2023
STUDENT REGIONAL PROGRAM
September 22-23, 2023
“Celebrating Accomplishments, Embracing el Futuro”
Welcome to the 2023 Hispanic Dental Association (HDA) Student Regional Conference!

On behalf of the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and our UNC Adams School of Dentistry, I’m so pleased to have you here with us in Chapel Hill!

Part of our mission as oral health care providers is to serve the entire population here in North Carolina and beyond. We are dedicated to bringing services and outreach to underserved populations, including those in our most rural communities where resources are scarce and quality dental care is hard to find.

During last year’s event, I hadn’t yet arrived at Adams School of Dentistry, but I’ve spent my time since October getting to know our students, including our outstanding chapter of the Hispanic Student Dental Association (HSDA).

I have had the distinct pleasure of working closely with our chapter’s representatives, including Renie Daniel, DMD, MD, our faculty advisor, and Sylvette Ramos-Diaz in her role as HDA National Student Trustee. I am grateful for them, UNC HSDA President Angeliz Rivera-Concepción and the entire executive team. Their hard work and dedication are evident both in and out of the classroom and student clinics. Based on my interactions with the UNC HSDA chapter, I can say with confidence that this group consistently embodies the values, ethics and mission of what it means to be an oral health care provider in today’s world. Their community connections run through everything they do – from service projects and outreach in our clinics to providing culturally attuned care to historically marginalized populations. They are constant voices for the underserved, including those who may not seek regular dental care or lack resources to make a trip to the dentist.

I’m happy to extend a warm Tar Heel welcome to all of you! We are so happy to have you here at Adams School of Dentistry, and I hope you are able to take advantage of the wonderful programming offered during this Student Regional event. I know you are gaining valuable knowledge, and I can’t wait to work with all of you in the future as you join the oral health profession. Please enjoy your time here with us in Chapel Hill!

Janet Guthmiller, DDS, PhD
Dean, UNC Adams School of Dentistry
**PROGRAM**

**Friday**
**Sept. 22**
7:00 - 9:00 PM
Welcome Reception
"Noche de Estrellas"

9:00 - 10:30 PM
Salsa Social
Annie Velez & DJ Kemo
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**Saturday**
**Sept. 23**
West Lobby / Atrium

Welcome Remarks
Location: Kirkland

8:00 - 8:20 AM
Dr. Christina Meiners, 2023 HDA President
Dr. Janet Guthmiller, Dean UNC Adams School of Dentistry
Dr. Sarita Arteaga, HDA Foundation President
Sylvette Ramos-Diaz, D4, UNC ASoD, HDA Student Trustee
Angeliz Rivera-Concepcion, D3, UNC ASoD, HSDA President
Bernard Silverstein, D3, UNC ASoD, HSDA President-Elect

**Educational Sessions**
8:25 - 8:55 AM
"Whats Your Why?"
Dr. Renie Daniel, UNC HSDA Faculty Advisor, OMFS

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9:00 - 9:20 AM
Location: Kirkland

Unique UNC Cultural Health Initiatives
Karina Ibarra, RDH, Founder of F.L.O.S.S
Angeliz Rivera-Concepcion & Skylar Mcgaughey, Co-Founders of SOAR
Sylvette Ramos-Diaz, Co-Founder of H.O.P.E Program

9:30 - 12:00 PM
Location: Sim Lab

BOLD Program: UNC Roots (For Pre Dental Students Only)
Presentations on admissions committee expectations, applying to
dental school, hands on sessions and DAT prep giveaways.
Aidée Manzano, Julianne Rivera & Lamont Lowery

Concurrent Sessions:
9:30 - 10:10 AM
Baby Oral Health Program (bOHP) & Prenatal Oral Health (pOHP) Program
Sam Glover & Dr. Sarah M. Cook
Room: G411

9:30 - 10:10 AM
"Chase Your Dream - Perserverance Will Prevail"
Dr. Eduardo MezaPrieto
Room: G411

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Concurrent Sessions: "Can Dentists even do that?" Series
10:20 - 11:00 AM
Forensic Odontology
Dr. Lindsay Spears
Room: G411

Trigger Point Injections, OSA & Orofacial Pain
Dr. Aurelio Alonso
Dr. Daniela Vivaldi
Room: G405
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Concurrent Educational Sessions:

11:10 - 11:50 AM
Financing tu Vida
Alex Maldonado & Stephen C. Brody
Maldonado Financial
Room: G411

Panel Discussion: "Life After Dental School as a Latinx Doctor"
Dr. Cinthia Funes, Dr. Jessica Sanchez & Dr. Daniel Gonzales
Room: G405
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12:00 - 2:00 PM Lunch & Learn
Location: Atrium
Creating Awareness in Academic Dentistry
Dr. Rosa Chaviano Moran & Dr. Herminio L. Perez

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12:00 - 2:30PM Scheduled Headshots
Location: Deans Suite
By Sign Up - during registration

1:00 - 3:00PM HDAF Faculty Development Session (For Faculty Advisors Only)
Room: G508
- HDA / HDAF History
- HSDA Faculty Advisor Roles
- Engaging the post COVID student groups
- Understanding Generational Differences
- Mentoring
- HDA / HDAF Support

2:10 - 3:00 PM Residency Panel
Dr. Bryan Caraballo Perez (OMFS)
Dr. Gabriel Perez (Peds)
Dr. Natalia Acosta-Farhadi (Perio)
Dr. Stephanie Wangerin (AEGD)
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3:15 - 3:35PM
Nuestros Niños Award Ceremony
Presented by: Marti Santizo, RDH

3:40 - 4:40PM
HDAF Scholarship Awards Ceremony
Presented by: Dr. Sarita Arteaga, HDAF President

4:45 - 5:05PM
Orgullo Awards Ceremony
Presented by: TBD

5:05 - 5:15PM
Closing Remarks
Sylvette Ramos-Diaz, D4 UNC ASoD, HDA Student Trustee
Angeliz Rivera-Concepcion, D3, UNC ASoD, HSDA President

6:00 - 9:00 PM
Closing Reception
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