Pierre Fauchard Academy



Welcome to the Pierre Fauchard Academy Academy Virginia Section Newsletter

Greetings from the Virginia Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy! The Virginia Section has had an amazing year! Being a member of the PFA means you are one of over 8000 professionals from around the world that can proudly call themselves a Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy!
The PFA is now a vibrant, growing organization. Our goals are to provide education and service while enjoying the networking with fellow colleagues.
The future is bright for the PFA and Virginia plans to lead the way to a bright future!!!

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New Fellows: Dr, David Circeo, Dr. Clint Norris, Dr. Maryjean Sotack and Virginia Section Chair-Dr. Cheryl Billingsley

Message from the Section Chair:

I am very honored to serve as the Section Chair of Virginia. This year will prove to be an awesome year for Virginia. The list of members is so impressive!!! What amazing talent the state of Virginia has to offer!

In November, we inducted 23 New Fellows!!! This was a record number of inductees for one year! Such an amazing class of new Fellows!!

In the coming year, we plan to increase our assistance with the MOMS project in Virginia. The Foundation PFA approved funds to assist the MOMS(Mission of Mercy) project after our state proposed the request.

We hope to plan a Regional meeting by 2019 which will include the states of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. We are in the process of obtaining a resort type location which will offer a nice leisurely meeting place for members and families.

Wishing you all a wonderful new year!

Cheryl Billingsley, DDS, MAGD

Section Chair of Virginia





Picture above: Dr. Sujit Mohanty receiving his PFA Medal at the Induction Ceremony, Dr. Gerri Ferris, Trustee placing the ribbons.

Picture to Left:

Dr. Cheryl Billiingsley, Section chair of Virginia and Dr. Richard Sawers, PFA President, from Australia

Pierre Fauchard Induction Ceremony-Virginia Section-Region 3

On November 11, 2017, the Virginia Section inducted a record number of Fellows into the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Twenty-three dentists were inducted as fellows during the lovely ceremony held in Richmond, Virginia at an exclusive location, Hondo's Chophouse. Everyone was able to "catch up" with their colleagues and celebrate their achievement of Fellow in PFA. All arrangements were planned by Dr. Cheryl Billingsley, Section Chair of Virginia along with the assistance of Dr. Gerri Ferris, Trustee of Region 3 and Dr. Billingsley's husband, the accountant.
Next year, we will continue to have an induction ceremony in Richmond, VA due to the great success of this dinner. Recently installed fellows have stated, "That was such a lovely night and ceremony". The attendees particularly enjoyed the slide show featuring each new Fellow designed by Dr. Billingsley. Featured were families, hobbies, and silly photos!!! What an awesome evening! We are grateful to all who participated to make this a very memorable experience.



Dr. Cheryl Billingsley

Pierre Fauchard Academy

Section Chair



Fellow Induction Ceremony

November 11, 2017

Pierre Fauchard Academy, Virginia Section



New Fellows and spouses: Dr. Jim Wallace, Dr. Marci Guthrie and Dr. Holly Lewis



New Fellows and spouses: Dr. Thomas Glazier, Dr. Sarah Dowdy, Dr. Frank Straus



New fellows catching up with colleagues: Dr. Marcell ambrect and wife, Dr. Karen McAndrew and husband, Dr. Sompop Bencharit, Dr. Carl Block

The MOM Story

Oral health is an integral part of the overall health and well-being of every person. Unfortunately, according to statistics reported by the Virginia Health Care Foundation:

- **3.8 million Virginians – roughly 47% of our state's population – have no dental insurance.**
- **Residents of 67 communities across the Commonwealth have no dental safety net provider.**
- **Of the existing safety net clinics, many operate on a part-time basis and have a demand for dental services that far exceeds their capacity.**

With nowhere to turn, thousands of people across Virginia experience pain, difficulty eating, embarrassment, and serious health complications resulting from oral disease, simply because they lack the resources to get comprehensive dental care and preventative services. That's why MOM exists – to provide access to free, quality dental care for underserved Virginians.

Created in 2000 by Dr. Terry Dickinson, executive director of the Virginia Dental Association, the Mission of Mercy (MOM) program operates mobile clinics across the Commonwealth, particularly in rural areas. MOM projects provide preventative, restorative, and surgical dental treatments for more than 4,000 low-income people each year, thanks to the contributions of time and talent from 2,500 volunteer dentists, dental hygienists, other dental professionals and community members. This year marks the 18th anniversary of MOM. Through 97 completed projects statewide, more than 65,000 adults and children have benefited from $43.6 million in donated dental care since the first project was held in 2000.



How to Help

MOM relies on an ever-growing network of generous supporters to carry out its mission. Join our 2017 Mission of Mercy by:

- **Making a Gift to MOM. The average cost of dental treatment per person is $55. Make a donation at www.vdaf.org or send a check to the Virginia Dental Association Foundation at the address below. Put "MOM" on the memo line.**
- **Volunteering at a MOM Project. See project dates and locations and sign up to volunteer at www.vdaf.org.**
- **Spreading the Word about MOM. Encourage your friends and colleagues to learn more about MOM and get involved.**
- **Host a MOM Fundraiser.** Turn your birthday or block party into an event with a cause.

VDAF 3460 Mayland Ct., Ste. 110, Richmond, VA 23233

The Mission of the Pierre Fauchard Academy

Our mission as Fellows in the Pierre Fauchard Academy is to recognize and grow leaders in the dental profession, their communities and society.

The Goals of the Pierre Fauchard Academy

To be a superior, quality, international dental honorary organization.

To encompass dentistry worldwide.

To have as Fellows the most outstanding dentists in every country in the world.

To select and induct individuals of the highest ethical, moral and professional standards.

To develop service-oriented projects.

To orient all Pierre Fauchard Academy leaders so they may have uniform workable guidelines.

To make the Pierre Fauchard Academy known thoroughout the world.

To make the Pierre Fauchard Academy a peer recognition body by virtue of its awards, it selectivity of Fellowship, and its service to dentistry in the worldwide community.

Get INVOLVED!!!

Please contact Dr. Cheryl Billingsley if you can volunteer to serve on the board, We have many opportunities for you to serve. Just email

cbiillingsleydds@gmail.com or call 804-387-4198! We can find a place for you to assist today!! We need your help to become the superior organzation we strive to be!!!

Check us out on the web at www.fauchard.org



Dr. Marcel Lambrechts receiving his PFA



John Billingsley III, our accountant for the evening, and Dr. Gerri Ferris, Trustee for Section 3 of the PFA



Dr. Gerri Ferris awarding Fellow status to Dr. David Circeo