

SEAP MESSENGER

A NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ACADEMY OF PROSTHODONTICS

FALL 2025



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A Message from the 2026 Annual Meeting Program Co-Chairs

Save the date, **April 23-25, 2026**, for the 72nd Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics (SEAP) at the historic Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center in Roanoke, Virginia. Perched on a hill overlooking downtown Roanoke, this lovely venue offers a charming blend of tradition and sophistication.



Kick off the meeting early with a fun golf outing on Wednesday, April 22nd, a perfect way to reconnect before the main event. Details to follow in the meeting brochure.

Our distinguished speakers will present cutting-edge insights into the evolving world of digital workflows from both the clinical and laboratory perspectives. On Friday, **Donald Murry, DMD**, will explore, “*Digital Implantology as a Catalyst for Patient Experience, Clinical Outcomes and Practice Profitability.*” The next day, **Lee Culp**, a globally recognized leader in the field of Dental Laboratory Technology, will share his expertise on, “*Digital Workflows in Diagnostic, Surgical and Restorative Case Planning,*” drawing on over two decades of innovation.

Thursday evening, enjoy a leisurely stroll to Billy’s—an iconic downtown Roanoke restaurant established in 1912 and cherished by generations. Guests will be treated to a reception and delicious buffet and plenty of time to unwind and catch up!

The guest/spouse activity on Friday will begin with a delightful brunch at the host hotel, followed by a guided tour of the Taubman Museum of Art where the building itself is part of the experience. After the tour, enjoy a stroll across the street to the historic Roanoke City Market (est. 1882), featuring a vibrant mix of eclectic boutiques, artisan galleries, and eateries.

The meeting will conclude Saturday evening with the traditional farewell dinner, drawing for donated state baskets, golf prizes, and installation of new officers.

This year’s meeting is dedicated to the memory of our dear friend and colleague, Dr. Gus Vlahos – a devoted member of SEAP who would have been serving as President for 2025-2026. His legacy and contributions to our community will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

We look forward to welcoming you to Roanoke – to reconnect with old friends, forge new relationships, and celebrate the future of prosthodontics together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dana Chamberlain and Dr. Stephen Alouf
SEAP Program Committee

Secretary Treasurer Notes



Dr. Paul Scruggs

Dear SEAP Members,

I had the privilege of joining SEAP in 1992, served as President in 2005, and have proudly held the role of Secretary/Treasurer since 2009. Over the years, I have witnessed remarkable changes in both Prosthodontics and the landscape of organized dental groups. Just imagine—back in 1992, our presentations relied on slide carousels, and if you wanted to check your office voicemail, you had to find a bank of pay phones in the hotel lobby during breaks!

Despite the rise of online CE opportunities, organized dentistry and specialty groups like SEAP remain essential to professional growth. There is simply no substitute for face-to-face interaction with your peers. These connections are not only informative but deeply supportive—and over the course of your career, they become relationships you truly cherish. Even those of us who no longer practice still look forward to reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. Very few organizations foster that kind of enduring camaraderie.

I strongly encourage you to maintain your membership, pay your dues, and make every effort to participate. Invite your friends and colleagues to join and discover what SEAP is all about. The value of your dues is exceptional—every dollar goes directly toward daily operations and our annual meeting. Your support is vital to the organization's success.

We are always excited to welcome new members, so please help us grow. Our meetings are rich with educational content, social events, and family-friendly activities that I personally look forward to every year.

See you at Roanoke!

Renew Your Membership by going to SEAProsth.org > Payment Tab

2025 SEAP Student Awards

Each year, the Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics (SEAP) invites the Fixed Prosthodontics department at every dental school within the SEAP region to evaluate their senior undergraduate dental students. Departments are asked to select the student who has demonstrated exceptional skill and dedication in the field of Fixed Prosthodontics. To honor these outstanding individuals, SEAP provides a personalized plaque recognizing each student's excellence, which is presented during their school's senior awards ceremony. In addition, award recipients receive an invitation to attend the following year's SEAP Annual Meeting. The SEAP Foundation generously offers a scholarship voucher covering continuing education (CE) courses and social events at the meeting. Special thanks to **Dr. Susan Orwick-Barnes** for her invaluable role in coordinating this initiative—gathering and distributing information to the colleges, arranging for the plaques, and ensuring their timely delivery to each dental school. **Congratulations to the 2025 SEAP Student Award Recipients!**

2025 SEAP Student Award Recipients

UAB School of Dentistry – **Brandon Englert, DMD**

University of Florida College of Dentistry – **Michelle Patel**

Dental College of Georgia – **Tristen Bennett**

University of Kentucky College of Dentistry – **Anna Jones**

University of Louisville School of Dentistry – **Lauren Smith**

LSU Dental School – **Hoyel Lee**

University of Maryland School of Dentistry – **Kee Hyun Kwak**

University of Mississippi School of Dentistry – **Kathryn Butler**

UNC Adam's School of Dentistry – **Jeremy Hawkins**

South Carolina Dental School – **Peter D. Mauldin**

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center – **Nisha Zaver**

Meharry Medical College, School of Dentistry – **Tina Tran**

Virginia Commonwealth Univ. School of Dent. – **Gabrielle Jean Acker**

West Virginia University School of Dentistry – **Madison C. Fisher**

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!

Looking forward to Visiting “The Star City of the South”!

Roanoke is famously known as “The Star City of the South,” which is derived from the Roanoke Star, a prominent landmark located on Mill Mountain. This nickname reflects the city’s historical significance and its connection to the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Roanoke is big on trains because historically, Roanoke was a key location for the Norfolk & Western Railway, which was a major railroad in the region. The city has a railroad history that dates back to the early 1850s, making it a place of interest for railfans. Visit the Winston Link and Roanoke Museum and also the Virginia Museum of Transportation.

Stroll through the Mill Mountain Zoo, take a drive on the Blue Ridge Parkway, or visit the many breweries and wineries located throughout the Roanoke area.



Biggest Attraction: The 2026 SEAP Annual Meeting!

2025 SEAP Meeting Recap

The 71st meeting of the Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics (SEAP) took place in “Rocket City” — Huntsville, Alabama — at the elegant 106 Jefferson Hotel in the heart of downtown. The event was expertly organized by SEAP President **Dr. Cramin Wiltz II**, with valuable support from the Alabama coalition of SEAP dentists. Special thanks go to **Dr. Bobby Connor** for coordinating the memorable golf outing.

Featured Clinicians & Lectures

Friday’s program featured **Vincent Fehmer, MDT**, who delivered three compelling presentations:

- *Full-Mouth Adhesive Rehabilitation of Patients with Tooth Wear*
- *The Keystone to a Predictable, Efficient, and Complication-Free Workflow*
- *The Resin-Bonded Bridge as an Alternative Treatment Concept*



On Saturday, **Dr. Bobby Birdi** captivated attendees with his lecture: *Full-Arch Therapy – Surgical Prosthetic Synergy Utilizing New Technologies*

These outstanding speakers provided high-caliber continuing education — but

that was only part of the experience.



Social Events & Activities

Early arrivals on Wednesday were treated to a superb dinner at Cotton Row Restaurant. Thursday brought sunshine and camaraderie as golfers teed off at the RJT Hampton Cove – River Course.

That evening, attendees boarded a bus to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, where they dined beneath the iconic Saturn V Rocket and explored the museum freely. It was a truly unforgettable and educational experience. For guests/spouses, Friday offered a docent-led tour and lunch at the Rocket Center.



Farewell & Reflections

The meeting concluded Saturday evening with the traditional farewell dinner and door prize drawings — a perfect ending to a remarkable gathering.

We also take a moment to honor and remember Dr. Gus Vlahos, who tragically passed away earlier this year. He was slated to



serve as SEAP President for the 2025–2026 term. In his absence, the 2025–2026 SEAP Board has stepped in to serve in the presidential capacity, continuing his legacy with dedication and grace.

Congratulations to our new 2025-2026 officers:

- Dr. Angela Gullard, President Elect
- Dr. William Scruggs, First Vice President
- Dr. Thuong (Tony) Huynh, Second Vice President
- Dr. Paul Scruggs, Secretary-Treasurer
- Dr. Cramin Wiltz, II, Immediate Past President

Membership Update

As of 9/20/2025:

- 139 dentists listed on membership roster
- 103 are active
- 36 are retired/life

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

- Dr. Alexander Maal – LSU – Manchester, New Hampshire
- Dr. Ross Stephen Fuller – NC-Chapel Hill – Williamsburg, VA
- Dr. Adriana Cordero Wilson – LSU - New Orleans, LA
- Dr. Bayne Hillen Heersink – UAB – Dothan, AL

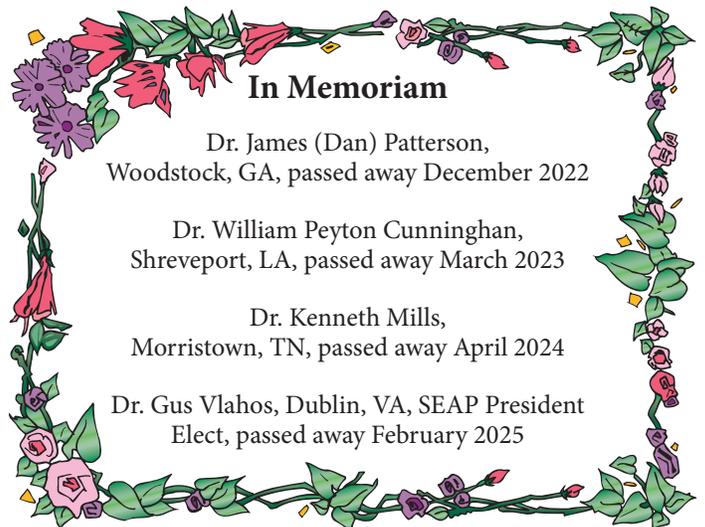
In Memoriam

Dr. James (Dan) Patterson,
Woodstock, GA, passed away December 2022

Dr. William Peyton Cunningham,
Shreveport, LA, passed away March 2023

Dr. Kenneth Mills,
Morristown, TN, passed away April 2024

Dr. Gus Vlahos, Dublin, VA, SEAP President
Elect, passed away February 2025



2025 Annual Meeting – One to Remember, One to Inspire!

Get Inspired - Invite your Peers to Join SEAP – 71 years of Education, Leadership, and Lasting Friendships




Welcome to the 2025 Annual Meeting!
 President's Club - Barksdale Dental Lab & Straumann Dental
 Platinum/Reception - Keystone Dental Group
 Speaker Sponsors - Ivoclar Vivadent (Vincent Fehmer, MDT) • Nobel Biocare (Dr. Bobby Birdi)
 Silver - Kettenbach • Patterson Dental • Bronze - Benco Dental/3 Shape

Thank you to our Valued Vendors!



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**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP...
2026 Dues Statement Inside!**

Earn a Free Night in Roanoke...

SEAP Members: Earn a chance for a free hotel night at the 2026 Annual Meeting!

Recruit a new SEAP member between now and the annual meeting and enter a drawing to win a free night at the 2026 Annual Meeting in Roanoke. All new member applications must be received by April 24, 2026 to qualify for the drawing. *Let's grow our membership!*

SAVE THE DATE

72ND Annual Meeting • April 23-26, 2026

The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center | \$185.00/night
Overnight Parking-\$18.00, Valet-\$28.00, Day parking - \$6.00-\$12.00
Make your reservation today by going to:
www.seaprosth.org, meetings tab, or calling: 540-985-5900
Mention SEAP room block.

**Detailed information
soon – look for your
meeting brochure in
your email and mail!**

Tentative Schedule:

Arrive on Wednesday and play golf the next day!

Thursday, April 23rd

Morning: Golf at TBD

Afternoon: SEAP Foundation and SEAP Executive Council Meeting

Evening: Reception and Dinner at [Billy's](#) (walkable from the hotel).

Friday, April 24th

Morning/Afternoon – Lecture 8 CEUs

Morning/Early Afternoon – Spouse/Guest - Activity

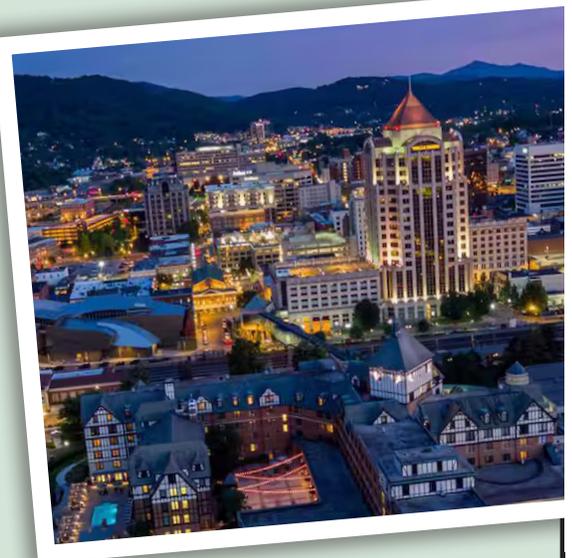
Evening – Dinner on your own!

Saturday, April 25th

Morning – Lecture – 4 CEUs

Afternoon – Free to enjoy Roanoke!

Evening – Reception/Dinner/Officer Installation – Onsite at Hotel



2026 ANNUAL MEETING



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 (\$190.00 – Print/Online) in addition to other dues, shall be assessed for each member. A check for \$415.00 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.

