Moran, DMD, FICD**  
"Academia"

**Gene Romo, Jr, DDS**  
"General Dentist & Group Practice"

**Tyrone Fernando Rodriguez, BS, DDS,  
FAAPD, FACD**  
"Specialist"

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### *Scholarship Ceremony Pt. II*

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**Beth Jordan, RDH, MS**  
Remarks

**Kristen Valenzuela, RDH**  
Past Recipient of P&G Scholarship

**Sarita Arteaga, DMD, MA, MAGD**  
Announcement of 6 P&G Scholarship  
Recipients

**Marv Nelson, EVP & COO of A-dec, Inc.**  
Remarks on behalf of A-dec, Inc.

**Mariany Morales**  
Past Recipient of A-dec Scholarship

**Sarita Arteaga, DMD, MA, MAGD**  
Announcement of A-dec Scholarship  
Recipient

**Christina Meiners, DDS, FAGD, FICD**  
Past Scholarship Recipient  
"Path to Public Service & HDA Leadership"

**2:15 - 2:30 PM**

### *Closing Remarks*

**Oswaldo Nieves, DDS**  
Penn Dental Medicine, HSDA Faculty  
Advisor

**Herta S. Granado**  
HDA National Student Trustee, D4 Student

**Manuel A. Cordero, DDS, CPH, MAGD**  
HDA Executive Director & CEO

### **CURRENT HSDA STUDENT MEMBERS:**

Please join us for our 1 hr break-out sessions  
following this main program to network with  
other HSDA students nationally!

# Event Speakers

## HISPANIC STUDENT DENTAL ASSOCIATION VIRTUAL STUDENT REGIONAL 2020

### EDWIN DEL VALLE-SEPULVEDA, DMD, JD *Hispanic Dental Association - President*

Dr. del Valle-Sepulveda is a board-certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon with over 30 years of clinical experience. After completing a Bachelor of Science Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN, he entered the University of Puerto Rico School of Dental Medicine earning his D.M.D. in 1986. He continued his studies and completed a Postgraduate Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Certificate in the University of Puerto Rico Hospitals in San Juan, PR. He also has a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Puerto Rico School of Law. For decades he has been an active member of the medical and dental community by participating in several professional organizations. He has been multi-term president of the Colegio de Cirujanos Dentistas de Puerto Rico (CCDPR) and the Puerto Rico Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (PRSOMS). For more than 15 years he has been a delegate in the American Dental Association (ADA) House of Delegates. He has served as delegate in the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons House of Delegates (AAOMS). Nationally, he has served in the ADA Council on Membership and in the AAOMS Constitution & By Laws Committee; and as chairman of the AAOMS Clinical Interest Group on Cosmetic Facial Surgery. He is a member of the ADA Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition (thru 2023). He serves as Chairperson for the American College of Dentists (ACD) in Puerto Rico. Dr. del Valle is a fellow of the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and the National Dental Board of Anesthesiology. He is currently a member of the following professional associations: H.D.A., ADA, C.D.S., AAOMS, the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (ACOMS), American Dental Society of Anesthesiology (ADSA), CCDPR and PRSOMS. Dr. del Valle-Sepulveda serves veterans in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands as the Staff Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon in the VACHS in San Juan, PR. In V.A. Dentistry, Dr. del Valle-Sepulveda is a national champion in Tele-Dentistry. He maintains a part-time private practice in Ponce and Caguas, PR, in partnership with his brother Marcos.



### SARITA ARTEAGA, DMD, MA, MAGD *Hispanic Dental Association Foundation - President*

Dr. Arteaga is the Associate Dean for Students and Professor at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, teaching Operative Dentistry and Prosthodontics in the Department of Craniofacial Sciences. She attained a Mastership from the Academy of General Dentistry and is a member of numerous dental associations, including the Hispanic Dental Association, Academy of General Dentistry, National Dental Association, and American Dental Education Association. Sarita is a Past-President for the Hispanic Dental Association and currently serves as the President of the HDA Foundation.

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### MARK S. WOLFF, DDS, PhD

*Penn Dental Medicine - Morton Amsterdam Dean*

Dr. Mark S. Wolff is the Morton Amsterdam Dean of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine and a Professor in the Department of Preventative and Restorative Dentistry. Dr. Wolff joined Penn Dental Medicine as the 12th Dean of the School. He is a celebrated teacher, globally engaged scholar, and deeply experienced clinician. Prior to joining Penn Dental Medicine, he was professor and chair of cariology and comprehensive care at the College of Dentistry at New York University (NYU) and also the College's senior associate dean for development and alumni relations. Dr. Wolff has completed numerous international research and oral health assessment programs and has been a lifelong advocate and dental provider for individuals with physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities of all ages. He has served as the principal or co-principal investigator on multiple benchtop and clinical research projects, investigating dental caries, novel remineralizing agents, dental erosion, periodontal disease, dental materials, and dentinal hypersensitivity. He has co-authored over 100 scientific papers, text chapters, and edited multiple textbooks. Dr. Wolff lectures worldwide and is a frequent consultant to the industry. He has been the principal or co-investigator on nearly \$9.0 million in industrial and National Institute of Health-funded research. He has been a lifelong advocate and educator for individuals with physical, intellectual and developmental disabilities through the lifespan.



### KARINA HARITON-GROSS, DDS, DMD

*Penn Dental Medicine - Associate Professor*

Karina Hariton-Gross is an Associate Professor of Clinical Restorative Dentistry. Originally from Venezuela, where she earned a DDS degree in 2000; She joined Penn Dental Medicine as a Faculty in 2007 and earned a DMD degree in 2010. Dr. Hariton-Gross has been a PCU Group Leader since 2012, and an instrumental faculty for several courses in Preventive and Restorative Sciences.

### JULIÁN CONEJO, DDS, MSc

*Penn Dental Medicine - CAD/CAM Director*

Dr. Conejo is the Clinical CAD/CAM Director at the Department of Preventive and Restorative Sciences, University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, Philadelphia PA, USA. He conducts research and has multiple publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals on CAD/CAM technology, prosthodontics and implant dentistry. Dr. Conejo has been the recipient of several awards in his field, to include the ICP Research Fellowship in Dental Restorative Materials in 2016 and has lectured in over 35 countries.





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### *MATILDE HERNANDEZ DDS, MS, MBA*

*Hispanic Dental Association Foundation - Board of Trustees*

Matilde is a graduate of Central University of Venezuela, with 13 years of clinical practice experience as a dentist. She received both her Dentist's Degree and Specialization as a Periodontist in Caracas Venezuela. Matilde is currently the Scientific Affairs Manager of the Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals Professional Relations Department in North America and works extensively with dental and dental hygiene CE programs throughout North America. Matilde is an active member of the International Association of Dental Research, IAP, American Dental Association, American Academy of Periodontology and Hispanic Dental Association Foundation Board member.



### *NICK RODRIGUEZ, DDS, MPH*

*Harvard School of Dental Medicine - Pediatric Resident; Hispanic Dental Association - Past National Student Trustee*

Nicholas Rodriguez was born and raised in McAllen, Texas. He received his undergraduate education in Biology from Baylor University in Waco, Texas in 2014 and his dual DDS/MPH degree from The University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston in 2019. Nicholas is currently a 2nd year Pediatric Dentistry Resident at Boston Children's Hospital/Harvard School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Rodriguez continues his involvement that began in dental school by being a committee member for the Hispanic Dental Association and a member of the resident committee of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Rodriguez enjoys volunteering and giving back to his community through various organizations in his spare time. After completion of residency, Dr. Rodriguez plans on working in a private practice in Texas and contributing to dental academia in some capacity.

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### **TIMOTHY L. RICKS, DMD, MPH, FICD** *U.S. Public Health Service - Chief Dental Officer; Assistant Surgeon General*

Timothy L. Ricks, D.M.D., M.P.H., F.I.C.D., currently serves as the 19th Chief Dental Officer of the U.S. Public Health Service as well as Assistant Surgeon General. He serves as the Surgeon General's spokesperson on oral health and interacts with chief dental officers from other countries, with military chief dental officers, with leaders in organized dentistry, with state oral health programs, and much more. He is currently overseeing the development of the second-ever Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health. In addition to his role as Chief Dental Officer, Rear Adm. Ricks serves concurrently in numerous national roles within the Indian Health Service (IHS) including continuing dental education coordinator, oral health promotion and disease prevention consultant, oral health surveillance coordinator, dental lead for the Government Performance and Results Act, and IHS representative to the Healthy People 2020/2030 oral health workgroup. Rear Adm. Ricks has served in the U.S. Public Health Service for over 20 years. Prior to this service, he was an associate dentist, independent contractor, and sole proprietor, and he also served as a military police officer in the Army National Guard. He has served in numerous leadership capacities within the U.S. Public Health Service, led multiple national initiatives, and is the recipient of numerous USPHS and IHS national awards. Dr. Ricks holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Delta State University, a Master of Public Health Degree from the University of Nevada, Reno, and received his dental degree from the University of Mississippi. He completed a dental public health residency with the Indian Health Service and is a board-certified Diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health and a Fellow of the International College of Dentists.



### **ROSA CHAVIANO-MORAN, DMD, FICD** *Hispanic Dental Association - President-Elect*

Dr. Chaviano-Moran graduated from Rutgers School of Dental Medicine, RSDM. She is the Associate Dean for Admissions and serves as faculty, recruiter, advocate and mentor, encouraging and supporting prospective and current students. She is the principal investigator for the ADEA GIES Foundation grant, "Creating Awareness in Academic Dentistry". The goal of this project is enhance exposure and excitement about careers in academia for dental and hygiene students especially those from diverse backgrounds and marginalized groups. She is the Co-PI and dental director for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation "Summer Health Professions Educational Program" and all RSDM educational pipeline programs, promoting dentistry, leadership and achievement for ALL students. She is the faculty advisor for the RSDM- Hispanic Student Dental Association and the Dental Association for Equality, a platform for student advocacy in the LGBTQ community. She has been recognized with the "Chair of the ADEA Board Citation" and the Rutgers University "Leaders in Faculty Diversity Award" for her national leadership roles in the holistic admissions process and advocacy for student diversity. She is a member of ADA, Fellow of the International College of Dentists, ADEA Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee, Past Chair of the ADEA-Gay Straight Alliance, Consultant Holistic Admissions in Academic Nursing, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, National Association of Medical Minority Educators, and National Association of Advisors to the Health Professions. Dr. Chaviano-Moran is the Hispanic Dental Association president -elect.

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### GENE ROMO, JR, DDS

*Hispanic Dental Association - Board of Trustees; Greater Chicago Chapter President*

Dr. Genaro (Gene) Romo Jr. was born and raised in Chicago, IL. He is currently the President of the Chicago Chapter of the Hispanic Dental Association. He's a member of the Chicago Dental Society, Illinois State Dental Society and the ADA. He is the General Chair for the 2021 Midwinter Meeting. He is a Board of Director member for Delta Dental of Illinois and is also a member of the ADA council on Dental Practice. He served as President of the North Side branch of the Chicago Dental Society (CDS) as well as chair of the CDS Communications Committee. He has served as a trustee for the Illinois State Dental Society. He currently owns two dental practices in Chicago and loves to spend time with his wife, Sandy, and their four children: Alyssa, Nicholas, Evan, and Isaac. In his spare time he DJs at numerous events.



### TYRONE FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ, BS, DDS, FAAPD, FACD

*Hispanic Dental Association - Past President*

In 2004 Dr. Tyrone F. Rodriguez achieved his Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree from the University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston. He is a Board Certified Pediatric Dentist. He was the recipient of the Samuel D Harris Fellowship, from 2005 to 2006, in Chicago, IL. Later, in June 2006, he completed postgraduate training in Pediatric Dentistry, from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Texas. He is a Hispanic Dental Association Past President and ADA Spokesperson. He has also worked with underserved children in multiple countries providing health services for over 25 years and received commendation from the ADA for doing so. Dr Rodriguez received his ScB in Neuroscience from Brown University and was involved in the Master of Arts and Teaching Program at Rice University. His Academic and Administrative Appointments include: University of Washington- Clinical Assistant Professor 2006-2008; AEGD Northwest- Pediatric Dental Director 2006-2008; Yale New Haven Hospital- Program Director, Pediatric Dentistry and Team member of the Craniofacial and IRIS programs 2018-2019. Currently he serves as chief dental advisor for the Yale International Clinic serving Pediatric Patients around the globe.



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### BETH JORDAN, RDH, MS

*Crest Oral B - Global Professional & Scientific Relations*

Beth Jordan, RDH, MS is a graduate of Westbrook College, UNE, Dental Hygiene where she worked as adjunct clinical faculty for 12 years. Her Master's Degree is in Organizational Leadership & Development. She worked in private practice until 2001 when she became an employee of Procter & Gamble (Crest Oral-B). She currently holds the position of Global Professional and Scientific Relations at Crest Oral B. She lectures locally to both small and large audiences of dental professionals, as well as students and faculty. She and her family currently reside in Southern Maine. She can be reached at [jordan.ba.1@pg.com](mailto:jordan.ba.1@pg.com).



### KRISTEN VALENZUELA, RDH

*Past P&G Scholarship Recipient*

Kristen Valenzuela is a new RDH and graduate from The University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston. During her time in hygiene school she served as the HSDA dental hygiene Vice President. She is a proud recipient of a Hispanic Dental Association Foundation Scholarship as well as a Houston Hispanic Dental Association Scholarship. Kristen enjoys spending her free time with her family, friends and dogs.

### MARV NELSON

*A-dec, Inc. - Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer*

Marv Nelson joined A-dec in 2006 as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (CFO). As CFO, he was responsible for global Finance & Accounting, Information Services, Property, Quality Assurance and Regulatory Affairs. He was also responsible for developing A-dec's strategic planning process and launching a company-wide enterprise resource planning system. Marv was promoted to Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President in 2016. As COO, Marv is responsible for all global business operations, corporate strategy, and leadership of A-dec's team of Vice Presidents. Prior to A-dec, Marv served as Chief Financial Officer for Columbia Paint & Coatings of Spokane, WA. He is a CPA and holds an MBA from Gonzaga University, a degree in business and accounting from Washington State University, and executive leadership education from Wharton. Marv has served on several boards for various non-profit organizations.





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### MARIANY MORALES

*Past Recipient of A-dec Scholarship*

Mariany Morales was born in Mexico City and moved to the U.S. at the age of five. She grew up in Yakima WA, a city abundant in agriculture. Mariany was raised by hard working migrant parents who taught her that every day, no matter how she felt, she had to put forth her best effort. She received her bachelor's degree from Washington State University, where she majored in Biochemistry and is currently a 4th year dental student at the University of Washington School of Dentistry. After graduation from dental school, Mariany plans to work at a community health clinic in rural Washington.



### CHRISTINA MEINERS, DDS, FAGD, FICD

*Hispanic Dental Association - Board of Trustees*

Dr. Christina Meiners was born and raised in the Rio Grande Valley. She is a 2010 graduate of UT Health San Antonio School of Dentistry. She currently works as a general dentist at a non-profit community health center. Dr. Meiners is a current national trustee for the Hispanic Dental Association. She is an alumna of the ADA Institute for Diversity in Leadership and was one of the first recipients of the ADA's 10 under 10 award. She serves on multiple committees at the local, state, and national level of various organizations. Dr. Meiners is one of the youngest and first in her region to be named president of the Greater San Antonio Hispanic Dental Association (2013), San Antonio Academy of General Dentistry (2016), and the San Antonio District Dental Society (2020). She helped found the Building our Leaders in Dentistry (B.O.L.D.) program to provide mentorship to pre-dental students, is a recipient of the HDA National Service Award, and is the current HDA Service & Outreach chair.

### OSWALDO NIEVES, DDS

*Penn Dental Medicine - Director of Preclinical Education & Advanced Simulation; Student Chapter Faculty Advisor*

Dr. Nieves received his D.D.S. from the Pontifical Xaveriana University School of Dentistry in Bogotá, Colombia, then he completed the International Program in Prosthodontics at the New York University College of Dentistry, then was awarded with a Clinical Fellowship in Research, where he tested different implant surfaces, types and concentrations of growth factors and their influence on bone regeneration, then he completed the Certificate in Advanced Education Program in Prosthodontics at the New York University College of Dentistry. Dr. Oswaldo Nieves is now the Director of the Preclinical Education and Advanced Simulation, for the Department of Preventive and Restorative Dentistry as well as the Complete Removable Dental Prosthesis.



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### *HERTA S. GRANADO, D4 STUDENT*

*Hispanic Dental Association - National Student Trustee*

Herta Granado is currently a DMD candidate at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. She attended the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD for her Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular and Cellular Biology. During her academic career, Herta has embraced her upbringing as a Latino woman and has developed her passion for helping the Hispanic community through various community efforts, including a Community Honors project at Puentes de Salud, a Philadelphia clinic for Hispanic immigrants. Herta currently serves as the student trustee on the Hispanic Dental Association Board of Trustees and is motivated to connect HSDA chapters across the nation to maximize the reach our organization has on the Hispanic student and patient population.

### *MANUEL A. CORDERO, DDS, CPH, MAGD*

*Hispanic Dental Association - Executive Director & CEO*

Manuel A. Cordero, DDS left his native Puerto Rico the summer of 1972 to study at Haverford College in Haverford, Pennsylvania. He graduated with honors in June 1976 with a Bachelor of Arts and a Certificate in Secondary Education. Within a year of graduation, Dr. Cordero enrolled in post baccalaureate classes with the intention of enrolling in Dental School. In the fall of 1979, Dr. Cordero began his dental training at Temple University School of Dental Medicine and graduated in May 1983. Dr. Cordero opened his primary practice in Sewell, NJ in 1983. He never forgot his roots and desire to serve the Hispanic community. By the fall of 1984, he purchased a second practice in Vineland New Jersey, a community with a large Hispanic, primarily Puerto Rican and Mexican, population. In 1984 he began taking continuing education classes and seminars, and by 1987, Dr. Cordero joined the Academy of General Dentistry. In 1997 he completed over 1000 hours of continuing education and after passing the Fellowship Exam, he receives his Fellowship. In 2000, he was recognized as a Master in the Academy of General Dentistry. Over the years, Dr. Cordero has been a member of numerous boards and organizations. He received Fellowships from the American College of Dentists, the College of Dentistry International, and the Pierre Fauchard Society. He was awarded Diplomate status in the American Board of Forensic Dentistry and has been honored as one of 29 mentors of the Academy of Richard V. Tucker Study Clubs. He is a member of the ADA and served as President of the AGD in 2018. While working as a Trustee at the AGD, he continued the work of previous leaders and laid down the groundwork to allow International membership to become a reality for the selective and prestigious Academy of General Dentistry. He has also been an integral part of the leadership which is responsible for the diversification and integration of all genders and ethnic groups into the AGD. His visits to Washington DC have resulted in the Oral Health Literacy campaign of the AGD being adopted by HRSA and has secured funding for this life changing endeavor. Public Health and his pursuit to serve others have been the fuel that has driven his education and professional activities. As the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Hispanic Dental Association the knowledge and experience that he has gained over the years will help him focus the organization into becoming a beacon of hope and a roadway to success for all those that are engaged in providing and contributing to the improvement of both oral health and overall health to Hispanics as well as other under-served communities.

