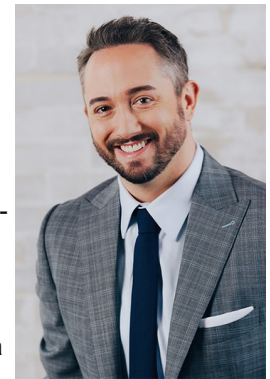




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Allied Staff News

Dr. Joshua Austin 2022 Annual Session Clinician Spotlight



Dr. Joshua Austin is a graduate of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School, he served five years post-graduation as faculty in the Department of Restorative Dentistry.

Today he maintains a full-time restorative dentistry private practice in San Antonio, TX. Dr. Austin is a published author and lectures nationally on restorative dentistry and reputation management. As editorial director and columnist for Dental Economics focusing on dental products and technology, he offers a fresh approach in today's commercial driven dental journalism. Dr. Austin has been honored with several awards during his dental career.

Thursday, May 12, 2022 – “The Chamfered Psyche: The Mental Dental Connection”

This course explores strategies for working together to improve mental health so we can be our best. Learn how to recognize triggers and warning signs, identify essential tools and resources and discover how and when to refer to a mental health professional. Explore and understand mental health terms, common treatments and therapy options. Gain coping mechanisms and learn how to manage expectations. – both our own and those of our patients.

Thursday, May 12, 2022 – “Reputation Matters: The ‘No Cost’ Method for Growing Your Practice”

This course demystifies the world of online reviews. We will explore the academic literature and analyze the psychology of online reviews and buying decisions. Learn which review sites are most important and impactful to dental practices. Recognize the systems and tools that ensure success in receiving positive patient reviews. Discover the best way to respond to a negative review.

Friday, May 13, 2022 – “Materials and Tech that Expedite Excellence”

In this interactive, fast moving course, Dr. Austin shares the current trends in dental materials and technologies. Learn how materials have changed over the past few years and how those changes can affect your procedures and practice.

National Children’s Dental Health Month

With National Children’s Dental Health Month coming in February, the ADA Catalog will be running sales on kids’ brochures and activity books in February related to the observance.

The publications include:

- Your Child’s Teeth.
- Your Child’s Teeth from Birth to Age 6.
- Your Child’s Teeth from Ages 6-12.
- Dental Sealants.
- Dental Fun Book.
- Dental Health Activity Book.

A free poster about the special month is also available, created by the ADA Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention.

This year’s campaign slogan is “Sealants Make Sense” and the poster is printed in English on one side, and Spanish on the other. For more products from the ADA Catalog, visit ada.org/ncdhm2022.



Check your mailbox....

2022 Allied Dues Statements have been mailed out.

Renew your 2022 Allied Dues by March 1, 2022 to receive FREE Annual Session Registration!



Be Well During the Holidays



We can all use a little help in figuring out how to manage our level of stress during the holiday season. A lot of the stress can be avoided if we manage ourselves well. Setting boundaries and having realistic expectations are a couple of the best ways to manage the holidays well. Oftentimes we create problems for ourselves by believing we are responsible for other people's holiday experiences and our own tendencies toward having a "perfect" holiday.

Take the time to consider what is really important to you, maybe it's attending a child's school program or going to church or making one kind of cookie instead of six. Reduce the time and effort you invest. It is alright if the holidays are different this year. You might need to prioritize your time, energy and patience. Take time for what is important and let go of the rest.

What kinds of limitations or boundaries can you set that would decrease the stress you feel during the holidays?

Can you decline attending (or hosting) a few holiday parties or events? Can you set limits on gift-giving insanity?

Most likely you will end up saying "no" to people who have come to expect something of you during the holiday season. Chances are these people are important to you and you don't want to let them down. Although your mindset toward the holidays may have changed, their expectations of you probably remain the same, creating a potential source of friction.

Experts say that you'll have the best results with boundary setting if you set your limits well before the holidays. Announcing a major change to your holiday plan at the last minute could be perceived as being inconsiderate or disrespectful. Communicate your boundaries to others early and often.

Honest conversations can be difficult, but if communicated correctly the message can be accepted with minimal objection. It's important to be clear - don't hint or insinuate - which will only result in misinterpretation and frustration.

Enjoy the holidays within your own boundaries - you'll thank yourself for it in the New Year.

Mary Wolf, LPC-MH, BCC, provides confidential assessments to help dental professional process their situation, determine next steps, and offer the right level of referrals as needed. This assessment is free for dentists and their staff members in South Dakota. If you, or a dental professional you know, could use some assistance, please contact Mary.

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Dental Offices Invited to Partner with Dental Assisting Students

Dental Assisting was recently approved to participate in the Build Dakota Scholarship program, a full-ride opportunity for students pursuing high-need careers in South Dakota. The scholarship covers 100% of tuition, fees, books, tools/equipment and other required program items.

Industry partners cover a portion of the scholarship in return for the scholar's commitment to work for the company for three years after graduation. Scholars also agree to maintain a 2.5 GPA and adhere to attendance and behavioral policies.

Not only can Build Dakota Scholarships open the door to a pipeline of talented dental assistants into your practice, but participating in the program is also an affordable way to upskill your company's current workforce.

New, degree-seeking students of all ages can apply for the scholarship during the January 1 - March 31, 2022 application window. Students must be accepted by the technical college before they can apply for the scholarship.

Participating industry partners review applications and follow their typical hiring process to determine which student(s) may be a good fit for our practice. Scholars also sign contracts with the industry partner and Build Dakota which outline commitments by all parties, including repayment terms.

To learn more about how we can help address your local workforce issues, visit [Build Dakota Industry Partners | Build Dakota Scholarship \(builddakotascholarships.com\)](https://www.builddakotascholarships.com)

Or contact:

Lake Area Technical College: Dental Assisting Diploma or AAS- Melissa Walder 605.882.5284

Southeast Technical College: Dental Assisting Diploma- Paula Hawks- 605.367.5512

Western Dakota Technical College: Dental Assisting Diploma- Jennie Best- 605.718.2436

Build Dakota Scholarship (General Questions): Deni Amundson- 605.347.1804



Classified Ads

Professional Receptionist Needed: High-Tech dental office looking for a full-time professional receptionist. As the first person our patients see, you will set the tone for our office. Therefore, we are looking for someone with excellent interpersonal skills and a warm demeanor. Along with making our patients feel welcome, you'll also be responsible for managing incoming calls and emails, scheduling appointments, and doing administrative tasks. Attention to detail is a key requirement for this position. We'd like all applicants to have solid prior experience in a similar setting with both front office and dental assisting preferred. The hours are 7:45 am – 3:00 pm Monday-Thursday & 7:45 am - 2 pm Friday. We offer competitive salary and benefits. If you think you might be a good fit for our office, please reply to this posting and submit a cover letter and resume to: Missouri River Dentistry; 304 Island Dr. Fort Pierre, SD 57532; [in-fo@missouririverdentistry.com](mailto:info@missouririverdentistry.com); Fax: 605-223-9021.

Brookings Dental Clinic is now taking applications for a full or part time **dental assistant** to join our established family practice. Front office experience preferred. We take great pride in our team and community, and our mission statement is high quality compassionate care for all patients. If you are a caring, hardworking, and motivated individual, our team is the right fit for you. Send resumes to: openwide@brookings.net or 2215 Derald Drive, Brookings, SD 57006.

Brookings Dental Clinic is now taking applications for a full or part time **registered hygienist** to join our established family practice. We take great pride in our team and community, and our mission statement is high quality compassionate care for all patients. If you are a caring, motivated, and hardworking individual, our team is the right fit for you. Send resumes to: openwide@brookings.net or 2215 Derald Drive, Brookings, SD 57006.

Dental Hygienist: Are you a dental hygienist looking for a change? Delta Dental of South Dakota's Mobile Program has opportunities for dental hygienists. These opportunities include both—full time and/or part-time flexible schedules, including working specific weeks and/or months out of the year. The dental hygienists will work under collaborative supervision in southwest South Dakota, primarily on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The dental hygienists will join a team providing preventive services and oral health education in schools, Head Starts, etc. Extensive travel is required. Excellent salary and benefits including health, dental, vision, life/long term disability insurance, paid holidays, vacation/sick leave, 401k, and more. For more information visit www.deltadentalsd.com. Submit a cover letter and resume to: summer.sporrer@deltadentalsd.com. Questions? Contact Summer Sporrer at 605-494-2569.

Dr. Daniel Pompa—2022 Annual Session Clinician Spotlight

Dr. Daniel Pompa is an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon. He is a Fellow in both the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and the International Congress of Oral Implantologists. Dr. Pompa practiced Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for over 30 years in New York and now lectures full time. Dr. Pompa is a visiting speaker at eight Dental Schools throughout the U.S. He is an author with nine courses on-line and has published in many journals. Dr. Pompa has now presented over 500 lectures both Nationally and Internationally. He is also an inventor, having been issued a U. S. Patent for his contribution in developing protocol for CT Guided Surgery in Dental Implantology.



Friday, May 13, 2022 - "Medical Emergencies"

There are more medically compromised patients coming to our offices than ever before. Acquire "up to the minute" actions for dealing with a medical emergency while challenging preconceived or outdated ideas. A step-by-step medical approach using basic physical diagnostic methods is reviewed, giving the attendee a clear understanding of these medical findings. Learn simple, non-invasive critical tests that can reduce overall risks. The newest techniques for drug administration will be shown for participants to hone their skills utilizing simulation models and real drugs. Attendees will receive and review color-coded instructional cards depicting the most common life-threatening situations with algorithms providing an easy-to-follow action plan for both dentist and team members. Review of the legal and moral obligations that are presented during a medical crisis will also be discussed.

Saturday, May 14, 2022 - "To Pull or Not to Pull"

Advancements in delivering periapical surgery have resulted in success rates that can be equivalent to implant replacement when certain guidelines are adhered to. Periapical surgery as an adjunct to endodontic treatment is a proven approach. With the introduction of new surgical techniques and a systematic method to the diagnosis and treatment of compromised teeth, the clinician should be able to more accurately determine the long-term prognosis for these treatment options. Evaluate treatment options with an evidence-based approach when a tooth is ailing or failing. This course will describe the indications and contraindications for performing or referring a patient for apical surgery with a specific 7 step workup.

Allied Workforce Opportunities

A recent survey of SDDA members indicates as many as half of the dental offices in the state are actively looking for at least one dental hygienist or dental assistant. In an effort to help dental offices and new team members find one another, the SDDA is offering an online career center. Go to *Bridge the Gap* on sddental.org to view the SD Opportunities.



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CONTINUING EDUCATION CALENDAR

The listing of these programs is provided as a service to SDDA Newsletter subscribers, and does not mean that these programs have been endorsed or approved by the SD Dental Association or the SD State Board of Dentistry. All members are cautioned to evaluate the programs on their own merit.

SDDA 2022 ANNUAL SESSION

Contact: Melissa Afdahl 605-224-9133
melissa@sddental.org; www.sddental.org

May 12-14, 2022 Rapid City, SD

WESTERN DAKOTA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Contact: 605-718-2410

Dental Radiology 2-Day Course

Jan. 15-16, Feb. 12-13, March 12-13,
April 9-10, or May 7-8, 2022 in Rapid City

Third Friday of the Month, mornings

➤ American Heart Association CPR Class for
Healthcare Professionals

Third Friday of the Month, afternoons

➤ American Heart Association Healthcare
Provider CPR Recertification

SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Contact: 605-367-4607

➤ **Dental Radiology (2-day course)**
April 29-30, 2022

LAKE AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Contact: Amy Meadors, 800-657-4344

Amy.Meadors@lakeareatech.edu

<https://www.lakeareatech.edu/corporate-education/corporate-education-registration/>

Home Study Radiology Courses available:

- Radiology Safety
- Radiography Production

CPR

Contact: Tia Meyer, 605-842-5672
meyertia@hotmail.com

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Contact: Dept. of Dental Hygiene
605-677-5379

Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen Sedation Course

Offered two to three times per year

Home Study Radiology Courses available:

- Digital Radiography, Advantages & Disadvantages
- Exposure Errors of Periapicals & Bitewings
- Processing Errors
- Occlusal Exposures for Children
- Oral Effects of Head & Neck Radiation Therapy
- Panoramic Radiography
- Radiation Safety
- Vertical Bitewings
- Fluoride Varnish, Indication & Application

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