

# SEAP MESSENGER

A NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ACADEMY OF PROSTHODONTICS

FALL 2023



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## 70th Annual Meeting of SEAP

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CHARLOTTE  
**April 25-27, 2024**



For those who could not attend the meeting in Virginia we had an unexpected change in leadership. Due to personal considerations our President Elect had to step down so we have decided to continue with the meeting in North Carolina anyway. I have decided to chair the “meeting committee” and we will forge ahead.

The 2024 meeting of the Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics will be in Charlotte, NC, in the heart of a vibrant shopping area in midtown Charlotte. We have contracted with the Doubletree Inn and Suites which overlooks Symphony Park and is within walking distance of the South Park Mall area. The hotel is an all suites hotel and should provide all the amenities with a somewhat lower price which I think all will appreciate. It is close to many restaurants and some of the best shopping in all of North Carolina. There will be plenty to do and Charlotte is centrally located within our membership. Charlotte airport is a major hub for American so a direct flight is usually obtainable. It is also easy to drive to.

We will kick off with golf on Thursday as in the past. Something we used to do but haven't done in the past is an early bird dinner on Wednesday evening. It will be “Dutch treat” but we will try to find a restaurant nearby where we can gather and eat together.

For the scientific program, we have contracted with Dr. Bill Robbins for the all day Friday lecture. If you have not seen Bill speak, you are in for a treat and if you have seen him, you always pick up something new. He will speak on management of common failures we see in our practices and how to manage them. It should be an enlightening program. For the half day Saturday we will have Dr. Lyndon Cooper. Lyndon currently serves as Dean of VCU and is always an exceptional speaker. He spoke at SEAP about 10 years ago and we are excited to have him back.

# Meet Recent SEAP Scholarship Recipients

Drs. Tony L. Huynh, Tyler Nunnery, and Blair Lawrence Smith were awarded their scholarships in 2022. Dr. Huynh and Dr. Smith were able to meet many SEAP members at the 2023 meeting in Virginia. Drs. Riley Allen and Bilal Elshamy are the 2023 recipients and hopefully they, along with Dr. Nunnery, will be able to attend the upcoming 2024 annual meeting in North Carolina.



**Dr. Tony Huynh** is a native Memphian. He studied Biology with a minor in Chemistry at the University of Memphis, receiving summa cum laude upon graduation. His work experience includes six years as a dental assistant in private practice. He then went on to complete his Doctor of Dental Surgery at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. Dr. Huynh has a strong passion for complete dentures. He believes it is the fundamental foundation for any full-mouth rehabilitation. His passion for dentistry and teaching and his desire to learn more are what sparked his interest in a Prosthodontics Residency. He is currently the chief resident at the UTHSC Department of Advanced Prosthodontics. During his residency, he also worked in private practice in Mississippi and Tennessee. Outside of dentistry, Dr. Huynh is a self-proclaimed food critic. He has no hesitation to travel and try out different cuisines or cook at home. He is in the top 20% of food critics according to Google. His reviews and photos have reached an audience of over 200,000 people.



**Dr. Tyler Nunnery** was born and raised in Ruth, Mississippi. After graduating high school, Dr. Nunnery attended the University of Southern Mississippi where he earned a B.S. degree in Biology with a minor in business management. Dr. Nunnery went on to earn his Doctorate in Dental Medicine at The University of Mississippi Medical Center where he also completed a one year Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency immediately after. Dr. Nunnery went on to become a Surgical Prosthodontist at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center where he also earned his Masters of Dental Science degree. Dr. Nunnery is now practicing in Houston, TX, where he, his wife (Day), and son (Dax) bought their first Prosthodontic practice.



**Dr. Blair Lawrence Smith** embarked on a career in dentistry in 2011, commencing with an Associate Degree in Dental Technologies from Durham Technical Community College. Recognizing his passion for dentistry, he pursued further education to enter WVU School of Dentistry in the class of 2020. After graduation he practiced in Fayetteville, NC, in a private practice setting. He has continued his education in the Prosthodontics Residency with the University of Louisville, Class of 2024. He has a passion for camping and wildlife and loves to enjoy them with his wife Laura Anne and their dog Molly.



**Dr. Riley Allen** affectionately known as a “triple Tarheel,” Dr. Riley Allen is completing his 11-year academic journey in the heart of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, which began with his undergraduate studies at UNC in Biology with focuses in Chemistry and Studio Art. Dr. Allen continued pursuing his specialty training in Chapel Hill immediately following completion of UNC’s dental program in 2021. A native of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Dr. Allen is the eldest among four brothers. He along with his wife, Kelsey, recently celebrated the arrival of their second daughter in September. In his free time, he enjoys playing guitar/dancing with his 2-year-old daughter, traveling between the mountains and beaches of North Carolina and golfing with family and friends. Now entering his third year of training, Dr. Allen eagerly anticipates the day he will become an integral part of the North Carolina community as a dedicated private practitioner. His enthusiasm for dentistry is matched only by his desire to share his experiences gained during residency through engaging and insightful lectures.



**Dr. Bilal Elshamy** was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and grew up in the Mediterranean coastal city of Port Said, Egypt. He graduated from the Suez Canal University in Ismailia, Egypt, and received his BDS in 2014. Driven by his aspiration to further advance his professional career, Dr Elshamy moved back to the United States in 2016 and joined the International Dentist Program at the Rutgers School of Dental Medicine in Newark, New Jersey, earning his DMD in 2019. Subsequently, Dr Elshamy practiced general dentistry in private practice for three years, during this time his attraction to the field of prosthodontics grew. Currently, Dr Elshamy is a second-year graduate prosthodontics resident at the University of Louisville, Kentucky. His training focuses on delivering patient-centered care, utilizing both contemporary and conventional workflows. When he is not in the clinic or the laboratory, Dr Elshamy enjoys being outdoors; kayaking, fishing or spending time with family and friends.

# THE SEAP FOUNDATION - WHAT IT IS, WHO IT HELPS...

Revised April 2023

## Scholarship Recipients

- Each year, 2-3 scholarships of \$5000 each awarded or if funds allowed, accept, and award all applications, on a first come, first served process.
- Who qualifies? 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year Advanced Prosthodontics residents and qualified senior residents from a general residency program.
- Outreach? The Foundation sends a letter to the program director of universities in the SEAP “catch” area.
- Application deadline: June 15 of application year
- The scholarships are awarded prior to the beginning of the recipient’s school term.
- Recipients are recognized (along with program directors)
- If awarded, recipient attends that year’s annual meeting, the full registration fee is covered by the foundation.
- Recipient responsible for travel/lodging,
- Recipient agrees to be a member of SEAP for three years and attend at least three meetings in three years or within six years of receiving scholarship. By extending attendance to within six years, the recipient will also increase their required membership to SEAP to six years.
- Recipient pays 50% of registration fee three times during a six-year period (see above) after initial scholarship received.
- Recipient pays full registration fee for guest/spouse/other activities.

- Recipient pays active membership dues beginning the year after the scholarship. No dues or meeting fee the year they are awarded the scholarship.
- Foreign applicants will be reviewed on a case-by-case process.

## Member-Sponsored New Dentists

- Must join SEAP, pay dues/and all fees.
- Recent grad from dental school or residency program – within five years.
- Limited # of vouchers.
- Same rule as scholarship winners.
- 50% off registration fee for three times in the first three years of membership.
- Does not cover travel, lodging, guest/spouse fee, or any extra activities.

## Senior Dental Student Award

- Invitation letter to the annual meeting will accompany the plaque.
- Foundation covers meeting registration, which includes all social activities (breakfasts, receptions, lunch, and dinner).
- Award recipient responsible for travel and lodging, guest/spouse fee, or any extra activities.

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## Letter from the Treasurer

Dear Fellow SEAP Member,

Enclosed is your 2024 dues statement and a new member application to share with a peer. It is important you complete all the information on the dues statement. If there have been no changes to your contact information in the past year, you can go online at [www.seaprosth.org](http://www.seaprosth.org) for easy renewal. We need your information to keep the SEAP mailing list current.



Dr. Paul Scruggs

I have said it before, and will continue to say it... the SEAP is one of the best values of all the dues I currently pay; our dues are still only \$200.00, with \$180.00 of your total dues payment earmarked for the JPD subscription – available

online and print. We all know everything has gone up and meeting expenses are no exception. But, rest assured, the SEAP Program Committee works hard to negotiate fiscally sound contracts and hold meeting expenses at a reasonable level. Preliminary information on the 2024 Annual Meeting is on the back cover.

The SEAP Foundation is a noble and ongoing effort. We want to welcome **Dr. Vinay Jain** as the new Chair of the SEAP Foundation. The SEAP Foundation has been awarding yearly scholarships to 2nd and 3rd Year Advanced Prosthodontics Residents and qualified senior residents from general residency programs. These scholarships not only assist with education costs, but also help to defer SEAP meeting costs for them. We hope you will contribute to this worthy cause (it helps grow our membership too!) on your dues statement.

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# 2023 SEAP Student Awards

Each year, the Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics reaches out to the Fixed Prosthodontics department of each dental school in the SEAP region and asks the department to evaluate their senior undergraduate dental students and choose the student who has shown the greatest skill in that area of study. SEAP forwards a personalized plaque honoring the dental student in recognition of their excellence which is presented at the senior awards ceremony. In addition, the recipient receives an invitation to attend the following year's SEAP Annual Meeting. The SEAP Foundation provides a scholarship voucher which covers the CE courses and social activities.

Thank you to SEAP member, **Dr. Susan Orwick-Barnes**, who gathers and disseminates the information to the colleges, orders the plaques, and then assures they are received by the dental schools in a timely manner.

The 2023 SEAP Student Award Recipients:

Alabama – Dr. Rashmi Radhakrishnan  
Florida – Dr. Shelley Robinson  
Georgia – Dr. Olivia Frazier  
Kentucky (Louisville) – Dr. Tyler Mark Howells  
Kentucky – Dr. Tiffany Gosnell  
Louisiana – Dr. Alexander J. Maal  
Maryland – Dr. Adnan Baker-Agha  
Mississippi – Dr. Eason Weeks  
North Carolina – Dr. Will Church  
South Carolina – Dr. Lauren Duggar  
Tennessee – Dr. Eliza Vanderpool Taylor  
Tennessee (Meharry) – Dr. Aparecio Peggins  
Virginia – Dr. Quinnie Phan  
West Virginia – Dr. Blake Bachner

## 2023 SEAP Meeting Recap

The 69<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SEAP was held in beautiful Leesburg, Virginia, at the Lansdowne Resort and Spa and was hosted by Dr. Lee Chamberlain, 2022-2023 SEAP President, and Mrs. Karen Chamberlain.

Special thank you to Dr. Gus Vlahos for overseeing the golf at the Robert Trent Jones, Jr. golf course located onsite at the resort. Thursday evening's event was an informal "President's Party" sponsored by **Benchmark Dentures** and everyone enjoyed the outside venue.

The featured clinicians were Dr. Andrew Johnson, sponsored by **Carestream Dental** on Friday, and Dr. Karen McAndrew, on Saturday.

The guest/spouse activity was a tour of Morven Park with their own lunch, followed by a quick trip to Reston Towne Center. The meeting concluded Saturday evening with dinner, music, and cordials by fireside.

### Congratulations to our new 2023-2024 officers:

Dr. Cramin Wiltz, II, President Elect  
Dr. Gus Vlahos, First Vice President  
Dr. Paul Scruggs, Secretary-Treasurer  
Dr. Dana Chamberlain, Immediate Past President

## Membership Update

As of 9/8/2023:

135 dentists listed on membership roster  
66 paid dues for 2023  
35 are retired/life

We welcome new members:

Dr. Mustafa Alwan, Smyrna, TN  
– UTHSC College of Dentistry  
Dr. Allison Stump, Ashland, KY  
– University of Kentucky College of Dentistry  
Dr. Mohammad Hadi Hakam, Milton, GA  
– Dental College of Georgia at Augusta

### In Memoriam

Dr. Matthew Wood,  
Chapel Hill, NC  
passed away on  
November 1, 2022.  
(SEAP President 1997).





**Invite a Peer to Join!**

## **SOUTHEASTERN ACADEMY OF PROSTHODONTICS Membership Application**

*Please see membership application procedure on reverse side for requirements/fees.*

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Pref. Mailing: \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

Dental School/Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Other Academic Degrees (College/Degree) \_\_\_\_\_

Years Practicing Dentistry \_\_\_\_\_ Full Time Specialty (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Military Service (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Professional/Dental Society Memberships \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Publications/Accomplishments \_\_\_\_\_

Post Graduate or Graduate Course \_\_\_\_\_

Formal Training in Prosthodontics (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership Desired: Active \_\_\_\_\_ Associate \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this sheet to: SEAP, 30524 Birshouse Drive, Wesley Chapel, FL 33545. Make checks payable to SEAP.  
Using a credit card? Visa/MasterCard/Discover/American Express**

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card billing address (street number & zip only): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*PLEASE NOTE CREDIT CARD INFORMATION WILL BE DESTROYED AFTER PAYMENT HAS BEEN PROCESSED.*

**How did you hear about SEAP?** \_\_\_\_\_

# Membership Application Procedure

**REQUIREMENTS:** Any member of the Dental Profession residing in one of the states encompassed by the Southeastern Academy and who is in good standing in the American Dental Association, Constituent (state), and Component (local) dental associations, is eligible for membership. A high percentage of the applicant's time and interest should be in Fixed and Removable Prosthodontics.

**APPLICATION FORM:** Applications shall be forwarded to the SEAP Executive Director, who will be responsible for properly processing the application. Applications which are approved by the Membership Committee and the Executive Council shall be submitted to a vote of the Academy at the Annual SEAP Meeting. An applicant's presence is highly encouraged at the meeting at which he/she is being voted upon to validate the application.

**DUES and FEES:** The annual dues are \$200.00 per year. The initiation fee for each active member admitted to the Academy is \$25.00. A subscription fee for the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry (\$180.00 – Print/Online) in addition to other dues, shall be assessed for each member. A check for \$405.00 should accompany the application. This covers the initiation fee, the first year's dues, and the Journal subscription (if you are already receiving the journal through another source, please only send \$225.00).

**BYLAWS:** A copy of the Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics Bylaws is furnished to each successful applicant. The Bylaws contain the objective and rules and regulations of the Academy. Further information may be obtained by contacting the SEAP office or an active member.

**ATTENDANCE:** Attendance is encouraged at each annual meeting.

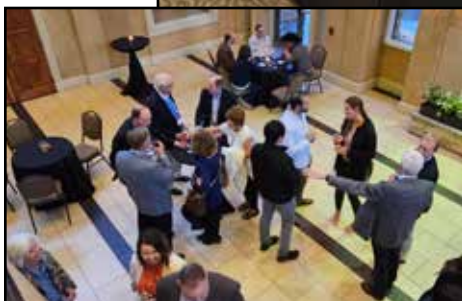
## DEFINITION OF APPLICATION MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

Active Members: Active members must be a resident of one of the following states, and/or conduct his/her primary practice of professional pursuit in one of the following states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, or West Virginia.

Associate Members: Associate members shall consist of members of the dental profession who are employed within the geographical area identified above, by the armed services of the United States Public Health Service or other public health services. Admission to the Academy of an associate member shall be in the normal prescribed manner as that for active members. Associate membership carries all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities as those afforded active members of the Academy, except for voting.

An associate member shall not forfeit his membership if he/she becomes a resident of a state outside of the geographical area described above. Any active member who moves out of the geographical area may continue membership in the Academy as an associate member.

# 2023 Annual Meeting – Outstanding Speakers/Great Events/Fun Times!







**Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics**  
30524 BIRDSHOUSE DRIVE  
WESLEY CHAPEL, FL 33545

**2024 Dues Statement Inside!**

## Earn a Free Night in Charlotte...

*SEAP Members: Earn a chance for a free hotel night at the 2024 Annual Meeting!*

Recruit a new SEAP member between now and the annual meeting and enter a drawing to win a free night at the 2024 Annual Meeting in Charlotte. All new member applications must be received by April 26, 2024 to qualify for the drawing. ***Let's grow our membership!***

# SAVE THE DATE

## 2024 Annual Meeting • April 25-27, 2024

### **Doubletree Suites by Hilton, Charlotte-SouthPark**

Make your reservation today by going to:

[www.seaprosth.org](http://www.seaprosth.org), meetings tab, or calling:

1-800-HILTONS, referring our unique group code SAP.

### **Tentative Schedule:**

#### **Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Morning: Golf

Afternoon: Foundation/Executive Council Meeting

Evening: Reception

#### **Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Morning/Afternoon – Dr. J. William Robbins 8 CEUs

“Global Diagnosis” – A New Vision of Dental Diagnosis and Treatment Planning

Morning – Spouse/Guest Activity

Evening – Reception/Dinner-NASCAR Museum

#### **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Morning – Speaker Dr. Lyndon Cooper

Afternoon – Free to enjoy beautiful Charlotte

Evening – Dinner/Officer Installation – Onsite at venue

**More details will be  
available soon in the  
meeting brochure  
and on the website.**







# The Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics

## 2024 Dues Statement

**PLEASE RESPOND BY DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**Complete this form and return even if no dues are due –  
this will assist in keeping SEAP records current.**

**Dues 2023:**     **\$380.00**   Active Member includes JPD (print/online)

**Dues Paying Life Member:**     **\$280.00**   Half dues plus JPD, 10 years membership, 65 years old, still working, and with prior written request and approval of this category

**Life Members Donation: Requested if possible, to cover printing and mailing**

10 years membership, 65 years old, fully retired, and with prior written request and approval of this category

**Initiation Fee: \$25.00**   For new member applications only, in addition to dues

**Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry:**     **\$180.00**   For Life Members desiring to continue JPD (print/online)

**Contribution to SEAP Educational Fund**   This is voluntary and appreciated. Circle or write in amount.

\$25.00   \$50.00   \$75.00   \$100.00   \$125.00   \$200.00     \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Total     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete information below.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ What year did you join SEAP? \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address (include city, state, zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (include city, state, zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you wish to continue your JPD subscription, your dues (which include the JPD-print/online), MUST be received by January 31, 2024.**

Do you receive JPD from another source? (Circle one)     YES     NO

Do you wish to continue receiving correspondence?     YES     NO

If you are retired, would you like to continue receiving mailings?     YES     NO

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## 70th Annual Meeting of SEAP (continued)

For the social activities, we are in negotiations with the NASCAR Hall of Fame in downtown Charlotte. Stock Car racing originated in North Carolina and 95% of the shops that own and build the car are located in the area. Even if you don't like racing, seeing this display is a tribute to our state's history and heritage; the dinner will be held in the interesting Hall of Honor. Saturday will be our traditional President's dinner at the hotel. We will install new officers, enjoy a great meal, and fellowship and bid farewell until next year.

Plans are being finalized and a meeting brochure will be sent soon. In the meantime, you can make your hotel reservation, see the information on the back cover.

See you in April!

Paul E. Scruggs, DDS

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## Letter from the Treasurer (continued)

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Our most current recipients are featured in this newsletter.

The best way to support SEAP is introduce a new member to SEAP and/or bring a new member with you to the 2024 Annual Meeting in North Carolina. Please share the membership application on page 3 with one of your peers. Limited vouchers are available for new/potential members to help with meeting attendance costs. Please contact the SEAP office for more information.

If you have any questions regarding your membership or the dues statement, please contact the SEAP office. I look forward to seeing you at the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Paul E. Scruggs, DDS  
SEAP Secretary/Treasurer