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President's Message

By Jim Howell, DMD, SCDA President



In opening I want to provide an update on state of membership at SCDA. Presently we have a 68.8% market share representing 1,575 active dentists. I would like to ask for a renewed push to reach out and ask a colleague to re-join or consider joining our great SCDA membership.

March is Women's History Month, and Friday, March 8 is International Women's Day.

To honor this special celebration of women, I want to share some important statistics, and give voice to two prominent women in our SCDA dental community.

First, some facts as we acknowledge the current state of women in dentistry, both nationally and locally within the SCDA.

THE FACTS

- Over the last several years, the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) College of Dental Medicine graduating classes have been 50% female;
- There are 38,173 dental practices owned and operated by women in the U.S. - only 784 of those practices are in South Carolina;
- When it comes to SCDA membership, 2024 is seeing the highest number of active, renewed female members over the last several years with 446 members; that number is "up" from last year's 384 active and renewed female members;
- DID YOU KNOW: Cathy Moss was the first South Carolina female dentist to graduate from MUSC College of Dental Medicine - she graduated in 1973.

From the numbers, there's a tremendous opportunity to continue to support women in dentistry.

My goal is that SCDA leads the way.

To do that, I'm happy to give voice to women who have been important to the SCDA.

I spoke with my two colleagues who have served as notable and trusted leaders in dentistry for over a decade in South Carolina on their respective thoughts on women leadership and women in dentistry.

I'm pleased to introduce (or re-introduce) you to Julia K. Mikell, DDS, past president of the SCDA and South Carolina state board member, as well as Deidre B. Crockett, DMD, current vice president of SCDA.

Dr. Mikell on why it is important to support women in dentistry:

"It is important to support women in dentistry because we want the best dentists, and we know many of those dentists will be women. Women are equally capable of being excellent dentists which includes having excellent hand skills, high capacity for compassion, detail oriented, and desire for being a team leader.

Many women are willing to take on the challenge of saying they want more than traditional roles that were commonplace 40 years ago. More doors are open now because women have proven they can juggle the work life/personal life balance and they can earn and deserve the opportunities they work for."

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Dr. Mikell on the importance of mentoring:

"Mentoring is an opportunity to welcome and encourage new and prospective dentists into our dental communities. As mentors, we can share our perspectives on our successes and regrets so, hopefully, their roadmap to success and satisfaction will be less bumpy.

Mentorship also allows us to pass on our core values such as ethics, integrity, and standards. Good mentoring can create fellowship and a network for support, trust and camaraderie that will sustain all of us throughout our careers."

Dr. Mikell on what informs her perspective as a dentist:

"I am a daughter, wife, sister, and mother. I'm also or have been a co-worker, friend, boss, employee, confidant, insider, outsider, follower and leader. So I bring a lot to the table irrespective but also because of my gender. I tell my patients every day: 'You can't make a good decision without good information.'

The more perspectives we have at levels where information is gathered and decisions are made, the better chance that they will be good decisions."

From Dr. Deidre Crockett, on the importance of dentistry as a practice:

"My participation in dentistry leadership has been and continues to be a privilege to serve our honorable profession. This is a profession that advocates for prevention first, a profession which supports continuing education and fellowship to stay connected and build relationships to support and encourage each other.

In the future, I believe dentistry will strive to maintain its autonomy amidst the health professions and will continue to rely on its integrity in order to keep the trust, respect, and confidence of the public.

I am a strong believer in the ADA Tripartite. In my opinion, our profession must have strong advocates in both Columbia and Washington D.C. to protect our patients and our dentists from parties who do not understand how dentistry works or what we do."

Dr. Crockett on what she wishes she had known earlier in her career as a woman in dentistry and what's possible for the future of women in this profession:

"I wish I had known that a lot of patients are very comfortable with a female dentist. When I was in school, I didn't know if that would be the case. In private practice, I realize that people see me as a dentist, regardless of my gender.

I think the sky's the limit for any dentist regardless of whether they are a man or a woman.

At this moment, the president of the ADA is a woman. I'm sure in the future we will continue to have many great women as leaders."

Dr. Crockett on how being a woman impact how you approach the profession:

"It's important that dentists advocate for all people in organized dentistry - that men and women respect each other's opinions and work together.

I personally don't feel any extra pressure or that I have anything to prove as a woman in the field of dentistry. My top priority is that I want my patients to feel taken care of and comfortable in my office."

Dr. Crockett on the impact Dr. Mikell played in her professional life at an important time in history:

"For two consecutive years, Julia Mikell guided the dentists in our state through the COVID-19 pandemic. Every day and night, she used her time to find supplies and PPE for dentists in our state. She coordinated with other state leaders and government officials at all levels to help dentists safely get back to work.

Julia led our state with the goal of helping members without ego or personal gain. She was a true leader with South Carolina dentists as her focus, as well as, providing the best care for her patients."

To conclude, we at the SCDA are proud of all women in dentistry in this State and want to thank you for your contribution. On the membership front, there is a real opportunity for more women to join as we currently have 64% market share representing 525 active women dentist who are members in the SCDA. This leaves a total of 239 women dentist who are not members and this is where the opportunity lies. I would like to ask these women dentist to step and lead the charge by joining our great organization. We need your voice and perspective in our leadership. I am proud that our next 3 years of presidential leadership at the SCDA will be lead by women leaders at the SCDA to include Drs. Diedre Crockett, Carol Baker, and Monica Cayouette.

Corporate Transparency Act

By Phil Latham, SCDA Executive Director



In case you have not heard, a new law became effective January 1, 2024, that requires certain businesses to report ownership information to the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

The Corporate Transparency Act intends to combat the use of businesses as money-laundering operations. The law now requires certain businesses to report beneficial ownership information to the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Unit. Reporting companies created or registered to do business in the United States before January 1, 2024, must file by January 1, 2025.

All existing dental practices and companies that meet the requirements have one year to file before facing penalties.

The American Dental Association (ADA) shared news of this new Act in a recent [ADA News](#) article which explains who is subject to reporting requirements and other relevant details. The ADA has also created a [FAQ](#) document to help dentists with any questions.

Currently, there is pending federal legislation that, if passed, would extend some of the filing windows outlined in the FAQ document. This legislation has passed the U.S. House of Representatives and is awaiting action by the Senate.

Should this legislation be signed into law, the ADA and SCDA will update their information and inform the membership.

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Convention Corner

By Dr. David Watson, General Chair

Surveys of the ADA and SCDA dentists through the years indicate that **ADVOCACY** is the number one thing that members want from organized dentistry. Because this is such an important issue to our members, this year's state meeting (August 22-24, 2024 in Greenville, SC) is addressing **ADVOCACY** straight on. Friday, August 23rd, we are having a lunch for all dentists to come hear exactly what our ADA and SCDA are doing to protect and enhance our profession. Special guest will be Mike Graham, senior vice president of governmental affairs for the ADA. He will not only enlighten us as to what the ADA is doing for dentistry, but also give us a feel of what's going on in DC as the election approaches. Plan on attending this luncheon when you register for the meeting.

On a side note; dentists still own the profession of dentistry. Not insurance companies. Not hospitals. Not big businesses (although they are trying hard). Not many professions can say that. This absolutely would not be the case without organized dentistry. If you ever hear a colleague say "why do I need the ADA and SCDA, I can get my credit card or insurance for another organization" or "why should I join," this is a perfect time to explain advocacy and invite them to join. No other group or organization is fighting in DC or Columbia for our profession.

ADVOCACY is essential if we are to survive. When you come to beautiful Greenville this summer, plan on joining us for lunch to discuss **ADVOCACY** for dentistry.



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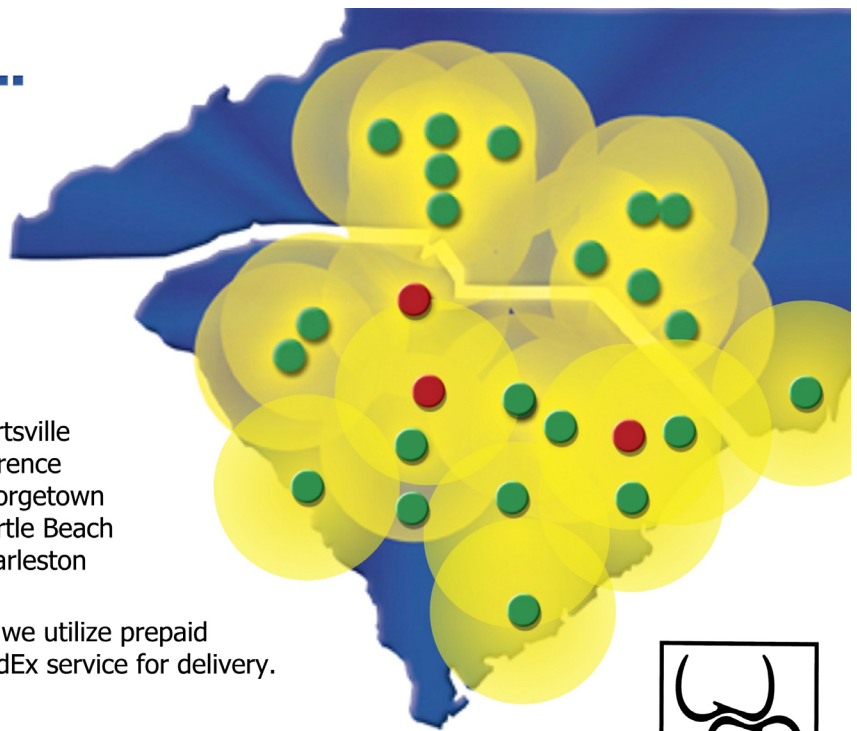
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Numbering System Miscommunication Leads to Extraction Mistake

By Marc Leffler, DDS, Esq., MedPro an SCDA Endorsed Company

In dental practices, there are a variety of numbering systems that are used to identify teeth, which can lead to miscommunication and mistakes. In this case study, an orthodontist refers a patient to their general dentist for a tooth extraction. Upon receipt of the referral, there is a miscommunication with the orthodontist's staff and the dentist mistakenly extracts the incorrect tooth.



Key Concepts

- Dental numbering systems
- Preventing staff miscommunication
- Extraction of incorrect tooth

Background Facts

Dr. O, an orthodontist, evaluated his 14-year-old female patient, L, for potential orthodontic care. Following the taking and assessment of records, and clinical examination, he determined that L had a dental Class II, Division I malocclusion, with a deviation of the maxillary teeth to the left of midline, owing to a congenitally missing upper left premolar, for which she would require extraction of an upper right premolar in advance of orthodontic movement. He referred L back to her general dentist, Dr. G, for that extraction. In preparation for the extraction, he handed L's mother a referral card to give to Dr. G, which stated "please ext 5 for ortho", but he placed a circle around what appeared to be at least a portion of both upper right premolars on the form's schematic.

At the planned extraction visit, Dr. G was confused by the unclear identification of the tooth Dr. O wanted removed. So, Dr. G asked her office manager to call Dr. O's office to confirm which tooth he wanted removed. Upon receiving that call, Dr. O's receptionist looked at L's chart and advised that Dr. O wanted the extraction of "4 on the upper right". In reality, Dr. O had made a handwritten note in the chart to "ext UR4".

Based upon what her office manager then communicated back to her, Dr. G told L's mother that she would be extracting tooth #4, and had her sign a printed consent form which stated just that. Dr. G then uneventfully extracted tooth #4.

On L's next visit to Dr. O, he questioned L's mother as to why Dr. G had extracted a different premolar than the one he had requested. L's mother said she had no idea of which tooth was removed, simply agreeing to what Dr. G had said to her in advance of the surgery. Dr. O said he would still be able to accomplish his planned treatment, but because of the local anatomy of the maxillary alveolar bone, the orthodontics would take some 3-4 months longer than initially anticipated.

Immediately following the visit, Dr. O called and spoke with Dr. G directly to ask why she removed the upper right second premolar instead of the first premolar. Dr. G apologized but explained the unclear referral card and the call between her office manager and Dr. O's receptionist.

Legal Action

That evening, L's mother explained the entire mistaken extraction situation to L's father, an attorney. He became incensed and sent out records requests the next day, to both Drs. G and O. Upon receiving the records, he was unable to discern what had happened, so he contacted a local dentist from whom his partner had once obtained an expert opinion.

The dentist reviewed the records and explained to L's father that there are several numbering systems used by dentists to identify teeth, so confusion can sometimes exist, especially in the upper right quadrant of the mouth, where tooth #4 is also known as the UR5, and tooth #5 is also referred to as the UR4.

This dentist explained that a simple, but important, miscommunication had occurred between the dental offices, which led to the wrong tooth having been extracted. However, it appeared as though Dr. O would be able to accomplish a satisfactory result in any event, with the only ramification being a delay in the completion of treatment. L's father opted against taking any legal action, but obtained a different orthodontist, who was able to successfully complete the "backup" treatment plan.

Takeaways

As the dentist consulted by L's father noted, the various numbering systems used by dentists to identify teeth can be confusing, thereby leading to treatment errors. In addition to the Universal System (#1-32) and the Palmer Quadrant System (UR/UL/LL/LR 1-8), a diminishing number of dentists use the FDI System, which categorizes the quadrants as 1-4, and then assigns the teeth numbers 1-8, starting with the central incisors and moving posteriorly. It is for this reason that it is critical before performing any irreversible procedure, such as an extraction, that there be 100% certainty as to the proper tooth being treated; this is particularly the case when healthy teeth are removed, as for orthodontic purposes.

In this situation, a significant part of the problem can be attributed to the fact that non-professional dental office staff were the only people to have communicated prior to the extraction having been performed. As we have noted in prior case studies, the roles of those staff members in the efficient running of dental practices cannot be overstated, but any issue which requires any type of clinical assessment is appropriately handled by dentists, to the exclusion of non-professional staff members; that affords the best chance to avoid dental treatment errors which arise from miscommunications or other administrative failings. While the error here was able to be remedied with relatively little impact upon the patient, thereby negating litigation, the fact remains that a negligent act occurred which was easily avoidable.

Surgeons who operate in hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers routinely stop before starting surgery and take what is known as a "time out", during which patient identity, surgical location, and the anticipated procedure are confirmed by multiple people present, including one or more surgeons, and generally at least one support staff member. Dentists who practice in private offices are far less likely to perform a "time out" before beginning their treatments, and that creates a greater potential for simple administrative errors to result in significant problematic after-effects. Similarly, dentists can further reduce mistakes of the type demonstrated here by encouraging their assistants to alert them if they even suspect that an error is about to be made; pre-determined, non-alarming code words can be established between dentist and staff so as not to upset patients, while still maximally protecting their well-being.

Finally, we note that Dr. O abided by his ethical obligation in advising L's mother that a mistake had occurred, but he did so without a condemning criticism of Dr. G and with providing a solution. This is the very opposite of what we have referred to as "jousting", and that type of professionalism goes a long way toward taking the temperature down when untoward, unfortunate events occur.

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Bill Sasser, DMD, Named Recipient of ADA Humanitarian Award

By David Burger, ADA News- *Reprinted from ADA News January 8, 2024*

South Carolinian left private practice to demonstrate leadership both stateside and abroad

Bill Sasser, D.M.D., was unavailable when ADA President Linda J. Edgar, D.D.S., called to let him know that the ADA Board of Trustees had named him the recipient of the 2024 ADA Humanitarian Award.

Wouldn't you know it — he was away, doing what many of his friends in South Carolina know him for.

"I was actually out of the country on a mission trip serving in a prison in the Dominican Republic when she first called," Dr. Sasser said.



Because of poor phone service, he didn't get the message until he returned to the States.

The ADA Humanitarian Award, one of the Association's highest honors, recognizes dentist members who have distinguished themselves by outstanding, unselfish leadership predominantly in the field of dentistry, through the expenditure of extraordinary time and professional skills to improve the oral health of underserved populations.

"This prestigious award recognizes Dr. Sasser, who has selflessly made a lasting impact on the oral health care and overall well-being of his fellow human beings both stateside and abroad," said Dr. Edgar. "Humanitarian activities are a foundation of the dental profession. Acknowledging ADA members like Dr. Sasser not only recognizes his individual contributions but encourages others to pursue similar activities and reflects positively on the profession."

Dr. Sasser is honored for his work as executive director of Dental Community Fellowship — having led or participated in nearly 140 mission trips in 34 countries over two decades — as well as being the founder of South Carolina's North Charleston Dental Outreach clinic, which provides dental treatment for individuals whose options for care are restricted due to financial issues and the absence of insurance.

After graduating from the Medical University of South Carolina and a residency in periodontics at the University of Alabama in 1976, Dr. Sasser began a private practice. After many years in practice while serving periodically on short-term mission trips, he left practice to enter a second career focused primarily on full-time international and stateside service.

In 2010, his former partner needed help and Dr. Sasser returned to part-time private practice. During this period, he continued to participate on multiple short-term international projects each year while leading the effort to build a new North Charleston Dental Outreach clinic, serving as its dental director.

Dr. Sasser's mantra is, "You make a living by what you earn; you make a life by what you give."

"The above quote is attributed to Winston Churchill and speaks directly to certain aspects of my life," Dr. Sasser said. "I was determined to be 'successful' when I went into private practice, but if someone had asked, I'm not sure that I could have clearly defined what that meant. If not, then I would never know if and when I had achieved the goal. I was earning a living, but not experiencing a full life. We need both, but my life has been much more fulfilling — practicing dentistry for free — than when I was getting paid."

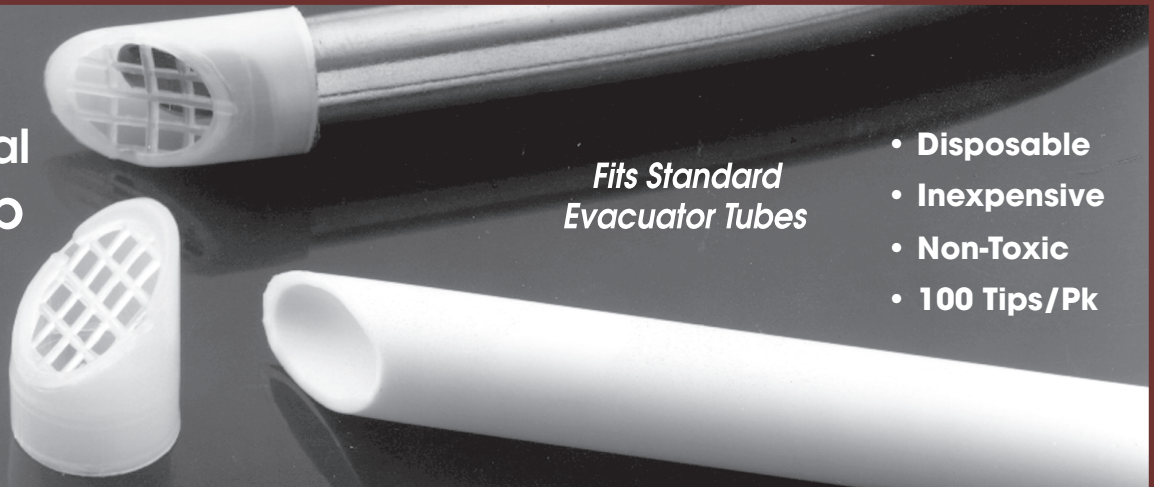
Pharmacy's loss is dentistry's gain

Dr. Sasser was born in Birmingham, Alabama. His first job in high school was working in a neighborhood drug store and he went on to Samford University to earn a degree in pharmacy in 1966.

He served as a U.S. Navy pharmacy officer for three years during the Vietnam War. As he neared the end of his military commitment, he took time to reassess different options for his future.

"While pharmacy is a good profession, I desired more interpersonal contact than a retail store offered," Dr.

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Sasser said. "Dentistry was a perfect choice since it allowed me to build on my pharmacy background and to lead to a future which allowed for the development of long-term personal relationships with patients."

In 1973, he received his D.M.D. at the Medical University of South Carolina.

He worked in private practice for three decades, but something gnawed at him in the back of his mind.

"Dentistry is a helping profession, but for many years I'm embarrassed to admit that I was a workaholic focused on being 'successful,'" he said. "It took a major hurricane in the late 1980s to open my eyes to the greater need in our community."

His first international mission trip was to Mexico in the early 1990s. It too was a revelation.

"My mentor on that trip was a wonderful dentist who from the beginning has dedicated his whole career to service," Dr. Sasser said. "He was quite an inspiration. While treating patients in a nondental office setting was foreign, I learned the basics of delivering care in a portable environment. More than being challenged, I was encouraged to seek God's lead about what this experience meant for my future. That particular trip was the halting, humble beginning to how volunteer service became a major focus of the rest of my dental career. The best advice that I received on that trip was to not expect to see all that the future had in store, but to simply take one step in faith at a time and trust."

Hooked, Dr. Sasser began serving more frequently overseas.

"I felt torn between the obligation to my patients at home and the needs of patients with which I was confronted during my travels," he said. "The desire to serve more led to me actually leave private practice [in 2005]. For several years I travelled further and served longer. It was more or less a sabbatical. A few years later a former partner needed help, so I returned to practice for six more years while continuing to focus on student ministry at home and periodic short-term mission trips."

When not on mission trips, Dr. Sasser lived in the North Charleston area. What he saw distressed him.

"At one time, the largest employer in the Charleston area was the Naval shipyard," Dr. Sasser said. "In the 90s, the Naval base was closed during a base reorganization. This led to the loss of jobs and lots of changes in the neighborhood adjacent to the bases."

In 1998, a Baptist organization established a small dental clinic to serve the community, including the Chicora-Cherokee residents, located on the ground floor of a townhouse.

"The space was limited, the equipment was old, but faithful volunteers addressed toothaches one evening each week," he said. "I served as dental director for many years and while we treated lots of patients each year, I couldn't shake the vision of someday having a more full-service charity clinic."

For years, Dr. Sasser tried to convince churches and nonprofits of the need for a better dental clinic to serve this community. He said everyone thought it would be a good project, but when it came right down to it, no one wanted to help.

So, Dr. Sasser took things into his own hands and began raising money for a clinic that became the heart of North Charleston Dental Outreach.

"Praise God, a new six-chair clinic opened in the fall of 2022," Dr. Sasser said. "We now operate more than four days a week offering preventive and restorative care in addition to extractions, limited endodontics and anterior partial dentures."

The next generation of volunteers is something Dr. Sasser has also become passionate about, primarily but not excluding those from the Medical University of South Carolina's James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine.

"Over 20 years ago, God made it clear that I needed to be more focused on mentoring dental students than just serving alone," Dr. Sasser said. "Since then, most of the focus of my humanitarian service has involved teaching students and showing other dentists how to work outside a traditional office."



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Dental Community Fellowship was founded 20 years ago, and since then, student trips have been organized four to six times each year.

With everyone's travel curtailed during the pandemic, Dr. Sasser returned overseas in the fall of 2021. He just completed his sixth mission trip of 2023.

"There are several motivating factors in my life," Dr. Sasser said. "One is to 'finish well' as an individual who recognizes that God is the source of any good in my life. How I live is a response to his goodness. I also want to mentor the next generation of dentists in order to share my knowledge but to also make them aware of the needs of the poor. This will hopefully instill in them a desire to volunteer, be it in their own office by rendering discount or pro bono care, volunteer at or start a local charity clinic, or periodically serve overseas."

Support from dental community

Dr. Sasser was lauded by dentists and colleagues who nominated him for the award.

Kari Ryan, D.M.D., in a letter to the ADA, referred to Dr. Sasser affectionately as the Sassinator.

"I have known Dr. Sasser for 17 years now, and throughout these years, have witnessed his steady and unrelenting drive to serve his God and community through use of his leadership and dental skills," Dr. Ryan wrote. "While at the Medical University of South Carolina, I became involved with Dental Community Fellowship, where Dr. Sasser is the executive director and leader. I found a tribe of like-minded dentists who wanted to serve God by sharing their talents. Dr. Sasser inspired us to come together as a community of students, finding comfort and family in each other during stressful school years."

In another letter, the South Carolina Dental Association praised Dr. Sasser's for demonstrating "significant leadership and outstanding humanitarian volunteer accomplishments that bring honor to the dental profession."

J. Mark Barry, D.D.S., former associate dean for clinical affairs at the Medical University of South Carolina's James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine, wrote that he had "never encountered a more committed, selfless, tireless leader who emphasizes compassion to the underserved and disadvantaged."

L. Ellen Thrailkill, D.M.D., has been on several overseas dental mission trips and is a dentist at Great Oaks Dental in Pickford, South Carolina.

She wrote, "Students and participants are often changed by these experiences and go on to serve others. I personally was one of these students, in 2008, when I went on my first trip with Dr. Bill. I thought dentistry was a great career because of the income potential and ability for me to have control over my schedule. While these things are true about dentistry, my eyes were opened to the great opportunity I was missing to serve others through dentistry. I don't think I would continue to volunteer locally or abroad if it weren't for Dr. Bill."

As for "Dr. Bill," he has scheduled six international trips in 2024, with the first in January in a small town in southern Honduras, with team made up of 15 students, five dentists and a few helpers.

Also on tap for 2024: Dr. Sasser will be honored at SmileCon 2024 in New Orleans in October. The Humanitarian Award recipient receives \$10,000, designated to the charity of his choice.

"I don't like to draw attention to myself so I'm a little embarrassed by being selected," Dr. Sasser said. "However, our [North Charleston Dental Outreach] charity clinic can use the financial award. In addition, the timing of next year's ADA meeting couldn't be better. My wife is originally from New Orleans. She's already talking about trying to arrange for some friends and family to come share the joy of the occasion."

He turned modest.

"I'm honored to have been selected for this award, but [I'm not] a saint. I'm a flawed individual who doesn't mind working hard, and who feels that contributing to the good of others is somewhat selfishly allowing me to be productive into my old age. I've been richly blessed by God and hopefully my life gives testimony to that fact."



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Dear SCDA member:

While in Charleston January 25-28 the board of the ADA's American Dental Political Action Committee (ADPAC), led by our alumnus Dr. Hal Fair, invited our students and residents to observe their meeting. ADPAC and its leaders generously offered several experiential learning opportunities to our dental students and residents. Through ADPAC, the ADA advocates for public policy that supports both dentists and patients. It was a unique opportunity for students to see part of the ADA's work in action.

They also held a networking reception for student members of the South Carolina American Student Dental Association (ASDA). Our students were able to ask questions and make connections with these ADA leaders.

Our ASDA students regularly attend the annual ADA Dentist and Student Lobby Day in Washington, D.C. This year, ADPAC has made a generous donation to provide our students with housing while visiting the capital. I know from our students that this trip makes a lasting impression. In addition to firsthand experience witnessing the influence of organized dentistry on legislative action, they also get to know and learn from the SCDA leaders who go with them.

My hope for our students is that, through these experiences, they gain an understanding of the impact of public policy on healthcare. This knowledge will serve them throughout their careers. I also believe that they will be inspired to continue their involvement with the ADA, with the purpose of growing and advocating for our profession, after graduation.



MUSC South Carolina ASDA students recently met ADPAC board members in Charleston, SC.



MUSC South Carolina ASDA students in Columbia, SC, for the 2023 Student Lobby Day.



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- The nominee participates in community activities that bring credit to the dental profession.
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Category of Award

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Nominee Address

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SCDA Member Nominating Signature

Name (Print)

Date

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