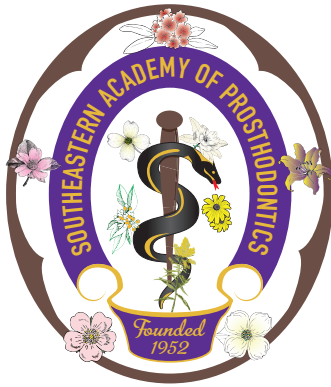


SEAP MESSENGER

A NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ACADEMY OF PROSTHODONTICS

FALL 2024



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President's Message

I am filled with a sense of excitement and enthusiasm as the 71st Annual session of the Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics meeting will be in the gorgeous city of Huntsville, Alabama, at the boutique 106 Jefferson, a Curio Collection by Hilton hotel, April 24-26, 2025. Nestled in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, Huntsville is rated as the #1 best place to live for families in the U.S. —according to U.S. News & World Report. We want you to bring your family to Huntsville and indulge in the experience.



Dr. Cramin Wiltz

Early arrivers can enjoy fine American dining with a two minute stroll to Chef James Boyce's award-winning restaurant in the heart of historic downtown at Cotton Row. Play golf on long, waving grasses, and rolling terrain at the Robert Trent Jones (RTJ) Golf Trail at Hampton Cove, the only RTJ layout in the world designed without a single bunker. Then, you will have on an out-of-this-world adventure at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center with the Saturn V Rocket which took humans to the moon—a truly once in a lifetime experience! Spouses can enjoy private tours, kids can explore mini space camp, as well as enjoy the southeast's premier Panoply Arts Festival in downtown Huntsville's Big Spring Park where there will be visual artists, two musical performance stages featuring 30+ musical acts by local bands and musicians, a variety of culinary artisan food trucks, kid-friendly interactives and STEAM activities, community art projects, and so much more.

The scientific sessions will host two internationally known industry leaders. Blast off to a new frontier in prosthodontics with an all-day headliner Friday lecture as **Vincent Fehmer, MDT**, will give us guidance on modern materials and effective techniques in prosthetic dentistry. He is the editor-in-chief of the Quintessence of Dental Technology (QDT) Yearbook and International Journal of Esthetic Dentistry, has published over 60 articles in peer reviewed publications within the field of fixed prosthodontics and digital dental technology, and co-authored the book, Fixed Restorations: A Clinical Guide to the Selection of Materials and Fabrication Technology (2021). On Saturday, you will get immersed in the latest digital workflows for full-arch implant dentistry with **Dr. Bobbi Birdi**, dual board certified Periodontist and Prosthodontist. Co-founder of the Digital Dentistry Institute, Dr. Birdi also maintains a private practice in Vancouver, Canada, dedicated to implant and esthetic dentistry.

A full arrangement of social events and activities will be sent out soon. In the meantime, get your rooms reserved for April 24-26, 2025, at the 106 Jefferson Hotel. These rooms will sell out fast as this will be an informative, fun, and family-oriented meeting that you and your family surely will enjoy! See you soon in Huntsville!

Sincerely,
Cramin P. Wiltz II, DMD, CDT
President

Meet the 2024 SEAP Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to Drs. Russell Smith and Paul Kuta, recipients of a SEAP Foundation Scholarship. We look forward to meeting them both at the 2025 SEAP Annual Meeting in Huntsville, Alabama.



Dr. Russell Smith

Dr. Russell William Smith is a Prosthodontics resident at LSU Health School of Dentistry in New Orleans, LA. He earned his Doctor of Dental Medicine from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in 2022, following a Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences from Barry University and a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences from the University of South Carolina. Originally from Greenville, South Carolina, Dr. Smith’s passion for dentistry is deeply inspired by his father, a skilled Dental Laboratory Technician.

Dr. Smith’s diverse professional experience includes leadership in healthcare sales, coaching high school baseball, and founding the nonprofit organization, “Service with a Smile.” Outside of his dental practice, he enjoys spending time outdoors and attending sporting events. His background reflects both clinical excellence and a commitment to leadership, community engagement, and personal development.



Dr. Paul Kuta

Dr. Paul Kuta is a native of Acton, Massachusetts and received his B.A. in Classics with a minor in Economics from Tufts University in Medford, MA in 2014. After briefly considering a career in law, Dr. Kuta quickly pivoted to dentistry after recognizing its ability to challenge his artistic and scientific skills. In 2023, he went on to graduate with distinction from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Adams School of Dentistry, where he fell in love with Chapel Hill and the surrounding area. He is currently a second-year resident at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center pursuing his certificate in prosthodontics and Master of Dental Science degree. Outside of school, he enjoys cooking, baking, reading, and traveling to visit friends and family.

2024 SEAP Student Awards

The Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics reaches out to the Fixed Prosthodontics department of each dental school in the SEAP region each year 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 then 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.

We again thank **Dr. Susan Orwick-Barnes**, who gathers and disseminates the information to the colleges, orders the plaques, and then ensures the plaques are received by the dental schools in a timely manner.

The 2024 SEAP Student Award Recipients:

- UAB School of Dentistry - **Trevor Wever, DMD**
- University of Florida College of Dentistry - **Kelly Nguyen**
- Dental College of Georgia - **Awaz Yaseen**
- Univ. of Kentucky College of Dentistry - **Cameron Onken DMD**
- University of Louisville School of Dentistry - **Morgan Brockhouse**
- LSU Dental School - **Katherine H. Walk**
- University of Maryland School of Dentistry - **Kayla Tinio**

- Univ. of Mississippi School of Dentistry - **Beth Shiyoun Dunmire**
- UNC Adam’s School of Dentistry - **Abraham Mathew**
- South Carolina Dental School - **Janessa Anita Montefalco**
- The Univ. of Tennessee Health Science Center - **Shelby Schultz**
- Meharry Medical College, School of Dentistry - **Faraj Hasan**
- Virginia Commonwealth Univ. School of Dentistry - **Ryan Hutton**
- West Virginia University School of Dentistry - **Brent Smith**

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

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? 2nd and 3rd 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.

SEE DUES STATEMENT TO DONATE!

Letter from the Treasurer

Dear Fellow SEAP Member,

The Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics (SEAP) continues to be excellent value for your dues dollar. I believe, that even in these modern times, there is no substitute for “in person” quality continuing education. When you add in the fact that SEAP allows for great professional camaraderie, family interaction, and lifelong friendships, in my humble opinion, it is hard to beat.

I encourage you to pay your dues, consider a contribution to the foundation and continue to support our academy. In addition, I WOULD LIKE EVERY MEMBER TO ACTIVELY



Dr. Paul Scruggs

RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER FOR OUR NEXT MEETING. Like every other dental organization, we can only survive if we continue with a vibrant, active membership. I think most of us agree that SEAP is the best kept secret in dentistry, so let’s get the message out.

I strongly encourage that you and your family plan to come to the 2025 meeting in Huntsville, Alabama. Our president, Dr. Cramin Wiltz, II, is preparing an excellent meeting and we are trying a little something new by encouraging families with children to attend. There will be something for everyone. ONE OF THE BIGGEST STRESSES ON OUR BUDGET IS NOT FULFILLING OUR YEARLY HOTEL BLOCK REQUIREMENT. The SEAP is trying to be conservative when we book the hotel but this is a common issue. Therefore, I strongly encourage you to help us fulfill

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2024 SEAP Meeting Recap

The 70th meeting of the SEAP was held in vibrant Charlotte, North Carolina, at the DoubleTree Suites – SouthPark. The meeting was organized by Dr. Paul Scruggs, SEAP Secretary/Treasurer and SEAP Past President, due to a vacancy in the president's position for 2023-2024. Thank you to all the officers and members who assisted Dr. Scruggs in helping to make this meeting memorable!

The featured clinicians were Dr. J. William Robbins, who presented, "A 50 Year Retrospective - My Failures and Lessons Learned" and Dr. Lyndon Cooper, whose lecture was, "Can We Really Make Better Dentures?" Both presentations were well-received and informative and meeting attendees earned 12 hours continuing education hours.

Aside from the outstanding speakers, one of the highlights of the meeting was the Friday evening dinner at the NASCAR Hall of Fame in The Hall of Honor Room. Great atmosphere and fun! The group also enjoyed two receptions during the meeting and the Saturday Farewell Dinner and Basket giveaway was enjoyed by all. Make sure to check out the pictures!!

Congratulations to our new 2024-2025 officers:

Dr. Cramin Wiltz, II, President
Dr. Gus Vlahos, President Elect
Dr. Angela Gullard, First Vice President
Dr. William Scruggs, Second Vice President
Dr. Paul Scruggs, Secretary-Treasurer

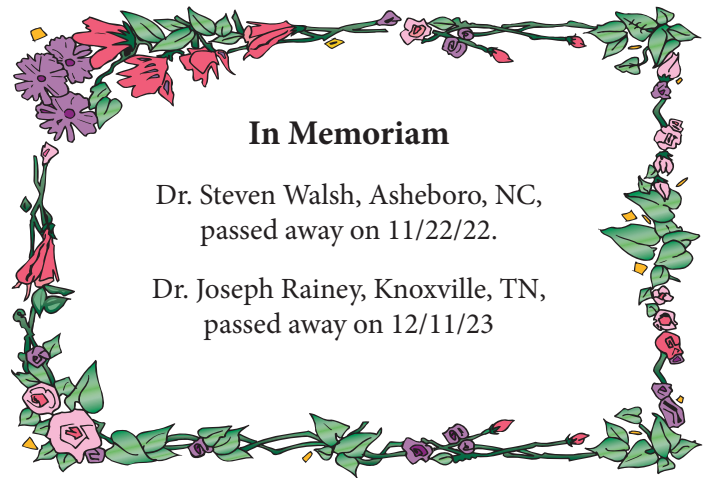
Membership Update

As of 10/18/2024:

135 dentists listed on membership roster
74 are active
33 are retired/life
24 inactive

We welcome new members:

Dr. Cristen Ayers, Raleigh, NC - Univ. of North Carolina
Dr. Anthony Molina, Raleigh, NC - Duke University
Dr. Todd Rutledge, Charleston, SC - Temple University



Letter from the Treasurer (continued)

these requirements, please book your room for Huntsville early so we can save money by getting an accurate room count.

Also, if you know of any members who are ill or have passed away, please inform me or Marlinda at the central office, as we only learn this information if someone tells us. We want to acknowledge these situations.

I can't wait to see everyone in Huntsville!

Paul E. Scruggs, DDS
Secretary/Treasurer

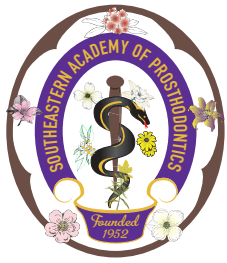
Get Excited about HUNTSVILLE!

Huntsville has something to offer for everyone.

HUNTSVILLE:

- ✓ is the "Rocket City" and earned this name due to its history and involvement in the development of space technology, including the Apollo lunar lander and the Saturn V rocket.
- ✓ is home to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center & NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center.
- ✓ is a major hub for technology and engineering and has a thriving arts and culture scene.
- ✓ is home to the Huntsville Botanical Garden (112 acres!).
- ✓ has a thriving food and dining scene.
- ✓ is known for its vibrant nightlife.
- ✓ is home to the largest annual 36.6-mile yard sale.
- ✓ is home to the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.
- ✓ is home to the famous Monte Sano State Park.
- ✓ is a shopper's paradise.

*most importantly, is the site of the
2025 SEAP Annual Meeting – See you there!*



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 (\$185.00 – Print/Online) in addition to other dues, shall be assessed for each member. A check for \$410.00 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.



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2025 Dues Statement Inside!

Earn a Free Night in Huntsville...

SEAP Members: Earn a chance for a free hotel night at the 2025 Annual Meeting!

Recruit a new SEAP member between now and the annual meeting and enter a drawing to win a free night at the 2025 Annual Meeting in Charlotte. All new member applications must be received by April 24, 2025 to qualify for the drawing. ***Let's grow our membership!***

SAVE THE DATE

2025 Annual Meeting • April 24-26, 2025

106 Jefferson – Curio Collection by Hilton
Make your reservation today by going to:

www.seaprosth.org, meetings tab, or calling:

256-288-0128 – Reference SEAP

\$289.00/night **Room Block Expires: April 14, 2025**

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

Tentative Schedule:

Arrive early on Wednesday for dinner at Cotton Row and to play golf the next day!

Thursday, April 24th

Morning: Golf at RTJ Golf Trail - Hampton Cove

Afternoon: SEAP Foundation and Executive Council Meeting

Evening: Reception Baker/Able Rooftop Bar – Dinner at U.S Space & Rocket Center

Saturn V Room (An out of this world experience!).

Friday, April 25th

Morning/Afternoon – Lecture 8 CEUs

Morning – Spouse/Guest/Children Activity – U.S Space & Rocket Center –

Tour for the adults – space camp for the kids!

Evening – Dinner on your own.

Saturday, April 26th

Morning – Lecture

Afternoon – Free to enjoy Huntsville!

Evening – Reception/Dinner/Officer Installation – Onsite at venue.



2025 ANNUAL MEETING

