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from your

2024-2025
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Mission

To provide community, advocacy, and resources for the pediatric dentists in Florida so that we can provide optimal care for infants, children, adolescents, and persons with special health care needs.

Vision

A group of pediatric dentists who are passionate, engaged and are supported by peers, healthcare professionals and community as the authority for pediatric oral health.

Membership

We hope that you will read our newsletter to learn more about organized pediatric dentistry in Florida and discover upcoming events where you can learn online and in person while connecting with colleagues. Visit www.fapd4kids.org to join.

Message from the Executive Director

Dr. Michael Roseff

Welcome to another great year as I thank Dr. Yoshita Patel Hosking for an amazing job advocating for Florida Pediatric Dentists and welcome Dr. Erika King as our new President. It is my role to be a constant presence while the e-board changes yearly.

Our commitment to excellence drives us forward. As leaders within the FAPD, we prioritize collaboration and creativity to achieve our shared goals. Together, we look forward to building a positive environment that fosters growth, engagement, and innovation for all members.

Some of the things we have to look forward to this year include our online required courses: Medical Errors, Human Trafficking, Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office, Domestic Violence, Safe and Effective Prescribing of Controlled Substances along with new online presentations regarding FL myths and facts, and more. We will be hosting our Pediatric Advanced Life Support Training in Tampa, FL February 7-8, 2025. Our annual meeting will be held at the Loews Sapphire Falls Universal Resort in Orlando, FL October 25, 2025. Please visit our website to utilize your benefits as an active member of the FAPD. We are also advocating on behalf of Florida Medicaid providers with the upcoming changes being proposed by AHCA regarding insurance. Stay tuned for more information.

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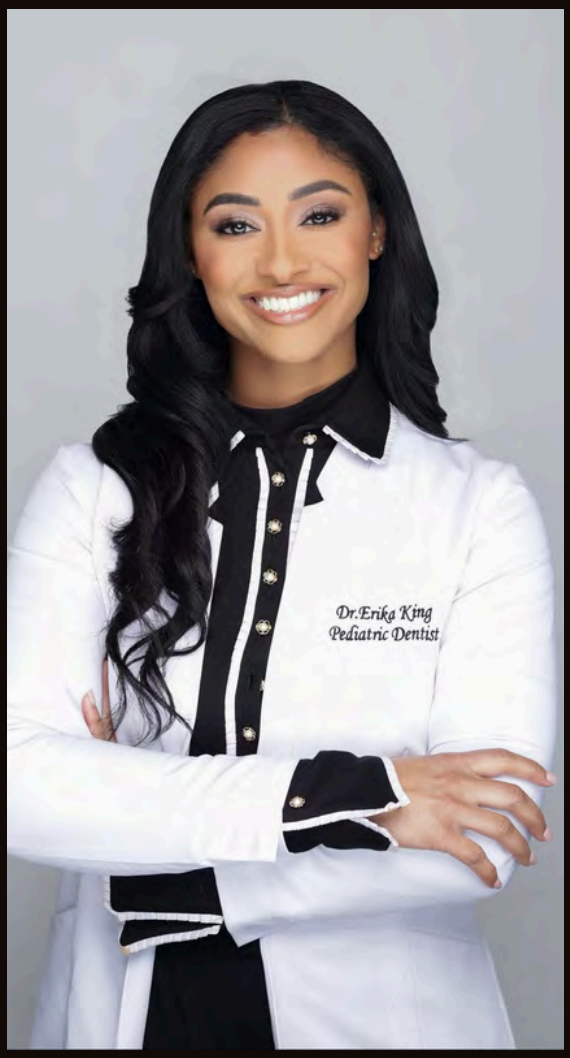


NOVEMBER IS

A Message from the President

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great enthusiasm and commitment that I step into the role of President of the Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Our journey together will be one of collaboration, innovation, and mutual growth.

My vision is to foster a vibrant community where we can all thrive professionally and personally. By creating spaces dedicated to education and connection, we elevate not only our individual practices but the entire field of pediatric dentistry. Each regional area has started a what's app group to keep in touch. Please reach out if you have not already been added so that we connect you with your area group.

Together, we can share knowledge, exchange ideas, and support each other in our collective mission to provide the highest standard of care to our patient population. This year, we have several opportunities to engage with each other at in person meetings along with online continuing education courses. If you are not already a member, please take this time to visit our website to join so that you can access the many benefits of being actively involved with the Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

Our FAPD Annual meeting will be on Saturday, October 25, 2025 at the Loews Sapphire Falls Resort, Universal Orlando. Early bird registration will open early 2025 and end June 1, 2025. We hope you will take advantage of the discounted fee.

I look forward to getting to know everyone and hope that you have a happy and healthy holiday season with your loved ones.

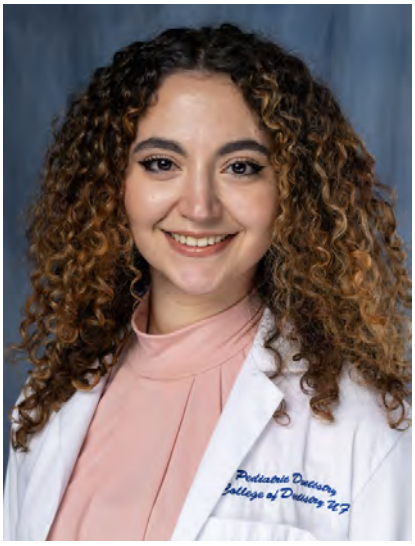
Sincerely,
Erika King, DDS
Diplomate, American Board of Pediatric Dentistry
Email: Erikakingdds@gmail.com

Congratulations

The Robert E. Primosch Academic Excellence Award

2024 Recipients

The Robert E. Primosch Award for Academic Excellence was established in 2018 in honor of Dr. Robert E. Primosch, a former faculty member at the University of Florida College of Dentistry and active member of the Pediatric Dental community in his retirement. Each year, the distinction is given to the graduating resident in each pediatric dental residency program in the State of Florida who achieves the highest score on the AAPD Post-Doctoral In-Service Examination given in the final year of his/her program. The accomplishment is announced and recognized at the Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (FAPD) annual meeting each year at which time recipients also receive a plaque to mark their accomplishment. Below you will find past recipients of the award.



University of Florida
Julianna Masabni, DDS

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DR. JASON PORTNOF

Diplomate of the American Board of
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

ONLINE 2 HOUR CONTINUING EDUCATION

ORAL HEALTH POTPOURRI:

UPPERS, DOWNERS, MARIJUANA, ORAL PIERCINGS AND TATTOOS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025 7-9PM

This lecture will cover topics on oral and systemic health including the use and abuse of stimulants, benzodiazepines, opioids, and marijuana. We will also discuss facial and oral piercings, tattoos, and systemic health concerns.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Familiarize the audience with medications of use and abuse considered to be “uppers” and “downers”, as well as opioids and marijuana.
- Discuss oral piercings and tattoos along with potential adverse effects on the oral cavity and face.

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*Dr. Portnof does not have any disclosures to report.

Members of the CE planning committee have no relevant financial relationships to disclose.

FLUORIDE MYTHS AND FACTS... HOW TO DEBUNK FALSE CLAIMS

"WHERE POLITICAL SCIENCE MEETS FLUORIDE SCIENCE"

OPINIONS AND POLITICS VS FLUORIDE SCIENCE

Johnny Johnson, Jr., DMD, MS

Guest Speaker

FREE ZOOM MEETING

1 CE

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

7:30PM-8:30PM EST

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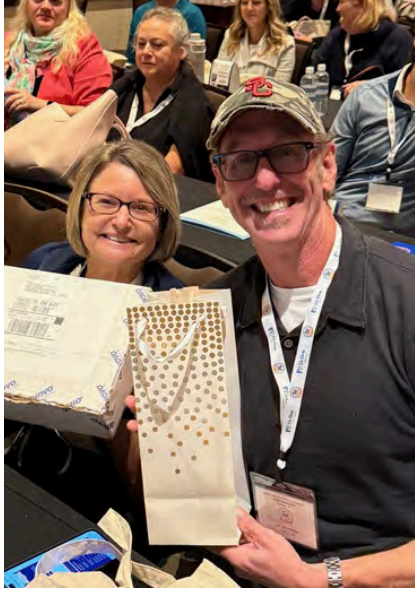

FAPD
2024 ANNUAL MEETING RE-CAP

Our meeting was held October 2024 in Orlando, Florida featuring

SPEAKERS:
DR. JILL SLYE ,
DR. RICK SCHWARTZ, DR. LAREE JOHNSON

We had 7 hours of CE for 165+ registrants, an informational panel for residents addressing the various career paths of pediatric dentistry, great food, and a day full of networking for our attendees.

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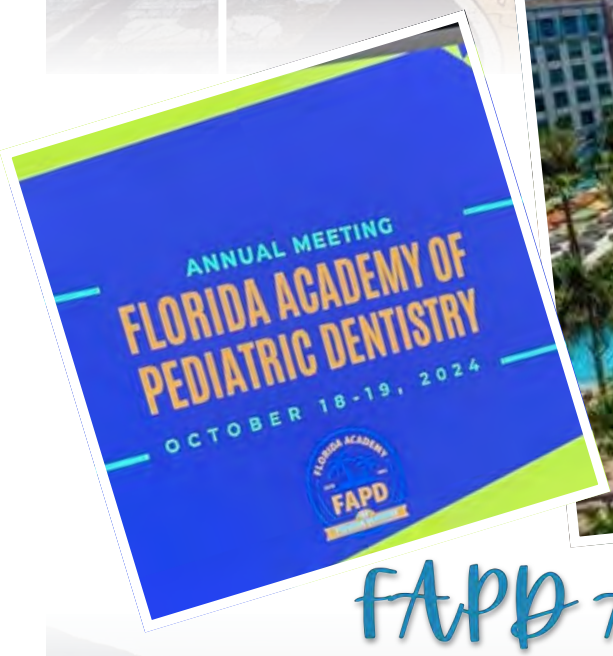

Time to Travel

FAPD Annual Meeting 2025

We have outgrown our space. Our next meeting will be at the
Loews Sapphire Falls Resort
at Univeral Orlando

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

King size rooms are limited
(mostly 2 queens) so make your
reservations quickly.

RSVP EARLY

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MEET our Speakers

FAPD ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

Dr. Purnima Hernandez

Continuing Education

7 hours of Continuing Education featuring
Dr. Purnima Hernandez and Dr. Gerald Samson

Dr. Gerald Samson

Dr. Hernandez, triple board certified as a pediatric dentist, behavior analyst and a health and wellness coach, has been in practice for over 30 years after receiving her education from Columbia University College of Dental Medicine. Also a trained functional medicine provider, she was drawn to finding a better understanding of how lifestyle factors influence health. Her vision now is to integrate knowledge from all of these disciplines to further help the children she sees in her practice every day.

Described as an educational entertainer, **Dr. Gerry Samson** completed pediatric dental residency at Emory University, 1979 under the direction of Dr. Ed Hibbard and orthodontics at Northwestern University, 1981 under the direction of Dr. Hal Perry. Since that time Gerry has been in private orthodontic practice, is a Diplomat of The American Board of Orthodontics and a Fellow of The American College of Dentists. In addition to orthodontic private practice, Dr. Samson holds formal faculty appointments at 6 USA postgraduate programs, is consultant to private pediatric dental and orthodontic practices, lectures extensively both in the United States and internationally. In addition, he reviews orthodontic mechanics articles submitted for publication to The American Journal of Orthodontics and The Angle Orthodontist. He was the invited guest Co-Editor of the Journal Seminars In Orthodontics: "Age Appropriate Orthodontics", March and June, 2014 and author of the orthodontics mechanics chapter in the reference text book by Wiley Publications, "Recognizing and Correcting Developing Malocclusions: A Problem-Oriented Approaches to Orthodontics" – Prof. Eustáquio A. Araújo, Prof. Peter H. Buschang, 2016. Dr. Samson's presentations emphasize clinical decisions based on science.

Registration

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FAPD Member $375
Non-Member Dentist $475
Team Member $300
Faculty $300
Pediatric Dental Resident $300
Undergraduate Dental Student $0.00
Stay tuned for early bird registration!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

2025

JAN 10-12 ↘ SOUTHEASTERN SOCIETY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY ANNUAL MEETING (ATLANTA, GA)
VISIT SSPD.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

JAN 25 ↘ AAO MEETING (MARCO ISLAND, FL) FAPD IS HOSTING A HAPPY HOUR ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 AT 6PM IN THE JW MARRIOT'S HOTEL BAR
HTTPS://WWW2.AAOINFO.ORG/WINTER-CONFERENCE/
RSVP NOT REQUIRED FOR HAPPY HOUR

JAN 31 ↘ BREATHE AND THRIVE SYMPOSIUM (CLEARWATER, FL)
$300 *REGISTRATION DISCOUNT. COUPON CODE FL300 BEFORE JANUARY 1.*
WWW.AMERICANLASTERSTUDYCLUB.ORG

FEB 6-7 ↘ PEDIATRIC ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING (TAMPA, FL)
RSVP ONLINE REQUIRED WWW.FAPD4KIDS.ORG

FEB 21 ↘ **PEDO GATOR ALUMNI & FRIENDS CONFERENCE (HILTON UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA CONFERENCE CENTER GAINESVILLE)**
VISIT *HTTPS://CE.DENTAL.UFL.EDU/COURSES/PEDO-GATORS-ALUMNI-FRIENDS-CONFERENCE/*
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MAR 21-22 ↘ FLORIDA MISSION OF MERCY (MAINLAND HIGH SCHOOL IN DAYTONA BEACH, FL)
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. VISIT
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SPRING 2025 TBD ↘ FLORIDA REGIONAL EVENTS. STAY TUNED TO HEAR MORE FROM YOUR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.