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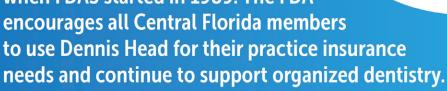
# ANNUAL MEETNG

MAY 2-3, 2025 HAMMOCK BEACH GOLF RESORT & SPA, PALM COAST, FLORIDA



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# President's Message

# Homeruns, Heroes, and Our Own King of Pop



Joseph P. Richardson, D.M.D., M.S. President

Greetings friends and colleagues. I am sitting here reflecting on the last year and find myself conflicted about what to say in my final "president's message." There is much and summarizing my year as president of the central district is well ... perhaps too lengthy and exciting for this journal entry. However, I am never at a loss for words, so I will highlight the absolute homeruns of the year in our association.

CFDDA Annual Meeting: This meeting will be May 2-3, 2025, at the amazing Hammock Beach Resort in Palm Coast. This year's meeting evolved out of my fear of organizing a poorly attended, drab meeting. As a periodontist, I have always struggled with CE meetings. Rarely do these meetings have something for everyone (especially periodontists). Fortunately, within our ranks we have the "King of Pop"

of the organizational dental meetings world. Dr. Bert Hughes was instrumental in transforming the annual FDA meeting into its current juggernaut status as one of the finest dental meetings in America that even outperforms the ADA meeting. Bert and his starstudded planning committee have again transformed our annual meeting into what I am predicting will be the regional meeting of the year in the state of Florida. Flip



forwards a few pages and you will see what I mean. The venue is incredible with amenities and the curriculum is oozing with excellence. Choose the educational track that is best suited to you and your staff. The meeting is no charge for CFDDA members and \$25.00 for staff. Register today and let us blow your mind.

FDA Foundation Mission of Mercy: Admittedly, I did not intentionally volunteer to co-chair the FLA-MOM and become central district president in the same year. I am, however, extraordinarily happy that I did. If my true organized dentistry heart belongs anywhere, it belongs with the mission of mercy. I have played a role in the execution of this event for the last several years, and what a machine of good this event is. Co-chairing this event and working with the Foundation's leadership has been such

an honor. As I write this, we are mere days aways from the event and cannot thank our team enough. We brought the Florida Mission of Mercy back to Central District for its 10th anniversary and we are going to impact this community in a way that will make waves for years to come. The hearts of the dental community are infinitely large and by the time this commentary is published it will be wildly appreciated by the Daytona Beach community. A formal thanks to Bert Hughes, Kristen Badeau, and R. Jai Gillum for unwavering strength, leadership, and patience.

CFDDA Affiliate Dental Associations: I had the opportunity to visit all six affiliate dental associations of the central district. I had the great pleasure of reviewing a breakdown of the tripartite as well as the many membership benefits of the Florida Dental Association. Certainly, being an ambassador for the FDA is an honor, but attending each



of these meetings was truly special. Here are some of the highlights.

The Lake County Dental Association is my home affiliate. I grew up in Lake County and know/work professionally with most in this room. We are a small but mighty group. We have so many leaders that it is difficult to ascertain who the actual president is (it is Dr. Summer Young by the way). We have other organized dentistry giants such as FDA Speaker of the House, Dr. Don Ilkka and FDA/BOD great Dr. Wade Winker who alongside others fought to keep our local water fluoridated. This meeting was special because in addition to representing the Central District, I was able to ask my friends to join me at the Mission of Mercy.

The Volusia County Dental Association meeting was special because it took place less than a mile from Mainland High School where the Florida Mission of Mercy took place. I was able to have multiple leaders speak to their group about the program and their incredible efforts that have set a new standard for fundraising for this event. Dr. Rod MacIntyre, Dr. Oscar Morejon, Dr. Bruce Manne, and Dr. David Lloyd have gone above and beyond. Finally, this meeting was special because my father put on nice clothes and came to watch. Everyone greeted him and made effort to speak with him.

The Marion County Dental Association was organized and well attended. Dr. Suzi Thiems-Heflin and Dr. Monique (Continued on page 5)

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#### President's Message

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Belin continued to lead the way they do locally and nationally. It was an honor to see them in action. It was great to see such a well-run business meeting in addition to the CE component of the meeting.

The Alachua County Dental Association meeting was the night following the Marion County meeting. This organization is near to my heart as I was able to see many of my former professors from the UF College of Dentistry. Again (common theme here), very strong leadership in attendance and many younger future leaders such as ACDA president, Dr. Cara Hill and Dr. Paul D. Martin. In addition, Dr. Karin Schey lectured to the group and represented the UFCD Department of Periodontology.



The Brevard County Dental Association meeting almost didn't happen for me. I had an emergency at my office and spoke to the group in my scrubs. Warm and friendly faces such as Dr. Craig Kara and Dr. Jerry Bird welcomed me and

helped promote the FDA. Most groups listen to my talk, this group participated, and it was wildly appreciated! This group was so well-attended and fun that I am considering attending future meetings as well!

The Dental Society of Greater Orlando was my last stop on the affiliate tour. I am also a member of this association because I have a second office in Winter Park. I had so many friends in this room that it is difficult to thank or recognize them all. Dr. ArNelle Wright led the meeting beautifully and Dr. John Cordoba heckled me from the audience. It is quite a spectacle to see a room full of dentists participating in organized dentistry. I have always been welcomed in this room, and it was a special night indeed.

Marlinda Fulton: One of the finest honors I have as president this year is to congratulate Marlinda on a masterful tenure as our executive director over the last 11 years. I met Marlinda when I was a perio resident at UFCD and she served as the executive director for the Florida Association of Periodontists. If you have met Marlinda, you do not need me to tell you what a kind, friendly, and truly great asset she has been to our organization. She is leaving our dental association in better shape than it was found and deserves an unquantifiable amount of praise and appreciation. Please find it in your day to reach out and say thank you for her years of dedication and service to organized dentistry and the members of the Central Florida District Dental Association.

Finally, I would like to say one last thank you to the members of the Central District for trusting me to represent you. It has been an honor, and I am walking out proud of what we have all achieved and look forward to playing additional leadership roles moving forward. To the younger dentists, I assure you that I am nothing more than someone who cares about the industry I love and its future. Every one of you has the same potential to become a leader. All you have to do is raise your hand and I assure you someone will be there to lead the way.

Respectfully,

Ioe Richardson President, CFDDA 2024-2025

#### Welcome!

#### November 21 2024 - March 12, 2025

We welcome the following new and returning members, and those who have transferred into the CFDDA area. Thank you for your commitment to organized dentistry.

- Dr. Silvia Amaya Pajares, Gainesville
- Dr. Ashleigh Billhartz, Melbourne
- Dr. Buddy Denison, Ocala
- Dr. Merllory Lampe Rodriguez, Windermere
- Dr. Luis Pagan, Orlando
- Dr. Giselle Pendas, Gainesville

- Dr. Shimaa Raphat Hathan, Gainesville
- Dr. Ana Ribeiro, Gainesville
- Dr. Yudith Rodriguez Camejo, Kissimmee
- Dr. Muhammad Raza Shahid, Casselberry
- Dr. Anabel Sosa, Orlando

# If You Haven't ... THERE'S STILL TIME!

There's still time to renew your membership to the American Dental Association, Florida Dental Association, and your local component, the Central Florida District Dental Association. It's so easy, go to the FDA website, www.

<u>floridadental.org</u>, homepage – Pay Your

Dues Online, or simply call, 850-681-3629

In addition, have you registered for the CFDDA Annual Meeting? Visit: <u>www.cfdda.org</u>, Annual Meeting to view the complete meeting brochure and access the registration link.

Look for the FDA Board of Trustees Report in the CFDDA **Summer Newsletter.** 

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# FLORIDA BOARD OF DENTISTRY REPORT

# Florida Board of Dentistry Meets in West Palm Beach

FDA Lobbyist Brandon Edmonston

The Florida Board of Dentistry (BOD) met in West Palm Beach on Friday, February 14, 2025.

The Florida Dental Association (FDA) was represented by BOD Liaison, Dr. Steve Hochfelder, and FDA Lobbyist Brandon Edmonston. Dr. Alex Delgado, Director of Continuing Dental Education and Associate Professor at the University of Florida School of Dentistry, was also present.

BOD members present included Dr. Nick White, chair, Dr. Claudio Miro, vice chair, Dr. Jose Mellado, Dr. Brad Cherry, Dr. Tom McCawley; hygiene member Ms. Karyn Hill; and consumer member Mr. Ben Mirza. Ms. Angela Johnson was excused. Mr. Ed Tellechea is back as general counsel to the BOD, replacing Ms. Allison Dudley. This was also Dr. White's first full meeting as chair.

As a reminder, the Mobile Opportunity by Interstate Licensure Endorsement (MOBILE) method to licensure became effective on December 25, 2024. Several dentists have received licenses via this path away. However, multiple applications were forwarded to the board by BOD staff because the applicants had answered in the affirmative to past disciplinary history. After discussion, it was evident that the board was not going to approve the applications and all applicants withdrew prior to a vote.

There was also consideration of an application to provide a local anesthesia certification course for hygienists that proved unsuccessful as the board was unable to take action. The course was not CODA approved as required by BOD rule. The applicant was instructed to seek CODA approval or explore other avenues if she wants her course approved in Florida.

Lastly, BOD Executive Director, Mrs. Tracey Zeh, gave a brief update on legislation involving dentistry. There was no position taken on dental therapy nor was the bill referenced on the agenda. The board was advised it will be provided with other bill language as necessary once session starts and legislation starts moving.

There were six discipline cases considered. One resulted in punitive action and the board voted for revocation due to the individual practicing outside the scope of her qualifications and achievements while also falsely identifying as a Doctor of Dental Surgery. The individual was a foreign-trained dentist who was licensed as a hygienist.

For more information, please visit the BOD website at floridasdentistry.gov or contact FDA Chief Legal Officer Casey Stoutamire at <a href="mailto:cstoutamire@floridadental.org">cstoutamire@floridadental.org</a>.

FDA Lobbyist Brandon Edmonston can be reached at bedmonston@floridadental.org.

It is much better to be a spectator than a participant in **BOD disciplinary cases.** The **next BOD meeting** is scheduled for May 9, 2025 in Jacksonville.

# **University of Florida Job Fair**

Hire a Gator Dentist

The UF Student Dental Business Organization announces its first ever annual job fair! We believe this is a great opportunity for future Gator dentists to meet and connect with employers in the state of Florida. If interested in attending the job fair as an employer, email: Tiffany Herrmann, UF SDBO President ufsdbo@gmail.com, (817)-201-7073

#### Details

Date: Saturday, April 19th, 2025

Time: TBD

Where: Best Western Gateway Grand - 4200 NW

97th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32606

Partners: UFCD, ASDA

There will be a small fee associated to help with event costs, but food will be provided!

Want to learn more about us? Check out our website: https://ufsdbo.my.canva.site

# Members Only Benefit

The FDA is here to help you succeed by providing this member-only benefit!

The Florida Dental Association is assisting members by identifying pre-dental students interested in working in dental practices. We have contacted a variety of pre-dental programs to gauge interest and solicit submissions from students that are interested in participating.

They have indicated their interests and roles they could

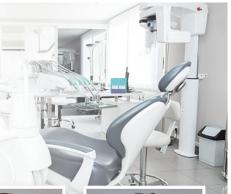




fill and their expectations. If you have an interest in engaging any of these students to help in your practice in any capacity, please contact them directly and make suitable arrangements. The list can be found at: www.floridadental.org, member center, JumpStart.

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# Spring Brings Change: What's Heating Up IN FLORIDA DENTISTRY



Dr. Vrinda Shah Editor

It is the Monday after this year's Florida Mission of Mercy in Daytona beach and I am simply struck with awe. Awe of the

tremendous effort it is to put the clinic together, awe of the number of helping hands (both dental and non-dental) which showed up and helped, and

awe of the sheer volume and quality of

treatment we were able to provide to those in need. Being surrounded by such selfless volunteers, all eager to serve was inspirational. As tired as my feet may be, my heart is 10x fuller. Thank you to all of those who contributed, because this was truly an event to be remembered.

If you think things are wrapping up after that, let me be the first to tell you that the Florida Dental Association is just heating up. We're gearing up for a busy Florida Dentists' Day on the Hill, where important legislative topics — like the reintroduction of dental therapy — will take center stage. Workforce challenges continue to be a major concern, and this discussion is just one of many shaping the future of dentistry in our state. Staying

engaged in these conversations is more important than ever as we work toward a solution that must benefit both dentistry and our patients.

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City councils have been tackling debates over water fluoridation, with even more discussions scheduled in the months ahead. A huge thank you to the dentists and team members who have been showing up to educate their communities and

advocate for oral health. Your efforts are making an impact where it matters most.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the CFDDA Annual Meeting at Hammock Beach. This year's lineup of speakers and activities is truly exciting, offering a great mix of education, networking, and time to recharge. Whether you're looking to gain new clinical insights, stay on top of industry changes, or just catch up with colleagues, this event has something for everyone.

Best.

Vrinda Shah

#### Thank you to all who volunteered at the 2025 Florida Mission of Mercy in Daytona Beach, Florida. 1,511 patients, 10,264 procedures, \$1,924,427.00 in dental care.



Left: Smiling volunteers ready for their next patient!









Above: Event Co-Chairs, Dr. Bertram Hughes and Dr. Joseph Richardson, take a moment to rest. An awesome job done, and thank you!

# 2025 CFDDA Annual Meeting

A Meeting for Everyone — Dentists, Team Members, and Family!

#### **FEATURED SPEAKERS**

#### Friday, May 2, 2025



Dr. Mark Hyman

Dr. Mark Hyman - 2 CEUs A lecture for all "The Questions You Hate and the Answers You'll Love" A Guide for Dealing with Difficult Patients "OH NO! Not that one again!" After all your training, and years of hard work and tremendous sacrifice-don't you just hate it when you get those heart wrenching questions and resistance to case acceptance over and over again?

Your team and you work so hard, and care so deeply, so why is it that often our patients don't ask for optimal care and enthusiastically accept our treatment plans?

- Learn the power of high impact new patient experience.
- Review ten questions you must ask of each new patient.
- Commit to obtaining the necessary evidence for predictable case presentations.
- Role-play with your team the most common questions you absolutely HATE to hear and learn the most predictable answers you'll LOVE to give them.

Get ready to laugh, learn, and get fired up for a dramatic improvement of your case acceptance and your enjoyment of your practice!

### **Sunset by the Sea Reception**

Friday, May 2, 2025 7:00 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

Enjoy the wonderful ocean breezes as you relax with your family, peers, and team members.

Drink, Food, Sounds ... a great way to end a busy week!

#### Location: Grand Event Lawn

Dentists: Visit the FDA Services, Inc. table in the exhibit area for an additional drink ticket!

Mini-Golf Under the Stars ... Compete with other dental offices or with your own work friends for glow in the dark mini golf - 9 holes of fun! Price includes a drink ticket, goody bag, and glow ball souvenir for all who register.

Friday, May 2, 2025, 8:30 p.m.

\$15/pp - Limited Space - Register Early! Underwritten by Abyde. \*\*\*\*\*\*

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#### ■ Saturday, May 3, 2025



Dr. Indraneel Bhattacharyya

Dr. Indraneel Bhattacharyya - 4 CEUs Recommended for general dentists, specialists, RDHs

Oral Pre-Cancer and Cancer-Demystifying a Complex Disease This course will cover the molecular and clinical characteristics of oral premalignancy and oral cancer taking the participants through the basic biologic and clinico-pathologic concepts of these very important and serious oral lesions.

The course will simplify the complex nature of oral cancer and precancer and highlight the major clinical variations and prognostic considerations for these lesions.

#### Autoimmune Diseases of the Oral Cavity and their Management

This course is intended to familiarize and re-orient participants to the more common array of autoimmune disorders that affect the oral cavity including entities such as aphthous ulcers, lichen planus and pemphigoid, etc. and unusual oral manifestations of immune diseases such as lupus, pemphigus, drug ulcers, sarcoidosis, angioedema, etc.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

Upon completion of this course, participants should be able to:

- Recognize and understand oral precancer, especially the clinical features that have higher incidence of malignant conversion.
- Recognize and understand the complex nature of oral cancer and its myriad of presentations and the implications of this disease in regular dental practice.
- Understand the underlying pathogenesis, signs and symptoms of various autoimmune oral lesions.
- Recognize and understand the nuances of managing some of the autoimmune conditions affecting the oral mucosa.



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Friday, May 2, 2025

CFDDA Shorts - 3 CEUs 4 one hour mini-sessions.

- 1. "The Therapeutic Advantage of Bioactive Composites" Dr. Arthur Tomaro, Shofu
- 2. 5 HIPAA Compliance Mistakes You Can't Afford to Make -Mr. Chris Wheaton, Abyde
- 3. Choosing a Practice Consultant Dr. David Rice, IgniteDDS
- 4. Why to Refer? When to Refer? Dr. Joseph Richardson (Periodontist), Dr. Demetrick LeCorn (Endodontist), Dr. Frank Lozano (Prosthodontist), Dr. Christopher Hambrook (Oral Surgery), Dr. Amir Akhavan (Orthodontist)

■ Saturday, May 3, 2025

CFDDA Shorts (Part II) - 2 CEUs 4 one hour mini-sessions.

- 1. Essential Technology for 2025 and Beyond Dr. Mark Hyman, Digital Doc
- 2. Protecting Yourself Against Ransomware Attacks Ms. Sue Griffin, Black Talon
- 3. Risk Management Nichole M. Pieters, MS, RN, The Doctors Company
- 4. Financial Literacy Jon Broska, Edward Jones

View the complete meeting brochure at www.cfdda.org **Annual Meeting** 

#### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

■ Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> - All lectures run concurrently.

Badge Pick-up 6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Light Breakfast 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Meet our Vendors

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Lectures

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Break/Visit Vendors 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lectures Continue

12:30 p.m. - 12:40 p.m. Visit Vendors 1:00 p.m. Fun in the Sun!

7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Sunset by the Sea Reception 8:30 p.m. Mini-Golf Under the Stars

■ Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> - All lectures run concurrently.

6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Badge Pick-up Light Breakfast 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Meet our Vendors

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Lectures

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Break/Visit Vendors 10:35 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lectures Continue

12:30 p.m. Fun in the Sun!

CE Vouchers will be distributed at the conclusion of each lecture. The CFDDA reserves the right to revise the meeting schedule as needed.

#### YOU CAN'T WIN IF YOU DON'T PLAY!

Vendor Prize Drawings - Make sure to ask for a vendor visit sheet at the registration desk. Drawings will be held on Friday at 12:45 p.m. You must be present to win. More details at the meeting.

50/50 Raffle - \$10.00 per entry. This is a fundraiser for the Dr. Howard L. Pranikoff Leadership/Educational Memorial Scholarship. You do not have to be present to win. Drawing will be held on Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

### **Florida Dental Association**

You Need Sleep! Dental Sleep Medicine Hands-On Experience

Speaker: Dr. Gy Yatros

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Course Description: Dental Sleep Medicine is one of the fastestgrowing areas of dentistry. This fast-paced course will provide an overview of snoring, OSA, sleep bruxism, and the untreated health ramifications of OSA. It will also raise your awareness of OSA and get your practices started in screening and testing their patients for OSA.

After a brief overview of the 4 Pillars of Dental Sleep Medicine, attendees will begin their hands-on experience in measuring the patient's range of motion, adjusting various sleep devices, taking the 3-D bite, reviewing Home Sleep Apnea Tests (HSATs), and

making morning repositioners. Each attendee will fit and leave with their own provisional sleep device and experience a level 4 HSAT while also having an opportunity to review their individual HSAT results.

#### **Objectives:**

- Understand Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA) and why dentists should be involved in dental sleep medicine.
- Understand the 4 Pillars of Dental Sleep Medicine
- Learn OSA terminology so you can speak confidently with your medical colleagues
- Gain hands-on knowledge of the most common mandibular advancement devices
- Experience a level 4 Home Sleep Apnea Test (HSAT) and review your results
- Learn techniques for measuring the patient's range of motion
- Understand the concepts and participate in making an AM Aligner morning repositioning device
- Understand indications and experience fitting your own provisional mandibular advancement device

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

May 2-3, 2025 HAMMOCK BEACH RESORT

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May 9, 2025 Florida Board of Dentistry

Jacksonville, FL

June 19-21, 2025 Florida Dental Convention

Gaylord Palms - Orlando, FL

Florida Board of Dentistry August 15, 2025

Sunny Isles Beach, FL

October 23-25, 2025 ADA Annual Meeting-SmileCon

Washington, D.C.

#### Official Call

There will be a meeting of the CFDDA Executive Council on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at the Hammock Beach Resort, located at 200 Ocean Crest Drive, Palm Coast, FL 32137, in the Board Room, beginning at 3:30 p.m. This meeting is held in conjunction with the CFDDA Annual Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the CFDDA House of Delegates (HOD) on Thursday, June 12, 2025, 6:30 p.m. at the Marriott Courtyard Downtown Orlando, 730 North Magnolia Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801. The CFDDA Delegation will immediately caucus after the close of the CFDDA HOD for the upcoming FDA House of Delegates, June 20-21, 2025, Gaylord Palms, Orlando.

### **Affiliate** Corner

**Alachua County Dental Association** Meeting: Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 7PM, Dr. Neel Bhattacharyya, Topic: Non-Squamous Malignancies of the Head and Neck" Best Western Gateway Grand.

Contact: Dr. Cara Hill, alachuacountydental@gmail.com

Brevard County Dental Society Meeting: Thursday, April 17, 2025, 6PM, Dr. Anita Gohel, Topic: CBCT, Holiday Inn Viera. Contact: Kelly Millett, 321-636-1820, bcdssecretary@msn.com

Dental Society of Greater Orlando Meeting: Monday, April 28, 2025, 6:00PM, Dr. Alex Delgado, Topic: Operative Dentistry. Winter Park Community Center, 721 W. New England Ave, Winter Park. Contact: Sharon Hamilton, sharonhamilton@dsgo.org

Lake County Dental Association Meeting: The LCDA will begin meeting again in September.

Marion County Dental Association Meeting: Tuesday, May 20, 2025, Country Club of Ocala, 6:00PM Speaker/Topic: TBA. For more info contact: Charlie Gill, 352-342-2421, charliedental2@ gmail.com

Volusia-Flagler County Dental Association Meeting: Updated information to come. Contact: Dr. Darshan Patel, 386-316-9952, darshanp224@gmail.com

Don't belong to your local affiliate dental association? Contact any of the above to join and start networking with your peers close to your office/home.



### Dr. Howard L. Pranikoff Leadership/ **Educational Memorial Scholarship**

Dr. Howard Pranikoff was an ardent supporter of organized dentistry and held many leadership positions throughout his years as an American Dental Association, Florida Dental Association, and Central Florida District Dental Association (CFDDA) member.

The CFDDA remembers and honors Dr. Pranikoff by establishing the Dr. Howard L. Pranikoff Leadership Educational Memorial Fund to provide leadership training to young members.

Contributions are now being accepted.

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# **UF/D3 Event**

### Informative and Fun

The Florida Dental Association and Central Florida District Dental Association held a joint event on Thursday, January 30, 2025, for UF D3/ D4 dental students. Thank you to our panelists: Drs.



#### Ramzy Lofti, Morgan Kubis,

Carson Smith, and Paige Nicholson. After the panel, a social was held at Dave and Busters, where many CFDDA members joined in to discuss the practicing out there in the real world! We appreciate all who participated and look forward to the 2026 event.







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#### ■ Gainesville, North Central Florida

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