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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

by Michael Davis

Dentistry has been transforming since its inception, and the unique aspects we each bring to it as individuals are part of what makes our field so rewarding. Each February, the Student National Dental Association (SNDA) highlights African American history within the field of dentistry. This year, we'll recognize the contributions of African American dentists, such as Robert T. Freeman, Ida Gray, and Hazel Brown. Their legacy of excellence and trailblazing is something that we will carry with us throughout our journeys as dentists.

SNDA will celebrate Black History Month at their event "Continuing the Legacy" during lunch on February 28th. There will be live performances, food, and exhibits for students and faculty to learn about and celebrate the achievements and contributions of African American dentists in our profession. It is our hope that together we will build a strong foundation of community and continue the spirit of this legacy.



Robert T. Freeman



Ida Gray

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed."

- Booker T. Washington

DATING DENTISTS FIND THEIR DESTINY

by Maurissa Lester

Maybe you have sent or received a dozen roses before, but what about 143 red roses? This was a moment of love and affection to symbolize their pager code "ILY," which was shared by one of our favorite couples during their residency.

Rewind to July 14, 1995 and you'll find Katharine Ciarrocca and Scott De Rossi meeting to discuss the rigor and various aspects of oral medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. However, the two did not end up talking about dental school, oral medicine, or anything involving the oral cavity at all. Instead, the two found that they had an abundance in common: both were jazz enthusiasts, half Italian, basketball and volleyball players, triple and high jumpers, and raised by parents that were teachers/educators. This unofficial first date was the kindling on which their flame would grow.



Fast Forward to June 4, 1996. Both Dean De Rossi and Dr. Ciarrocca are now residents at UPenn's Oral Medicine program when Dean De Rossi took Dr. C to one of their favorite Italian restaurants. This date night, however, was completely different from the rest of them. On this Tuesday night with the candles lit and a perfect ambiance set, Dean De Rossi asked Dr. C to marry him. They got married October 11, 1997 in Philadelphia and honeymooned in Greece. After completing their residencies, they worked together at UPenn, the Dental College of Georgia, and now UNC-CH in their respective positions.

So, all of you first-year students reading this, be nice to the people who are in your microbiology class; you just never know! Microbiology was the first time Dean De Rossi and Dr. Ciarrocca were in class together. They did not get to know each other until they both worked at an HIV/ AIDs clinic at UPenn a few years later, but now they have been happily married for 21 years. In the words of the movie Mahogany, "Success is nothing without someone you love to share it with." In that 21 years, they have both been successful, but more importantly, they have had one another as a best friend, soulmate, and life partner to help them achieve greatness and celebrate their accomplishments.



ASDA ADVOCACY: LICENSURE REFORM

by Kate McPherson

Did you know that dentistry is the only healthcare profession required to perform licensure examinations on human subjects? This practice began in the early 1900s and questions into the ethical nature of the exam (along with its validity and reliability) have been ongoing for fifty-five years now. What is even more startling? In 2003, an ADEA survey of dental school deans revealed that 82 percent believed clinical licensure examinations offered by their state were not valid, with 90 percent believing change was necessary.

ASDA's stance against current licensure examinations comes down to three main points: the exam is not valid, it is not reliable and it is not ethical. On top of that, the test is not universally accepted and tests only a small range of clinical skills. It is hard to determine whether a student is competent in the broad scope of dentistry with such a small scope of procedures being tested.

The good news is that ASDA has created an ideal licensure policy, known as the L-1 policy, that combats the problems with current licensure exams. ASDA voted to streamline this policy in 2016. ASDA is not advocating for universal acceptance of all clinical exams, but instead a new exam that is valid, reliable, ethical, and universally accepted. Through advocacy we have the power to do away with current licensure in order to maintain the integrity of dentistry and look out for the welfare of ourselves and our patients. Hopefully, we will soon successfully get a resolution passed in North Carolina and be one step closer to implementing a more ideal exam.



JAMINE'S 2-CENT\$

by Jamine Ifedi

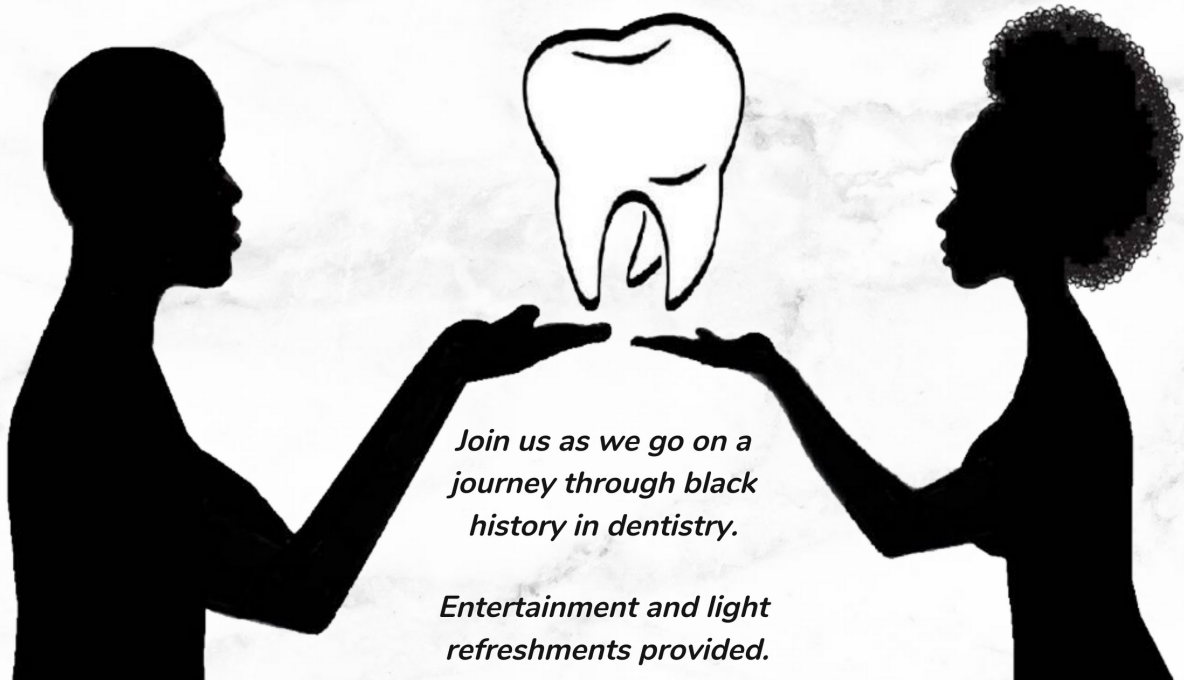
We're all aware that dental school tuition is rising at an unprecedented rate nationwide, leading to the correlative rise in student debt. According to the American Student Dental Association (ASDA), dental students graduated with an average dental school debt of \$287,331 in 2017. As tuition and fees continue to increase and more students graduate with substantial debt, we thought it would be productive to focus on ways to counteract it — instead of dwelling on the numbers. Today, we'll focus on a loan that you may never have to pay back.

North Carolina takes part in a national program called the Federal Education Loan Service (FELS) where dental students can secure \$14,000 each year of dental school (\$56,000 total over four years). There are a couple of requirements dental students must meet to qualify to apply for funding. First, students must be a North Carolina resident and pay North Carolina in-state tuition. Second, students must be willing to work one year, anywhere in North Carolina, for each year that FELS contributes toward your education. However, if you decide that you want to practice outside of NC after graduation, you simply have to repay the loan in a similar fashion to the standard Stafford loan, with a higher associated interest rate. If you plan on staying in North Carolina after dental school, I would encourage you to consider taking a FELS loan. But hey, that's just my 2-Cent\$!

SNDA Presents

Continuing the Legacy: Celebrating Black History in Dentistry

Feb. 28 | 1-2 p.m.
Atrium, KOHS



*Join us as we go on a
journey through black
history in dentistry.*

*Entertainment and light
refreshments provided.*

UNC-CH ASDA PRESENTS

MR. MOLAR

MARCH 13, 2019

UNC-CH SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY ATRIUM

Proceeds benefitting the Samaritan Health Clinic (SHC).
Tickets available for purchase soon!



Contestants who wish to be in Mr. Molar should contact Justin Groody or Adam Cummings this week

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS
FREE oral cancer screenings, fitness studio giveaways,
gift cards & other wellness rewards!



2019 UNC SNDA

Oral Cancer 5K Run/Walk & Community Health Fair

8AM Saturday, March 30
@ the Old Well, UNC-CH

\$25 SAME-DAY
REGISTRATION

\$30 REGISTER
BY MARCH 29

<https://runsignup.com/SNDAOralCancer5K>



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