



Mijin Choi, DDS, MS, MBA,
FACP

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As we reach the midpoint of 2026, I am delighted to share an update on the Academy's work and to extend my warmest wishes for a wonderful summer ahead. The first half of this year has been one of energy, collaboration, and meaningful progress, and I am grateful to every officer, committee chair, and member who has contributed their time and expertise.

Strengthening Our Governance

Good governance is the foundation of a strong Academy, and this year we have invested in it deliberately. The Bylaws & Policy Committee completed a comprehensive review of our bylaws, policies, and protocols and confirmed that our governing documents provide a strong structural framework. Council has adopted policy enhancements that strengthen communication, clarify fiduciary responsibilities, and reinforce consistent adherence to our governing documents. In addition, our officers and committee chairs participated in a parliamentary procedure workshop this spring, ensuring that our meetings continue to be conducted clearly, fairly, and efficiently.

Sound Financial Stewardship

Council has taken important steps to safeguard the Academy's long-term financial health. The REEF Fund is now allocated to conservative investments. I also appointed the Committee on Annual Meeting & Operations Analysis, which brings together our Treasurer and key committee chairs to build a year-over-year picture of meeting revenues, expenses, and sponsorship support. This work will give Council clearer data for setting fees and budgets and will help keep the Academy on solid financial footing for years to come.

A Growing Digital Presence

Our Communication Committee has been remarkably productive. The Academy's website now features a dedicated page for prospective exhibitors, our registration and event platforms are being evaluated to ensure we have the best tools for 2027 and beyond, and our social media engagement on Instagram and LinkedIn grew significantly in the first quarter of the year. These efforts keep our members connected and showcase the Academy to the wider prosthodontic community. My sincere thanks go to Dr. Samantha Rawdin and Dr. Leslie Stone Hirsh for their dedication to our communications and to this newsletter.

Looking Ahead to the Fall Meeting

Planning for our Annual Fall Meeting is well underway, and the program is shaping up beautifully, with an outstanding roster of speakers already confirmed. Our committees are also preparing for the new ADA CERP standards that took effect this June, ensuring that our continuing education offerings remain of the highest quality and fully compliant. We continue to enjoy strong support from our corporate partners, whose contributions are essential to the success of our meetings.

With Gratitude

None of this progress would be possible without the commitment of our Council, our committee volunteers, and our Executive Administrator. Thank you for your continued service, your thoughtful participation, and your dedication to the Academy's mission.

I hope the months ahead bring you time to rest, recharge, and enjoy the company of family and friends. Wishing you all a safe, happy, and wonderful summer — I look forward to seeing everyone at our Annual Fall Meeting.

Warm regards,

Mijin

Mijin Choi, DDS, MS, MBA, FACP

President-Elect, Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics

PRESIDENT-ELECT MESSAGE



Dear Colleagues,

As we prepare for the 72nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics, I want to express my gratitude for the dedicated community that defines our Academy.

This year's program is designed to offer exceptional clinical content and facilitate the meaningful professional exchange that distinguishes the GNYAP experience. Our shared commitment to excellence continues to drive our collective progress.

In the coming year, I look forward to building upon our strong foundation by fostering increased engagement across all membership levels and advancing education, research, and patient care. As Co-Chair of the Research Education Endowment Fund (REEF) alongside Dr. Lisa Antonoff, I am eager to expand the impact of GNYAP activities in promoting both prosthodontics and public oral healthcare.

It is an honor to serve alongside such distinguished colleagues, and I look forward to connecting with you all this December in New York City.

Warm regards,

Caroline

Caroline A. Grasso, DDS

President-Elect, Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Oscar González-Martín, DDS, PhD, MSc



Dr González-Martín is a Clinical Professor of Postgraduate Periodontology at the University Complutense of Madrid, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Periodontics and Perio-Prosthesis at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, guest lecturer in the Department of Restorative Dentistry and Biomaterials Sciences at Harvard University School of Dental Medicine, former Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Periodontics and Restorative Dentistry, and maintains a private practice in Madrid, Spain dedicated to Periodontics, Prosthesis and Implants.

Jay Neugarten, DDS, MD, FACS

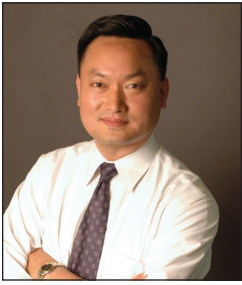


Dr Jay Neugarten maintains a private practice at the New York Center for Orthognathic and Maxillofacial/Craniofacial Surgery and holds an academic position at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. His practice specializes in orthognathic surgery, robotic-assisted procedures, and complex reconstructive care. A recognized ZAGA Center pioneer, he applies a prosthetically driven, multidisciplinary approach to the implant reconstruction as well as managing full spectrum of dentofacial and craniofacial abnormalities.

NEW GNYAP FELLOWS



Yongkun Kim, DDS, DMD



Dr Yongkun Kim serves as Clinical Professor in the Department of Periodontics and Clinical Associate Professor in the Division of Prosthodontics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, and maintains a private practice in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania.

Mauricio Lavie, DMD, MSD



Dr Mauricio Lavie is a Clinical Instructor in the Postgraduate Prosthodontic Department at Rutgers School of Dental Medicine and maintains a private practice at Chatham Prosthodontics in Chatham, New Jersey.

Aristotelis Marinis, DMD, DDS, MS, FACP



Dr Aristotelis Marinis is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics in private practice with Clear Choice Dental Implant Center in Hartford, Connecticut.

Oswaldo Nieves, DDS



Dr Oswaldo Nieves is Director of Preclinical Digital Education in the Department of Prosthodontics at Nova Southern University College of Dental Medicine and treats patients in the NSU faculty practice.

Luiz A. Pimenta, DDS, MS, MBA, PhD



Dr Luiz Pimenta is Professor of Prosthodontics at Columbia University College of Dental Medicine where he is Director of the Division of Prosthodontics, and a Fellow of the International College of Dentists.

Amit Punj, BDS, DMD, MCR, FACP, F(Pros) RCSEng



Dr Amit Punj is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and Associate Professor of Dentistry, Associate Professor of Medicine (Geriatrics), and Chief of Prosthodontics at Montefiore Medical Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine where he serves as Program Director of the Advanced Education in Prosthodontics Residency Program.

David Remiszewski, DMD, MDSc., FACP



Dr David Remiszewski is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and maintains private practices in Stamford and Newington, Connecticut.

Seung Jun Son, DMD, MS



Dr Seung Jun Son is an Assistant Professor of Dental Medicine at Columbia University College of Dental Medicine where he is Director of Predoctoral Prosthodontics and Digital Dental Technologies and maintains a private practice at Prosth Endo Dental Group in Vienna, Virginia.

Tassos Sfondouris, DDS, MS



Dr Tassos Sfondouris is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology and completed a 2-year Prosthetic Fellowship at the University of Maryland where he received his degrees. He is a former Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry, and currently practices full-time in Rockville, Maryland.

Leslie Stone Hirsh, DDS



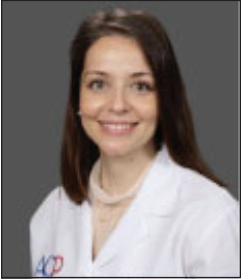
Dr Leslie Stone Hirsh serves as Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine Division of Prosthodontics, is a Fellow of the International Team for Implantology (ITI) and Diplomate of the Academy of Osseointegration, and maintains a private practice in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Jie Sun, DMD, MMSc, FACP



Dr Jie Sun is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and a lecturer on Restorative Dentistry and Biomaterials Sciences at Harvard School of Dental Medicine.

Foteini Touloumi, DDS, MDS, FACP



Dr Foteini Touloumi is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics, Associate Professor at the University of Connecticut Health Center Department of Prosthodontics, and in private practice at Hope Family Dentistry in Simsbury, Connecticut.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Dr. James Hudson

Dr. Theodore Sewitch

Dr. Frank Tuminelli

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS

Dr. James Hudson



Jim Hudson with World of Smiles

Members of the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics know James (Jim) Hudson for his exceptional and longstanding service to the Academy. Jim became an Active Fellow in 1997 and, over the next 29 years, has served the Academy in an extraordinary range of leadership and committee roles. He is currently Chair of the Bylaws and Policy Committee and served as President of the GNYAP in 2020, following in the footsteps of his father, Bill (President in 1973), and his grandfather, Campbell (President in 1962).

Jim's leadership in dentistry extends far beyond the Academy. He has held significant positions in multiple professional organizations, including the American Prosthodontic Society (President, Executive Director), the New York Academy of Dentistry (President), the American College of Dentists, New York Section, and the New York Society of Forensic Dentistry. He presently serves as a founding member of the newly formed American Academy of Prosthetic Dentistry. His commitment to public service also includes two elected terms on the Bronxville, New York Board of Education, where he served as President.

In academic dentistry, Jim spent 25 years as Clinical Assistant Professor of Restorative and Prosthodontic Sciences at New York University College of Dentistry. He has been a devoted educator in professional ethics, providing seminars to dental students and prosthodontic residents at NYU College of Dentistry, the Manhattan VA Medical Center, New York Hospital Queens, and the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine.

Following the events of 9/11, Jim served for more than nine months as Tour Commander for the Dental Identification Unit at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) of the City of New York, helping identify victims of both the World Trade Center attacks and the American Airlines Flight 587 crash. He continues this vital work as the Deputy Chief Forensic Dentist for the City of New York, in charge of Manhattan.

Jim's passionate commitment to service is especially evident in his efforts to expand access to oral health care for vulnerable and underserved populations. As a member of the Board of Directors (1992–2007) and President (2004–2007) of the Dental Clinics of the Boys Club of New York, he dedicated 15 years to delivering comprehensive oral health care to children of the working poor in New York City.



Seeking to make a global impact, in 2011 Jim founded the La Romana Oral Health Initiative to provide high quality oral healthcare to underserved children in the Dominican Republic. In 2016, he formalized this work by establishing World of Smiles, Inc., a nonprofit organization that has completed 27 outreach missions, created two year round dental facilities, and forged partnerships with all five dental schools in and around New York City—Columbia, Rutgers, Stony Brook, NYU, and Touro.

These clinics, staffed by full time Dominican dentists and supported by a team of approximately twenty volunteers—including eight dental students and pediatric residents—provide preventive and comprehensive dental care to thousands of children during four separate outreaches each year.



Jim's humanitarian work has been widely recognized. His honors include the American College of Dentists Outstanding Service Award, the New York Academy of Dentistry Humanitarian Award, and a Certificate of Recognition from Congressman Vito J. Fossella "to honor your unsung efforts and unselfish dedication to our city and nation during its time of need after the events of 9/11/01." He is also a recipient of the Gosta Gustafson Award "in recognition of efforts in the identification of the victims of 9/11/01 and

for the advancement of forensic dentistry in the United States,” the City of New York OCME Certificate of Recognition, the American College of Dentists New York Section Certificate of Appreciation for contributions in response to the 9/11 tragedies, and the Chief of Detectives Appreciation Award.

Jim’s vision, leadership, and unwavering commitment to service are both extraordinary and inspiring. His career exemplifies a lifelong dedication to serving vulnerable populations and expanding access to high quality oral healthcare for children everywhere. Perhaps no honor captures this more fully than the Delta Sigma Delta Supreme Chapter Achievement Award, presented to him in 2017 “in recognition of an outstanding record of Humanitarian Service to Mankind.”

Report From THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics is pleased to announce its 2026 Annual Scientific Session, **Advancing Excellence: Innovation and Interdisciplinary Strategies in Prosthodontic Care**, to be held December 4–5, 2026, at the iconic Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York City.



For generations, the GNYAP Annual Scientific Session has been recognized as one of the premier educational forums in prosthodontics, bringing together internationally renowned clinicians, researchers, educators, and industry leaders to explore the latest innovations shaping patient care. This year’s theme reflects the increasingly interdisciplinary nature of modern prosthodontics, highlighting the collaboration among prosthodontists, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, periodontists and biomaterials scientists that is driving transformative advances in patient treatment and outcomes.

The 2026 program has been carefully curated to showcase the innovations, technologies, biologic principles, and interdisciplinary strategies that continue to redefine contemporary prosthodontic care. Through a distinguished roster of internationally recognized speakers, attendees will gain practical insights into complex full-arch rehabilitation, advanced implant therapy, regenerative surgery, digital workflows, restorative biomaterials, treatment planning, esthetic dentistry, soft tissue management, leadership, and practice development.

The opening session will feature internationally recognized experts Drs. Enrico Agliardi and Davide Romeo discussing the evolution of surgical and restorative protocols for treatment of the atrophic maxilla, followed by Drs. Daniel Hammer and Mike Andersen presenting innovative concepts in maxillofacial reconstruction. Dr. Panos Papaspyridakos will then provide practical guidance through his highly anticipated FP1–FP3 treatment algorithm, setting the stage for a comprehensive discussion on contemporary full-arch rehabilitation.

Advances in restorative materials and adhesive dentistry will be highlighted by Dr. Nathaniel Lawson and Dr. Taiseer Sulaiman, two of the profession's leading voices in biomaterials research. Their presentations will address material selection, adhesive protocols, and the clinical realities of modern CAD/CAM dentistry.

The Friday afternoon program continues with presentations by the 2026 Schweitzer Research Award recipient, Dr. Frauke Müller, whose distinguished career has helped shape the field of Gerodontics. Additional sessions by Drs. Ramon Gomez Meda, Lambis Petridis, and Ernest Cholakos will explore immediate implant therapy, implant systems and connections, and the increasingly important role of relationship-based leadership and practice development in modern dentistry.

Saturday's program will focus on emerging technologies and biologic principles that continue to transform prosthodontic treatment. Dr. Amir Zandinejad will discuss advanced technologies in full-arch implant-supported prosthodontics, while Dr. Mauro Merli will present current concepts in bone regeneration. Additional lectures by Drs. Mariam Malament, Tony Rotondo, Naïf Sinada, and Luiz Gonzaga will address occlusion, esthetic-zone challenges, peri-implant soft tissue management, and facially generated treatment planning.

The meeting will conclude with presentations from distinguished leaders in prosthodontics and periodontics. The 2026 Distinguished Lecturer Award recipient, Dr. Lyndon Cooper, will deliver his lecture entitled "Prosthodontic Therapeutic Longevity: Questions that Require Answers." The final sessions, featuring internationally acclaimed periodontists Dr. Giovanni Zucchelli and Dr. Pat Allen, will focus on contemporary soft tissue grafting and the tunnel technique, offering attendees practical insights gained through decades of clinical experience.

In addition to the scientific program, attendees will have the opportunity to engage with colleagues during panel discussions, poster presentations, commercial exhibits, networking events, and the traditional GNYAP awards ceremony. The meeting will honor Dr. Frauke Müller with the Schweitzer Research Award, Dr. Lyndon Cooper as Distinguished Lecturer, and Dr. Steve Eckert with the GNYAP Achievement Award, recognizing their remarkable contributions to prosthodontics and dental medicine.

As prosthodontics continues to evolve through technological innovation and interdisciplinary collaboration, the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics remains committed to providing a forum where scientific discovery, clinical excellence, and professional leadership converge. We look forward to welcoming colleagues, residents, students, laboratory professionals, and industry partners to New York City for what promises to be an exceptional educational experience and a memorable celebration of our profession.

Carlo Ercoli CDT, DDS, MBA, FACP
Chair, GNYAP Program Committee

GNYP 72ND SCIENTIFIC MEETING

December 4-5, 2026

ADVANCING EXCELLENCE: INNOVATION AND INTERDISCIPLINARY STRATEGIES IN PROSTHODONTIC CARE



THE GREATER NEW YORK ACADEMY OF PROSTHODONTICS

Advancing the Art, Science and Practice of Prosthodontics

GNYP 2026 SPEAKERS

Dr. Enrico Agliardi & Dr. Davide Romeo, *Member*

“Evolution of Surgical and Restorative Protocols in the Treatment of the Atrophic Maxilla”

Dr. Daniel Hammer & Dr. Mike Andersen

“Standing on the Shoulders of Giants: Moving Beyond Maxillofacial Reconstruction”

Dr. Panos Papaspyridakos, *Member*

“The One Big Beautiful FPI-FP3 Algorithm”

Dr. Nathaniel Lawson

“An Update on Bonding to Indirect Restorative Materials”

Dr. Taiseer Sulaiman

“From Blocks to Bites: Making the Correct CAD/CAM Material Choice for Everyday Restorative Dentistry”

Dr. Frauke Müller

“From Prosthodontics to Gerodontology”

Dr. Ramon Gomez Meda

“Immediate Implants FPI”

Dr. Lambis Petridis

“Implant Systems and Connections: Myths vs. Clinical Reality”

Dr. Ernest Cholakis

“The Relationship Economy in Dentistry: Referral Networks, Relationship Leadership, and Sustainable Brand Development”

Dr. Amir Zandinejad

“Advanced Technologies and Innovations in Full Arch Implant Supported Fixed Prosthodontics”

Dr. Mauro Merli

“The New Generation of Bone Regeneration”

Dr. Mariam Malament, Member

Occlusion in Modern-Day Ceramic Materials and Workflows

Dr. Tony Rotondo

Limited Spaces in the Esthetic Zone

Dr. Naïf Sinada

Implant Soft Tissue Interface

Dr. Luiz Gonzaga

“The Modern Facially Generated Treatment Planning”

Dr. Lyndon Cooper

(Distinguished Lecturer)

“Prosthodontic Therapeutic Longevity: Questions that Require Answers”

Dr. Giovanni Zucchelli

Soft Tissue Grafting

Dr. Pat Allen

“Current Use of the Tunnel Technique: 25 years of Experience”

GNYAP 2025 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Dr. Lyndon Cooper

2026 Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics Achievement Award

Dr. Steven Eckert

2026 Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics Distinguished Lecturer Award

Dr. Frauke Müller

2026 Jerome M. and Dorothy Schweitzer Research Award
of the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics

UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, December 3, 2026

Harmonie Club
4 East 60th Street, New York City

MEMBER MEETING: 9am

KANTOR SEMINAR: 9am

LUNCHEON: 12 noon

NEW MEMBER PRESENTATIONS: 1pm

Friday-Saturday, December 4-5, 2026

GNYAP Scientific Meeting
Jazz at Lincoln Center
Broadway at 60th Street, New York City

Saturday, December 5, 2026

Evening Gala

Harmonie Club
4 East 60th Street, New York City

**Due to the tremendous response and limited seating,
be sure to register early for the Saturday evening Gala!**

Report From the REEF-RESEARCH EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

As many of you know, we have worked hard for several years to develop a fundraising initiative, the **Research Education Endowment Fund**. This REEF fund will support “Excellence in Education” and to develop our future membership. The REEF goals are to promote Prosthodontic Research, Sponsorship of students and residents and Mentorship Initiatives. Donations at all levels are welcome and appreciated. Gifts range anywhere from \$100.00 to \$5,000.00. In addition, donations are tax deductible.

The Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics has had a longstanding mission to promote the art and science of Prosthodontics and now the REEF has aligned its mission and goals in providing essential support for PG Residents and DDS students interested in the discipline of Prosthodontics. We have always fostered and involved young graduates and prosthodontic residents in our organization. They are the future lifeline of our Academy. Our own Academy has a research component that supports younger practitioners in completing research projects and presenting them at our scientific meeting. Some of our current fellows have been recipients of the Academy’s research grants.

We are fully committed to the success of this vital initiative and ask for your support in proudly growing, maintaining, and cementing the legacy of our Academy. We are passionate about this project. In achieving financial independence, we provide future generations with a strong and secure foundation to navigate the developing field of prosthodontics. Our next generation of dentists deserves the very best our Academy has to offer.

Lisa R. Antonoff, DDS

Caroline A. Grasso, DDS

Co-chairs, GNYAP REEF-Research Education Endowment Fund

Report From the FALL ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE

The GNYAP Fall Arrangements Committee is hard at work ensuring that our 2026 Fall Meeting at Jazz at Lincoln Center will be another outstanding gathering for our membership. The committee has been attending to every detail across all aspects of the meeting program, and early planning is well underway.

A highlight of this year’s meeting will be an incredible lineup of speakers drawn from across the globe, bringing a rich diversity of perspectives, expertise, and experience to the program. Members can look forward to thought-provoking presentations that reflect the truly international character of our organization. Leading this distinguished gathering will be our current President, Dr. Mijin Choi, whose vision and leadership continue to inspire the work of GNYAP and set the tone for a meeting of the highest caliber.

From the opening business meeting on Thursday through the full program of sessions and events, the committee is committed to delivering a memorable experience for all attendees. The meeting will culminate on Saturday evening with a closing celebration at the Metropolitan Club.

The committee's work spans the full breadth of meeting logistics and programming all with an eye toward making this one of our best Fall Meetings yet. More details will be shared as plans are finalized, and we look forward to seeing everyone in New York. Stay tuned for registration information and the full program in the coming months.

Marjan Moghadam, DDS, MA

Chair, Fall Arrangement Committee

GNYAP 2026 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



First row: Drs. Jason Holden, Anthony Sallustio, Gary Nord, Caroline Grasso, Mijin Choi, Samantha Rawdin, Robert Berg, Michael Klotz, Marjan Mogham;
Second row: Dr. Ernesto Lee; Not pictured: Drs. Glenn Simonelli, Shankar Iyer, Howard Livers, Paul Small

President: Dr. Mijin Choi

President-Elect: Dr. Caroline Grasso

Vice President: Dr. Robert Berg

Secretary: Dr. Michael W. Klotz

Secretary-Elect: Dr. Jason Holden

Treasurer: Dr. Anthony Sallustio

Immediate Past-President: Dr. Ernesto Lee

A LOOK AT OUR PAST

by Dr. Kenneth M. Schweitzer
with contributions from Drs. Kenneth S. Kurtz and Dennis N. Morea



Dr and Mrs. Jerome Schweitzer



the Nagels and Schweitzers

Over seventy years ago on December 6, 1954, thirteen inspired, dedicated individuals with strong academic backgrounds met at the Finland House restaurant in New York City to discuss a concept of an organization that would be dedicated to the advancement of prosthodontics. That event was the first organizational meeting of what would become The Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics. Little did those thirteen individuals realize they were establishing the beginnings of one of the most prestigious and well-respected academies in all organized dentistry.

Our membership is an elite group. Academy members include leaders in prosthodontics who represent Academics, private practice, government service, research and industry. Our membership is reflected on editorial boards, certifying boards, universities, hospitals and every national prosthodontics organization. Academy fellows have been presidents of nearly every professional organization in prosthodontics both nationally and internationally.

Perhaps the strongest attribute of the GNYAP is in its ability to nurture and mentor the younger and future mentors. This mentoring is an intangible asset that has allowed the Academy to rise and become one of the most prestigious prosthodontics organizations throughout the world.

During the initial organizational meeting different names were considered for the academy including Northeast Prosthodontics Academy and Atlantic Coast Academy of Prosthodontics until the current name was decided upon. Jerome M. Schweitzer was elected as the first president, and the first large public meeting was held at the New York University College of Dentistry on December 3-4, 1955.

This meeting proved to be an outstanding success both scientifically and socially. A dinner dance followed the meeting at the St. Regis Roof ballroom and has since become an integral tradition of the Fall meeting. The Fall Meeting grew every year, and its success made it necessary to move from academic halls to larger venues including The Waldorf Astoria, Plaza Hotel, and presently Jazz at Lincoln Center. The Academy became noted for not only the quality of the scientific presentations but also the sometimes-heated debates and discussions following the presentations.

Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics: Mission, Foundations and Awards

The mission of the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics is to benefit dental patients by advancing the art, science and practice of prosthodontics, encouraging the highest ethical standards and professional involvement while promoting a better relationship among other dental disciplines of dentistry and related professions.

The founders' primary reason for establishing the academy was to promote scientific investigation. A Scientific Investigation Committee was formed in 1955 and a variety of topics for research were proposed. Members were committed to experiment mainly within the office environment. This methodology was effective for many years but was later superseded by prosthodontic post-graduate program studies in a more controlled environment. The Scientific Investigation Committee has an annual budget of over \$20,000.00 that is awarded to applicants attending national prosthodontic programs.

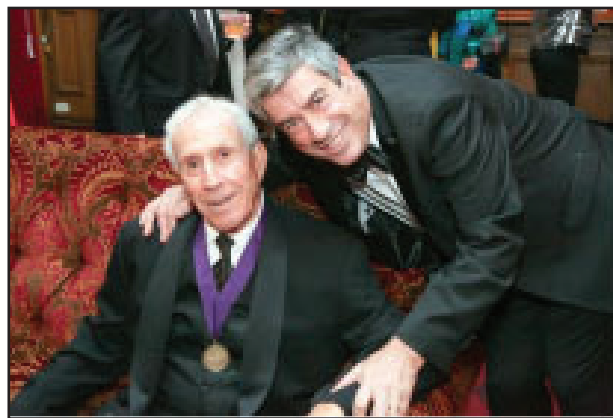
In 1966 The Jerome M. and Dorothy Schweitzer Research Award was created to provide an impetus to encourage and reward research in the field of prosthodontics. Each year a committee appointed by the council reviews candidates who have made outstanding contributions relevant to the field of Prosthodontics in both basic and clinical research. The dynamic list of awardees since 1967 speaks to the significance of this award.

In 1979, Davis Henderson became the Academy's first Distinguished Lecture Awardee. The award was established to recognize individuals who possess exceptional didactic skills as a dental educator. Since that time, every year following the Saturday luncheon an awardee presents a paper to academy members on a topic relevant to their area of expertise in prosthodontics.

In 1986 the Academy initiated the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics Achievement Award. This award was established to recognize individuals, dentist or non-dentist, who have contributed to the welfare and advancement of the Academy, prosthodontics, science, health professions or humanity.



Dr. and Mrs. Martin Kantor



Drs. Harold Litvak and Michael Litvak

In 1995 the inaugural Martin Kantor Seminar was established at the Fall GNYAP Scientific Session for the Academy's 50th Meeting. The seminar is named for our past Fellow, Dr. Martin E. Kantor, whose commitment to prosthodontic education lives on. Dr. Kantor was a champion and advocate for prosthodontic residents, a recruiter and outstanding mentor for many years. The featured speakers were Tomas Albrektsson, MD, PhD and Harold Litvak, DMD, MSD. This special seminar encourages discussion between the attendees and speakers. It is an excellent opportunity for residents to meet these dedicated educator-clinicians in the open forum setting.

Every year the Academy continues to grow, establish higher standards in prosthodontics and attract the best and most dedicated individuals to be part of and contribute to the organization. Since its founding in 1954, over three hundred and fifty individuals have been able to call themselves members of this incredible family of people.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS

Dr. Kenneth Kurtz

President,
American College of Prosthodontists

Dr. German Gallucci

Board of Directors Chair,
International Team for Implantology (ITI)

Dr. Louis F. DeSantis

Vice-President,
American College of Prosthodontists

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Director,
American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry

Dr. Carlo Ercoli

Co-President,
American Academy of Prosthetic Dentistry

Dr. Gary Nord

ACP Regional Membership Director,
Northeast Region 1

Dr. Effie Habsha

Co-President,
American Academy of Prosthetic Dentistry

**Dr. Marion Brown, Dr. Carlo Ercoli,
Dr. Frank Tuminelli**

American Board of Prosthodontics Leadership

*Please let us know if you have a professional accomplishment
we can acknowledge in next year's GNYAP Newsletter*

2025 GNYAP RESEARCH GRANT RECIPIENTS

Dr. Anwar Alshaiji

New York University

“Comparative analysis of digital impression accuracy using Straumann® CARES® MONO and Io Connect scan bodies in edentulous full-arch models: An In Vitro Study” - \$2544.00

Dr. Jeeun Lee

New York University

“Effect of Implant Divergence on Retention Loss of Novaloc® PEEK Retentive System for Overdenture After Simulated Long-Term Use: An In-Vitro Study” – \$3,795.00

Dr. Majd Qadoumi

Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine

“Evaluation of Physical and Mechanical Properties and Lifetime Predictions of 3D Printed Definitive Restorations” - \$5000.00

Dr. Niyati Reddy

New York University

“Comparative Analysis of the Effects of Surface Defects on Hydrothermal Degradation and Mechanical Properties of Multilayered ZirCAD Prime and Monolithic ZirCAD LT Zirconia: An In Vitro Study”
- \$4,290.00

Dr. Thunyamon Wongsuwannakorn

State University of Buffalo New York

“Comparative Evaluation of Abutment-supported Zirconia Fixed Prostheses with and without Titanium Bases with Different Prosthetic Screw Designs: An In Vitro Study” - \$5,000

MISSION STATEMENT

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE



We hope you enjoy the 2026 GNYAP Newsletter. Thank you Carol, Mijin, Mike, Caroline, Jim, Ken, Samantha, Carlo, Marjan, Lisa, and everyone who made it possible. We look forward to seeing you at the 72nd Scientific Meeting in December!

With warm regards,

Leslie

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