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President's Message



July 2023

I am honored and humbled to be elected President of the College of Diplomates (COD) of the American Board of Endodontics for 2023-2024. What makes this upcoming experience for me so exciting is that I am surrounded by an incredible group of Directors who are truly dedicated to the sustainability and growth of the College as well as the mentoring processes themselves. These stellar and passionate individuals include Ken Frick (immediate Past President), Craig Schneider (President-elect), Angela Noguera, Andrea Lisell (Pinnacle editor), Ron Taylor, Geno Salazar (Treasurer), Jeff Neal (Director of mentoring), and Jasmin de Guzman. They all bring a wealth of experience and innovative ideas to enhance the reputation of the College and its membership. In conjunction with this group is our Executive secretary, Aimee Rylko, who oversees and helps conduct

the business of the College. She is always behind the scenes ensuring our meetings are conducted appropriately including meeting minutes, collecting dues (hint: please pay your dues!), facilitating our presence at all of the AAE meetings including the Grossman reception along with our annual Board review course and our biannual Summer Conference. Members of the COD and those aspiring to become Board-certified typically are not aware of the tremendous amount of activity that Aimee does to ensure the fluidity and financial strength of the COD. The COD is lucky to have Aimee as our executive secretary. Next time you see her please give a heart warming thanks for all she is doing to make us as Directors look so good and make the COD run so efficiently and effectively.

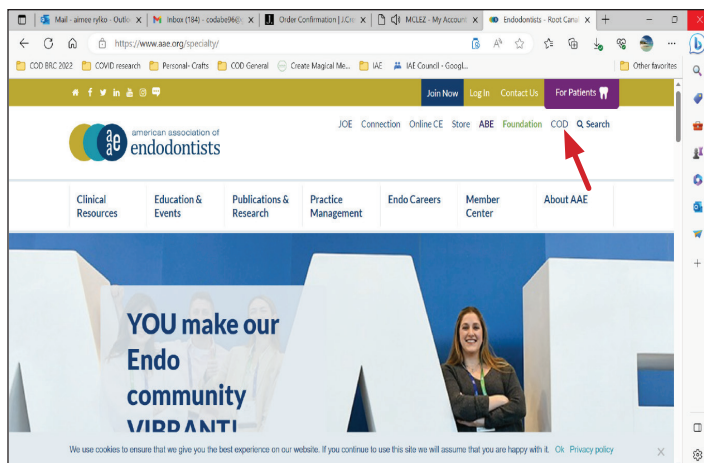
To all of those who are members of the COD and those aspiring to become a Diplomate of the ABE, I personally want the Directors to focus on the ultimate mission of the College and that is to encourage educationally qualified endodontists to pursue Diplomate status and make available Diplomates to mentor candidates throughout the certification process. This obviously involves all phases of the mentoring process. For the Written Exam, stay tuned for the announcement of a very unique and comprehensive virtual Board review course that will take place early next year—this will be designed to prepare one for both the Written and Oral Exam and for those endodontists who

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simply want to refresh and enhance their knowledge base. This Fall we already have a full mock oral exam schedule which shows how popular this phase of the mentoring process is. In fact, we need more mentors so we can have more mock Oral Exams! The Oral Exam, in my opinion, is the portion of the Certification process that I believe candidates are most apprehensive about. Being a past Director of the ABE and currently still an examiner for the Orals, I have witnessed this first hand. Candidates need practice to feel confident and we as Directors want to help these candidates get ready. In most cases, candidates know the material but freeze during the orals. Practice with post exam feedback is essential and the COD mentoring provides that opportunity. In addition, the Directors will be hosting the next Summer Conference at the Ritz Carleton in Orlando in the summer of 2024. I can assure you this Conference will be second to none and the Ritz will be a great venue for Diplomates and their families.

As you are well aware, the AAE and ABE certainly recognize the inherent value of the COD. If you view the current AAE website, the COD link is now listed at the top along with the Foundation JOE, and ABE.



One no longer has to scroll all the way down the page to locate the COD link. I want to personally thank Ken Widelka, executive director of the AAE, for making this happen. Something as simple as this will go a long way. Lastly, for any of you who would like to be a mentor for the Oral or Case portfolio exam, please reach out to Jeff Neal or any one of the Directors. Have a great summer.

Gerald Glickman

President, College of Diplomates

Dues Reminder for Our Members

For those that have not yet paid their 2023 dues, please know that without your support, of just \$100 per year, the College would not be able to continue the mission of helping promote board certification through events like the Annual Board Review Course & Scientific Update, New Diplomate Reception, biannual Mock Orals, and our biennial Summer Conference.

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to log into your account and pay your dues for 2023. If you are unable to pay online, a check payment can be made (US Funds only) to: College of Diplomates of the ABE.

Payments should be sent to
The College of Diplomates,
24067 Whispering Wheat Lane,
Cary, IL 60013.

If you need assistance with your login or payment, please reach out to our Executive Secretary, Aimee Ryko, at info@collegofdiplomates.org



Mentoring Update



Our team continues to shine! I am pleased to announce a fantastic beginning to the year. It is admirable to watch our group of mentors strive to assist board-eligible candidates along their path by selflessly volunteering their time. Our mentor requests have continued to grow especially the mock oral requests, which have had wait lists the last four cycles. Thus far in 2023, our cadre of mentors have been assigned 13 candidates for one or more of the three board examinations. In addition, our team successfully examined 20 candidates for two mock oral exams a piece in February 2023. In order to achieve this, we were able to secure 16 examiners to assist with the process. It has been impressive to facilitate our virtual Mock Oral Exams flourish into a biannual exam. Thank you to everyone who have contributed!

I started to track how successful we have been over the past 4 years. It has not been as easy as I thought it would. I have had to strictly rely on responses from candidates and/or Diplomate Pinning Ceremonies. We have received feedback from several candidates and I am pleased with our results. Since April of 2019, we have received mentor requests from 86 candidates, 23 of which have reported successful Diplomate status. An additional, 13 more have successfully challenged the Oral Exam. For those who signed up for our Mock Oral Exams only, in September of 2022, we provided exams for 20 candidates and six of them passed. In February of 2023, we provided exams for 20 more candidates and 13 of them

passed! These are not completely accurate numbers as some candidates did not reply to our outreach, however it is rewarding to see the impact our team has made on many careers.

I would like to introduce two mentors that recently joined our team in 2023: Dr. Dickson McGuire and Dr. Xiaofei Zhu. With the ever-growing number of board-eligible candidates seeking board certification, we continue to search for new mentors to join our team as we guide candidates through their journey of board certification. Our mission would not be possible without the tireless efforts from all of our amazing mentors. If you know someone who would fit our mission, please encourage them to reach out. He/she can apply to be a mentor (Case Portfolio and/or Mock Orals Mentor) by contacting Aimee Rylko at info@collegeofdiplomates.org or Dr. John J. Neal at endoddoc34@gmail.com.

By John "Jeff" Neal, DDS,

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*Chair of Mentoring,
College of Diplomates*

"The Mock Oral exam through the COD is the number one thing I have recommended to everyone who has approached me about preparing for the ABE Oral Exam. I found it to be the single most helpful resource in preparation for the exam."

Dr. Ross Rosenblatt

"Thank you for holding the mock oral exams, I really appreciated it. It was helpful to get the feedback 3 weeks before I actually took the oral exam."

Dr. Sara Barna



Dr. Jeff Neal discusses oral exam preparation at the BRC2023.



Board Review Course

The 13th Annual COD Board Review and Scientific Update (BRC) was held at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Dentistry, PACE Center from February 3-5, 2023. It was our first in person BRC since 2020 where over 3,000 CE credits were awarded to 150 attendees. Eleven expert speakers covered topics to help prepare candidates challenging the upcoming American Board of Endodontics' certification examinations, provided Diplomates and dentists Endodontic updates and continuing education credits needed for recertification. Topics ranged from vital pulp therapy, surgical endodontics to Oral exam preparation.



BRC Appreciation dinner



BRC Board of directors toasting to a successful BRC with Texas Ranch Water.



Dr.'s Kirkpatrick and Hicks pose with residents at the 2023 BRC.



Huge thank you to our sponsors ASI Dental Specialties, Brasseler, Endo1 Partners, Endo Mastery, EdgeEndo, Global Surgical, Seiler Instrument, TDO, and US Endo Partners.



Dr. Hwang's presenting on Vital pulp therapy to 150 BRC attendees.

COD New Diplomate Reception at AAE2023



The 97 new diplomates were presented with a COD commemorative Chicago Pin.



Congratulations 2023 Diplomates

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| Basil Al Shaikhly | Fazel Fakhari | Frances Park |
| Ibrahim Alaughaily | Yuehong Fan | Kony Park |
| Samaher Alotaibi | Jeremy Fike | Joon Park |
| Jomana Alotaibi | Anthony Fioretti | Biraj Patel |
| Lolwa Alotaibi | Angelique Ford | Ahmad Rayyan |
| Amir Arad | Sean Geary | Jessica Russo Revand |
| Keith Argraves | David Goerig | Alexandra Rihani |
| Amber Ather | Johnny Gosier | Babar Saleem |
| Milad Azadi | Kristofer Harris | Rodney Scott |
| Jin-Hwei Julianna Bair | Ryan Harris | Zhen Shen |
| Chezdan Baker | Jeffrey Heyse | Dara Siegel |
| Chad Bangarter | Tun-Yi Hsu | Priya Singh |
| Kelly Barbera | Khine Htet | Bracken Smith |
| David Buczak | Elizabeth Jones | Gregory Sprague |
| Arianne Buniag | Lauren Kai | Leila Tarsa |
| Jose Burgos | Lisa Kandella | Lisa Tran |
| Kristel Burgos | Katie Kickertz | Helen Tsao |
| Luke Cantemessa | Sean LaRue | Austin VanDusen |
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| John-Eric Cercek | Stephanie Lee | Matthew Walker |
| Shilpa Chaudhry | Jay Leer | William Walker |
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| Lisa Elias | Ali Mehrabian | Abby Yavorek |
| Rami Elsabee | Kathleen Molgaard | Xiaofei Zhu |
| Kerolos Elsayed | Russell Neal | Maan Zuaitar |
| Daniel Estrada | John Oganesyan | |



THE RITZ-CARLTON

Save the date!

Registration and more details to come.



August 1-4, 2024

Summer Conference
Ritz Carlton Orlando, Grand Lakes

Get ready to soak up the sunshine and the CE!

Join us for this educational and family-friendly event at a luxury resort with waterpark, spa and championship golf, hidden away in the heart of Orlando, just minutes away from the major theme parks.

Be sure your registration/contact info with the College is up to date so you do not miss any details about this amazing Members Only event!



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