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Angela Ashe – Palm Harbor, FL

Ms. Ashe is the Assistant Director of Academic Services at St. Petersburg College in Clearwater, Florida. She has a BA degree in Psychology and a Master's degree in Management and Organizational Leadership from the University of South Florida.

Patricia Blanton – Charleston, SC

Dr. Patricia L. Blanton is a practicing periodontist in Charleston, South Carolina. She is a former interim dean of the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine, a past president of the American College of Dentists and a distinguished Alumna of Hardin-Simmons University. Dr. Blanton is Professor Emeritus, Department of Biomedical Sciences at Baylor College of Dentistry/TAMUS, and a past chair of the Department of Gross Anatomy, Baylor College of Dentistry.

Joe Castellano – Laredo, TX

Dr. Joe Castellano, is a practicing and board certified Pediatric Dentist and co-owner of Castellano & Carpenter Dental Associates. He received his DDS degree at the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston and completed a one-year residency in advanced general dentistry and a two-year residency in pediatric dentistry at University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. He serves as an assistant Clinical Professor for the Department of Developmental Dentistry at University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio Dental School and has authored several publications in the dental literature. Dr. Castellano most recently served as President of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, is a Past-President of the Texas Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and continues to serve on various committees with both organizations. He is also a Past-President of the Laredo District Dental Society.

Nadia Chugal – Los Angeles, CA

Dr. Chugal is Clinical Professor and Director of Postgraduate Residency Program in Endodontics at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). She received her DDS degree as well as MS in Oral Biology and MPH in Public Health from UCLA. Subsequently, she completed hospital-based General Practice Residency at IMMC in Chicago and received Certificate in Endodontics from the University of Connecticut. She was a research fellow and faculty at University of Connecticut until she joined UCLA as faculty in 1997. Dr. Chugal maintains private practice limited to Endodontics.

Mahnaz Fatahzadeh – Newark, NJ

Dr. Mahnaz Fatahzadeh obtained her BSC and DMD degrees as well as her general practice residency certificate from the University of British Columbia in Canada where she practiced general dentistry for a number of years. She completed her Oral Medicine fellowship and MSD degree at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (now Rutgers School of Dental Medicine) where she holds a faculty appointment as a Professor of Oral Medicine. Dr. Fatahzadeh has a special interest in evaluation and management of orofacial soft tissue disorders and has been involved with lecturing and publication in this area.

Dale Anne Featheringham – Westerville, OH

Dr. Featheringham received her DDS degree from Ohio State University in 1997, and her MS degree in Orthodontics from Ohio State in 2000. Dr. Featheringham is in private practice in Ohio.

Christy Jo Fogarty – Minneapolis, MN

Ms. Christy Jo Fogarty is a licensed dental hygienist and a licensed dental therapist. She serves on the Minnesota Board of Dentistry and served as its President in 2019. She has also served as the President of the American Academy of Dental Therapists and the President of the Minnesota Dental Therapy Association.

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Carmella Hanley – Buffalo, NY

Ms. Hanley received her education in the early 1970's and has spent the majority of her professional life in education. She states that she has seen many changes in dentistry since she received her education and has had the opportunity to see many advancements in and changes to the dental industry.

Catherine Hayes – Newton Upper Falls, MA

Dr. Catherine Hayes serves as the Dental Director at MassHealth and Director of Dental Services, Division of Commonwealth Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School. She received her DMD from Tufts University and completed a General Practice Residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital. She received both Master's and Doctoral degrees in Epidemiology from Harvard University where she also completed a dental public health residency. Dr. Hayes is a diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health and is a Past President on the same board.

Kristin Hofer – Callicoon, NY

Ms. Kristin Hofer is a U.S. Navy veteran (1988-1996). After leaving the Navy, she earned her AAS degree in Dental Hygiene from Broome Community College in Binghamton, NY. In 2008, she earned her Bachelor's degree in Dental Hygiene from the University of Bridgeport Fones School of Dental Hygiene. She received her Master's degree in Dental Hygiene with a focus in education from the University of Bridgeport in 2015. Also in 2015, she began her teaching career as clinical instructor for New York University as well as for the University of Bridgeport's online BSDH program. Currently, she is a full-time professor at SUNY Broome Community College and adjunct Professor for UB. She has 17 years of dental hygiene experience.

Theresa Maria Hofstede – Houston, TX

Dr. Hofstede is an associate professor in the section of Oral Oncology and Maxillofacial Prosthodontics, Department of Head and Neck Surgery, at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center (MDACC). She completed her Doctorate of Dental Surgery and a General Practice Residency at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, Canada. She received her certificate in prosthodontics from the University of Rochester Eastman Dental Center. Dr. Hofstede completed a fellowship in Oral Oncology and Maxillofacial Prosthodontics at MD Anderson. She is currently the director of the fellowship program in Oral Oncology and Maxillofacial Prosthodontics at MDACC.

Ghabi Kaspo – Troy, MI

Dr. Ghabi Kaspo has been practicing dentistry, primarily in the field of Orofacial Pain Management and TMJ Disorders, for the past 30 years. He received a dental degree and Orthodontics certificate from Damascus University, a DDS from the University of Detroit Mercy, and a certificate of training in TMJ and Orofacial Pain Management from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He is a diplomate of both the American Board of Orofacial Pain and the American Board of Dental Sleep Medicine. He is a past president of the American Academy of Orofacial Pain. Dr. Kaspo has authored chapters relating to headaches, sleep disorders and TMD in Fibromyalgia and Cone Beam CT and the Diagnosis of Temporomandibular Joint Diseases.

Paul Kasrovi – Berkeley, CA

Dr. Kasrovi practices Orthodontics in Berkeley and Orinda California. He teaches at the UCSF division of Orthodontics as a Clinical professor and at UOP as an adjunct professor. Dr. Kasrovi currently serves as president of the Edward H Angle Society of Orthodontics, and is past president of the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontics (PCSO), California Association of Orthodontists (CAO) and the Berkeley Dental Society.

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Michael Rohrer – Minneapolis, MN

Dr. Michael Rohrer is Professor Emeritus at the University of Minnesota, and received this DDS degree from the University of Michigan. He served in the U.S. Army Dental Corps during the Vietnam War, practiced dentistry in Michigan, and then received an MS in Oral Pathology from the University of Michigan. He was on the faculty at the University of Oklahoma for 22 years, serving as Professor, Associate Dean for Administration and Associate Dean for Research. He then served as Director of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at the University of Minnesota for 17 years

Paul Tiwana – Oklahoma City, OK

Dr. Tiwana is the Reichmann Professor and Chairman of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in the College of Dentistry at the University of Oklahoma, where he is also appointed as a Professor of Surgery in the College of Medicine. Educated in both dentistry (Northwestern University) and medicine (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), Dr. Tiwana completed his residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and internship in General Surgery at the University of North Carolina Hospitals.

James Tom – Los Angeles, CA

Dr. Tom is currently a Clinical Associate Professor at the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of the University of Southern California and serves as Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology and Emergency Medicine. He is appointed as the dental representative for USC's University Clinical Services Peer Review subcommittee where, along with clinical sedation and dental anesthesiology activities, he provides pre-doctoral and post-doctoral course direction in anesthesiology, pain control, pharmacology, and medical emergency response in the context of dental settings. Dr. Tom is Assistant Editor for the journal "Anesthesia Progress," and represented the ADA as an author in the ASA Guidelines on Moderate Procedural Sedation and Analgesia, 2018. Dr. Tom is past-president of the American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists.

Rutvi Vyas – Gainesville, FL

Dr. Vyas is Clinical Assistant Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology at the University of Florida-College of Dentistry. She completed her Undergraduate Dental Degree from Rajiv Gandhi University. holds a Master's degree from Rutgers School of Dental Medicine, and received her Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology residency training from University of Connecticut. Dr. Vyas is currently Course Director of clinical radiology courses for undergraduate dental students.

Timothy Walsh – Berwyn, IL

Dr. Timothy Walsh graduated from Loyola Dental School in 1979, and completed a Periodontics residency in 1981 at the University of Illinois. He has been in private practice in Berwyn and Westmont, IL, since 1981.

Wendy Woodall – El Paso, TX

Dr. Wendy Woodall is a graduate of the University Of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio. She is a Master of the Academy of General Dentistry; and a Fellow of the International Congress of Oral Implantologists, the American College of Dentistry, the Academy of General Dentistry, and Pierre Fauchard Academy. She serves as Professor, Manager of the biomedical faculty, and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Woodall is an active member of organized dentistry, serving as president of the 4th district region and in peer review of Texas. She has been a peer reviewer as a dental board investigator for Nevada and as examiner for the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA), as Council of Faculties representative to ADEA, and various institutional professional and academic committees and counsels. Dr. Woodall has conducted epidemiologic research, given presentations, and authored publications on curriculum, learning and electronic data.

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Richard Wooddell – Lodi, OH

Mr. Richard Wooddell began his career as an expanded functions assistant in a multi-disciplined practice. He received certification in dental radiography, electromyography, and kinesiography. He transitioned to fixed restorative laboratory technology while attending the University of Florida. He obtained his national certification in Crown and Bridge and opened Precision Dental Arts in 1997 specializing in implant and all ceramic restorations. Mr. Wooddell serves as Technical Director at the Center for Digital Implant Dentistry and as a member of the guidance committee for the Medina County Career Center dental assisting program.