Bronx County Dental News

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From Alabama To The Bronx An interview with BCDS President, Jerica Cook

CONGRATULATIONS ON BECOMING THE NEW BCDS PRESIDENT and thank you for participating in this interview, so our members can learn more about you.

Tell us about your background.

I am an only child raised in Montgomery, Alabama. I attended Meharry Medical College of Dentistry and I came to the Bronx for what was supposed to be a year. That was eight years ago, so here we are.

Why were you interested in serving as president?

Honestly, it's a pleasure to just serve the Bronx as a dentist and a resident. But, as president? I'm so passionate about the people here and working in their best interest. I want to be a major part of anything that involves impacting not only their dental experiences but also their general impression of us as a profession.

What would you like to accomplish as president?

I definitely would like more diversity. I would like to see more young people, more women, and more people of color at our meetings. I also want to work on creating a mentoring program or possibly a study club, so there are opportunities for mutual learning and exchanges. Dentistry has changed so much over the years. The more we gather, the more we learn.

What are the challenges you experience in dentistry as a



woman? As a person of color? I am "Ms. Cook" even after I introduce myself as "Dr. Cook" more times than I can recall. I have had my strength questioned on whether or not I can extract a tooth on numerous occasions. I have been inappropriately flirted with, mistaken for a hygienist, mistaken for an assistant, presented entire treatment plans and then asked when the doctor is coming in...shall I go on? Not only am I a black woman, I am also in my thirties, so I still get people who are skeptical that I

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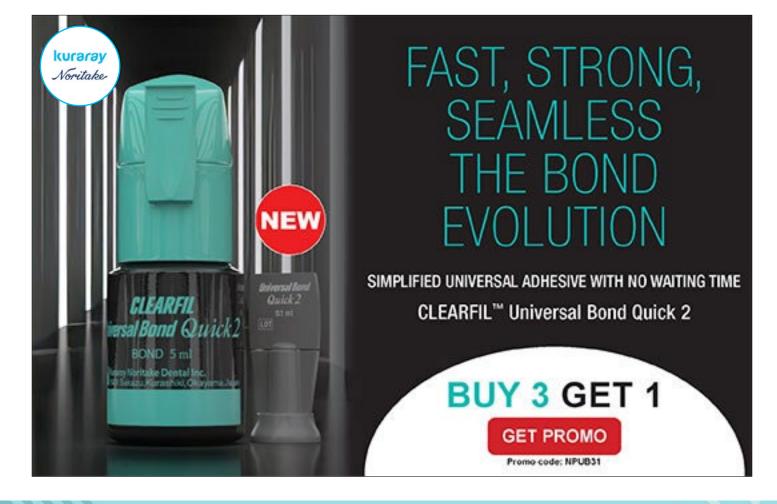
Making a Difference -Substance Misuse and Your Patients even know what I'm doing. The challenges always exist and it's just something extra that we carry. I don't know any other way to explain it.

What do you like to do when you are not working? Hobbies, interests, passions.

I enjoy writing and creating whatever I put my mind to. I have self-published over forty children's books with brown characters and images. This includes diversity editions because I'm very passionate about children being able to open a book and see someone who looks like them. They're based on travel, bullying, friendships ending, and quite a few "trace-to-writes" for early learning. I even have one called "Oh No! The Dentist!" that focuses on alleviating fears of dental visits. Everything is available on Amazon under my pen name "Jeri Lavada" and on my website jerilavada.com. In my less productive hours, I also enjoy good and bad horror movies and I love a good bourbon.

Favorite bourbon?

Haha! My time in Nashville definitely made me a bourbon and whiskey lover. Uncle Nearest is my favorite "neat" but I'm flexible on it when it's for a bourbon sour. Feel free to "buy" me one from the open bar at our next meeting! See you there!



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Dr. Daniel Nassimi was born and raised in Great Neck, New York. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business from the prestigious New York University Stern School of Business with a minor in Chemistry in 2016. He then went on to obtain his dental degree from Columbia University College of Dental Medicine in 2020. During his time at Columbia, Dr. Nassimi was actively engaged in volunteerism and research. He was particularly interested in the early use of augmented reality for anxiety reduction during dental treatments. He then completed his Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery training at New York Health



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the population and can cause 6 types of cancer, including cervical, vaginal, vulvar, penile, anal, and oropharyngeal cancer, as well as genital warts. Approximately 2,800 New Yorkers are diagnosed with HPV-related cancer each year.

The Importance of HPV Vaccination

The HPV vaccine, which is recommended to adolescents between ages 9 and 12, is safe and extremely effective in preventing HPV infections and cancers. Recent studies confirm that "ontime" series completion is critical to maximize efficacy against HPV cancers. Unfortunately, less than 40% of 13-year-old adolescents in NYS have completed the HPV vaccine series leaving most of that age group unprotected from future HPV cancers. **That is why we need your help.**

Healthcare Providers Can Make a Difference

As a healthcare provider, you can aid cancer prevention efforts by talking to parents or guardians about the importance of the vaccine to reduce the risk of HPV-related cancer, especially oropharyngeal cancer. Evidence suggests that a provider recommendation is among the most persuasive reasons parents choose to vaccinate their children. The latest research also suggests that starting the HPV vaccination series at age 9 can increase the percentage of your patients that are up to date by age 13. The American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Cancer Society, and the National HPV Vaccination Roundtable also recommend starting the series at age 9; this strategy is consistent with the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommendation.

Other reasons cited for starting the HPV vaccine series at age 9 include:

- Provides more time for completion of the series.
- Decreases concerns about the vaccine increasing sexual activity.
- Decreases requests for only the "schoolrequired vaccines."
- Is highly acceptable to systems, providers, and parents.

Nationally, 50% of vaccinating providers are willing to recommend the HPV vaccine at age 9. Learn more about starting at age 9 at <u>https://</u> <u>hpvroundtable.org/start-hpv-vaccination-at-age-9</u>

Recommend starting HPV vaccination at age 9 today!

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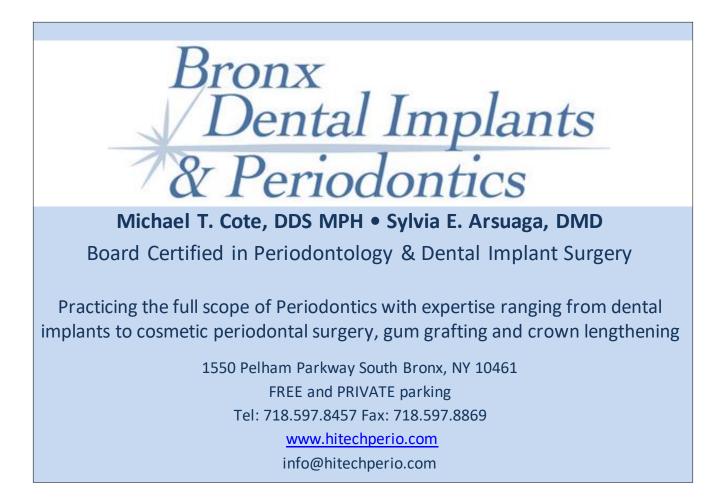
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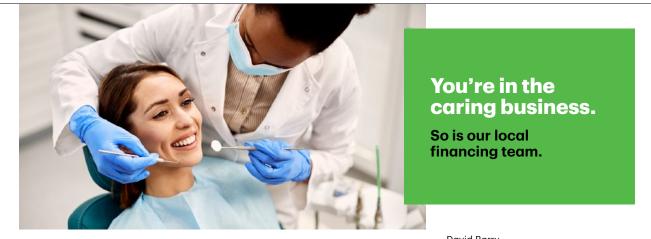
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The New York State House of Delegates met this past June.

At the meeting, Amarilis Jacobo was installed as the NYSDA Vice President and Jacqueline Samuels was installed as the Trustees representing Bronx County.

Left to right: Jerica Cook, Amarilis Jacobo, Jacqueline Samuels.





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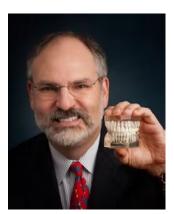
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He has been involved with implant dentistry for the last 25 years and teaches implant dentistry courses. Dentists from around the world regularly visit his practice to learn how to implement his methods. He lectures



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Michele Gabriel

Michele Gabriel brings 27 years of extraordinary success in a series of highlevel roles at top tier companies nationwide to DDSmatch, where she serves New York City & Long Island. Michele managed and developed teams at Patterson Dental, fulfilling a critical role in the Pennsylvania, & New York/ New Jersey metropolitan area, with accountability for over 14,000 dentists. Michele oversaw the largest population of Dental Schools, Community Health Centers, Private Practice and DSOs within the organization. Prior to joining Patterson, she gained a great deal of experience in leading roles within commercial and residential lending. In the 90s, she began in dentistry, helping dentists with start-up financing and practice acquisitions



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Dr. Dennis Bohlin

Making a Difference - Substance Misuse and Your Patients

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Dr. Dennis Bohlin

Dr. Bohlin received his DDS at Columbia University in 1978 and completed his residency at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in 1979. He has been in private practice in Manhattan ever since.

Dr. Bohlin has expertise in implants and their restoration and all phases of general and cosmetic dentistry.

Dr. Bohlin has special interest and advanced training in substance use disorders and lectures at all five dental schools in NY on addiction and substance abuse in dentistry. He has served on the New York State Dental Association Committee on Chemical Dependency since 1985.



He is a member of the American Dental Association, American College of Dentistry and the New York Academy of Dentistry.

Dr. Bohlin lives with his wife Rosemary and they were blessed with nine wonderful children and 15 adorable grandchildren.

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