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Dear Ms. Kathlene Gerrity and the CSDA Board of Governors,

I am writing to formally announce my candidacy for the position of Vice President of the Connecticut State Dental Association.

As Program Director of the General Practice Residency at Yale New Haven Hospital and Chair of the National Council on Dental Education for the Academy of General Dentistry, I have focused my career on aligning clinical practice, education, and professional standards. I would welcome the opportunity to bring this perspective to the CSDA executive team.

My goal for this term is clear: to ensure that CSDA remains relevant to early-career dentists while maintaining long-term financial strength. To support this objective, I plan to introduce a resolution for a CSDA Leadership Institute pilot program. Establishing a structured pathway for leadership development will help prepare future officers, strengthen governance continuity, and support the long-term stability of the Association.

Through my service as District VII Representative and in my current role as Treasurer of the Shoreline Dental Society, I have developed a balanced approach to leadership. I value innovation and forward planning, while recognizing the importance of fiscal discipline and responsible stewardship. I understand the time and commitment required of this role and am prepared to serve accordingly.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Respectfully,



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Strategic leader with over a decade of experience driving growth and operational excellence in dental education and clinical practice. Oversees residency programs, national credentialing initiatives, and health-tech advisory projects. Recognized for shaping professional standards, leading high-performing teams, and delivering scalable, evidence-based solutions.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Dental Medicine

Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine
Cleveland, OH 44106
Graduated May 2014

Bachelor of Science in Biology

Loyola University Chicago
Chicago, IL 60660
Graduated Magna Cum Laude May 2010

RESIDENCY

University of Washington

July 2014 – July 2015

General Practice Residency

Resident

Completed a postdoctoral residency providing advanced clinical experience across general dentistry, including IV sedation, surgical extractions, crown lengthening, prosthodontics, advanced endodontics, implant placement and restoration, pediatric care, and special needs dentistry. Extended training to mentor and onboard the subsequent cohort of residents, demonstrating leadership and teaching capability within a high-volume, complex clinical environment. Developed operational and clinical judgment foundational to academic and executive leadership in dental education and practice.

FELLOWSHIPS

American College of Dentists

Fellowship, Awarded October 2025

Academy of General Dentistry

Fellowship, Awarded June 2021

Pierre Fauchard Academy

Fellowship, Awarded April 2020

ADEAGies Foundation / AADR Academic Dental Careers Fellowship Program
Fellowship, Awarded May 2014

EXPERIENCE

Yale New Haven Hospital Program Director, General Practice Residency	May 2022 – Present
Provide strategic leadership for the General Practice Residency program, overseeing clinical operations, resident education, and compliance across affiliated rotations. Increased patient throughput by over 10% year-over-year while maximizing room and staff utilization. Implemented cost-effective workflows that reduced program losses and established a culture of safety and compliance through rigorous protocols and audits. Direct resident evaluation, mentorship, and professional development, achieving top-tier satisfaction scores on exit interviews and surveys. Align program goals with national accreditation standards and institutional priorities to ensure consistently high-quality patient care and educational outcomes.	
Sketchy Consultant	September 2024 – November 2024
Collaborated with senior leadership, including the CEO and CFO, to provide strategic guidance on the dental education market and inform high-level business decisions. Leveraged expertise as a dentist and residency director to shape curriculum strategy, align educational frameworks with market needs, and optimize key research and survey initiatives. Influenced organizational priorities by ensuring alignment with national dental education standards and industry trends, contributing to the development of scalable, evidence-based programs and content offerings.	
VideaHealth Consultant	February 2023 – April 2024
Provide clinical leadership in the development of AI-driven dental imaging solutions by defining annotation standards and ensuring high-quality ground truth data. Apply expert knowledge of dental conditions and anatomy to optimize machine learning algorithms, improve model accuracy, and enhance the clinical relevance of technology solutions. Advise cross-functional teams to streamline workflows and align algorithm development with market and educational needs, supporting scalable, evidence-based innovations in digital dentistry.	
AJK Family Dentistry Owner Dentist	November 2016 – March 2022
Managed all aspects of a five-chair, high-volume dental practice while providing comprehensive clinical care. Developed and implemented operating manuals, protocols, and workflows to ensure consistent staff performance,	

operational efficiency, and high standards of patient care. Led adoption of new technologies to enhance clinical outcomes, streamline operations, and support scalable growth. Directed staffing, scheduling, and strategic practice initiatives to maintain excellence in both clinical and operational performance.

University of Washington School of Dentistry **March 2017 – February 2022**
Affiliate Instructor

Provided clinical leadership and mentorship for general practice residents, overseeing training in moderate (IV) sedation and management of complex cases. Served as attending for the Advanced General Dental Clinic, directing care for special needs patients while ensuring adherence to high standards of clinical excellence and patient safety. Contributed to resident skill development, clinical decision-making, and operational workflows within the teaching clinic.

410 Dental Associates **July 2015 – February 2017**
Associate Dentist

Provided comprehensive general and cosmetic dental care to a diverse patient population in a family practice setting. Delivered evidence-based treatment plans while collaborating with colleagues to ensure high standards of patient care and continuity across clinical services.

**Dental Decks
Consultant** November 2011 – January 2013

Designed innovative, clinically relevant study materials and case scenarios to enhance dental student preparation for the National Board Dental Examination Part I. Leveraged creativity and deep understanding of dental education to improve learning outcomes, streamline exam readiness, and provide engaging, practical tools for students.

Case Western Reserve University
School of Dental Medicine August 2011 – May 2014

Tutor
Mentored first- and second-year dental students in foundational biomedical sciences and preclinical dental techniques, including fixed prosthodontics and operative procedures. Developed effective strategies to simplify complex concepts, enhance comprehension, and support student success. Fostered critical thinking, practical skill development, and professional growth, contributing to a culture of academic excellence and innovation in dental education.

	Gale Elementary Community Academy Tutor	September 2007 – May 2009
	Designed and implemented individualized lesson plans to improve mathematics and reading comprehension for a third-grade student. Applied creative teaching strategies and consistent, results-oriented mentorship to achieve district-defined learning objectives. Developed early experience in curriculum planning, one-on-one instruction, and performance assessment, laying the foundation for a lifelong commitment to education and professional development.	
RESEARCH	Case Western Reserve University Department of Community Dentistry Research Associate	May 2013 – May 2014
	Collaborated with Dr. Sena Narendran to develop a questionnaire and survey CWRU dental students to determine views on dental therapists. Presented findings at the 2014 ADEA Annual Session.	
	Case Western Reserve University Department of Biological Sciences Research Associate	May 2011 – May 2012
	Worked with Dr. Aaron Weinberg and Dr. Santosh Ghosh to analyze biomarkers in salivary samples using ELISA and Western Blot protocols. Presented findings at the 2012 AADR Annual Meeting.	
	Loyola University Chicago Department of Chemistry Research Associate	November 2008 – May 2010
	Developed a means to determine the effects of Sodium Fluoride and Monofluorophosphate on the oral bacteria <i>S. mutans</i> . Executed procedures and reported findings to the principal investigator, Dr. Conrad Naleway.	
MEMBERSHIP	American Dental Association Member Student Member	2014 – Present 2010 – 2014
	Connecticut State Dental Association Board of Governors District VII Representative Member	2023 – 2025 2023 – Present
	Shoreline Dental Society Treasurer Member	2023 – Present 2023 – Present

Washington State Dental Association	
Member	2014 – 2023
Seattle King County Dental Society	
Immediate Past-President	2022 – 2023
President	2021 – 2022
President-Elect	2020 – 2021
Delegate	2019 – 2022
Member	2014 – 2023
American Dental Education Association	
Member	2014 – Present
Student Member	2010 – 2014
Academy of General Dentistry	
Chair, Dental Education	2025 – Present
Council Member, Dental Education	2023 – 2025
Member	2014 – Present
Student Member	2013 – 2014
Connecticut Academy of General Dentistry	
President	2025 – Present
President-Elect	2024 – 2025
Member	2022 – 2025
Delta Sigma Delta	
Member, Alumni Chapter	2014 – Present
Senior Page, Lambda Chapter	2013 – 2014
Member, Lambda Chapter	2012 – 2014
Omicron Kappa Upsilon	
Member, Omicron Chapter	2012 – Present
American Student Dental Association	
Immediate Past-President & Licensure Chair, CWRU	2013 – 2014
Chapter President, CWRU	2012 – 2013
President-Elect, CWRU	2011 – 2012
Student Delegate, CWRU	2010 – 2011
Ohio Dental Association	
Consultant, Dental Education and Licensure Committee	2013 – 2014
Student Delegate	2011 – 2014

VOLUNTEER**Academy of General Dentistry****Chair, Dental Education****November 2025 – Present**

Lead AGD's national Council on Dental Education, setting strategic direction for the organization's continuing education and credentialing programs. Oversee all Fellowship, Mastership, and LLSR evaluations and awards, ensuring rigorous, transparent, and standards-aligned decision-making. Direct policy development affecting member credentialing and postdoctoral hour verification, and guide national initiatives that enhance the quality, consistency, and scalability of AGD's educational offerings. Serve as the primary executive steward for education standards, governance coherence, and long-range educational strategy across the AGD.

Connecticut Academy of General Dentistry**President****September 2025 – Present**

Lead the organization as its chief representative in all engagements with government, civic, and professional bodies, driving advocacy to advance the AGD's strategic objectives. Chair all meetings of the Board of Directors and the general assembly, steering organizational governance and high-level decision-making. Direct leadership development and organizational effectiveness by appointing members to key council and committee positions. Provide executive guidance and strategic oversight as an ex-officio consultant to all constituent committees. Report on organizational performance, strategic achievements, and future outlook to the general assembly.

National Dentex Labs**Member, CE Advisory Board****June 2025 – Present**

Provide strategic guidance on the development and direction of continuing education (CE) programs. Review and recommend new course topics and speakers to ensure the clinical relevance and quality of educational content. Leverage clinical expertise to identify emerging trends and technologies for inclusion in the curriculum.

Commission on Dental Accreditation**Site Visitor, GPR & AEGD****March 2025 – Present**

Serve as a site visitor for the Commission on Dental Accreditation, conducting comprehensive on-site evaluations of General Practice Residency (GPR) and Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) programs to verify compliance with national standards. Assess program curriculum, clinical facilities, and institutional resources to ensure educational quality and operational effectiveness. Collaborate with visiting committees to interview faculty and residents, validate self-study reports, and formulate accreditation recommendations, directly contributing to the maintenance of professional standards in postdoctoral dental education.

Connecticut Academy of General Dentistry**President-Elect****September 2024 – September 2025**

Created and executed cutting-edge continuing education programs tailored to the unique needs of Connecticut's general dentists. Led advocacy efforts to enhance the quality of patient care and elevate oral health standards across the community. Championed the interests of general dentists at both state and national levels, promoting professional growth and legislative support. Cultivated a collaborative, inclusive organizational culture by fostering strong member engagement and building strategic partnerships with stakeholders.

Academy of General Dentistry**Council Member, Dental Education****November 2023 – November 2025**

Spearheaded national initiatives to strengthen AGD's continuing education infrastructure and credentialing pathways. Provided strategic oversight in evaluating and endorsing candidates for Fellowship, Mastership, LLSR, and the Thaddeus V. Weclaw Award, ensuring transparent, equitable, and standards-driven decision-making. Led policy development related to postdoctoral hour verification and member credentialing requirements, aligning governance processes with organizational goals. Contributed to long-range strategies aimed at elevating the quality, consistency, and scalability of AGD's educational offerings across the country.

Connecticut State Dental Association**Board of Governors, District VII Representative****May 2023 – May 2025**

Advocated for the interests and concerns of dental professionals in the region. Proactively engaged with members and strategically collaborated with fellow board representatives to facilitate effective communication channels. Ensured that the district's unique needs were addressed at the association level. Actively participated in decision-making processes to contribute to shaping policies that positively impacted the dental community. Upheld the highest standards of patient care through advocacy efforts.

Shoreline Dental Society**Treasurer****May 2023 – Present**

Adeptly manage financial operations, overseeing budgets, transactions, and financial reporting. Maintain accurate records of income and expenses, implementing cost-effective measures, and ensuring compliance with accounting standards. Through meticulous financial stewardship, contribute to the Society's fiscal health, enabling it to allocate resources effectively for continued growth and success.

CWRU SoDM Alumni Association Board of Directors

Co-Chair, Strategic Planning Committee September 2025 – Present

Spearhead the strategic realignment of the Alumni Board to advance the School's mission of educational excellence and innovation. Lead board development initiatives, including the restructuring of governance protocols and the implementation of data-driven engagement strategies. Collaborate with university leadership to define long-term goals that align alumni impact with institutional priorities, fostering a sustainable and active network that supports the next generation of dental professionals.

Chair, Fundraising Committee October 2024 – September 2025

Oversaw and led initiatives to secure financial support for the School of Dental Medicine by developing and executing strategies that enhanced alumni engagement in fundraising. Fostered relationships with key donors and collaborated with the Alumni Board to increase participation in giving. Directed outreach efforts, coordinated fundraising events, and ensured all activities aligned with the school's mission to advance education, research, and innovation.

Secretary May 2023 – Present

Handle all administrative duties and responsibilities, manage board meetings, and maintain accurate records of all activities. Consistently demonstrate strong communication, organizational, and problem-solving skills, leading to effective collaboration and decision-making within the board.

Officer **September 2022 – Present**

Assist the dental school in achieving its mission by promoting the welfare and advancement of the objectives of the school and Case Western Reserve University. Encourage the interest and engagement of alumni in the school and the university's initiatives.

Seattle King County Dental Society

Immediate Past-President **April 2022 – April 2023**

Served as an active chair of the Executive Council while providing an advisory role to the acting President and President-Elect.

President April 2021 – April 2022

Worked closely with the Executive Director to advance the mission and vision of the Society. Served as chair of the Executive Council to ensure that the duties to the membership are being fulfilled.

President-Elect	April 2020 – April 2021
Served as an active member of the Executive Council to drive the mission and vision of the Society forward. Spearheaded initiatives to support local dentists and help them succeed.	
Ambassador & Membership Committee Member	October 2018 – April 2023
Acted as a liaison between new members and our local dental society. Served as a point of contact regarding questions and concerns for members within SKCDS.	
Washington State Dental Association	
Leadership Opportunity and Development	January 2020 – September 2021
Task Force Member	
Served as an appointed member to broadly examine the Association's opportunities for leadership and its leadership development. Contributed to the final report delivered to the House of Delegates at the 2021 Annual Session.	
WA State Sedation Study Club	February 2019 – March 2022
Treasurer	
Evaluated and proposed opportunities for the organization while appropriately managing funds. Provided financial reports at quarterly meetings.	
Search Committee for New Dean of CWRU SODM	July 2013 – March 2014
Committee Member	
Attended meetings dedicated to finding the individual best suited to lead the CWRU School of Dental Medicine. Engaged in intensive and ongoing communication with the faculty, staff, and student body regarding the process of selecting the new Dean.	
American Student Dental Association	May 2012 – May 2013
Chapter President, Case Western Reserve University	
Chiefly responsible for the representation and overall management of the CWRU ASDA chapter. Implemented necessary improvements to strengthen and build our chapter and delegated responsibilities to appointed and elected leaders of the chapter.	
The Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland	May 2011 – May 2014
Volunteer	
Provided dental treatment (prophylaxis, extractions, operative and NSRCT) to an underserved population on a biweekly basis.	

PRESENTATIONS

“Foundations and Advancements in Digital Dentistry for Restorative Practice”
National Dentex Labs, LLC May 2025

“Dental Management of Patients with Head and Neck Cancer”
New Haven Dental Association April 2025

“Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Dentistry”
National Dentex Labs, LLC April 2025

“3D Printing Applications in Restorative Dentistry”
National Dentex Labs, LLC March 2025

“Navigating the Future: Emerging Technologies in Modern Dentistry”
Connecticut Academy of General Dentistry September 2024

“Revolutionizing Dentistry: The Transformative Impact of Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence on the Dental Profession”
Academy of General Dentistry Region One May 2024
YNHH Dept. of Dentistry Grand Rounds January 2024

“Minimal and Moderate Sedation in Patients with Special Needs”
Pacific Northwest Dental Conference November 2022
WA State Sedation Study Club July 2022
YNHH Dept. of Dentistry Grand Rounds March 2022

“Teledentistry for the Modern Dentist”
Seattle King County Dental Society May 2020

“Demystifying Orthodontic Treatment for the New Dentist”
Seattle New Dentist Study Club December 2019

AWARDS

Connecticut State Dental Association
Rising Star Award, 2024

Academy of General Dentistry
10 Dentists to Watch, 2024

Case Western Reserve University
Outstanding New Dentist, 2022

American College of Dentists
Outstanding Student Leader Award, May 2014

Robert Dean Feder Award

For Exceptional Interest in Community Dentistry, April 2014

Quintessence Award

Clinical Achievement in Restorative Dentistry, April 2014

Research Achievement, April 2014

Pierre Fauchard Academy

2013 Dental Student Scholarship, August 2013

Pierre Fauchard Academy, Ohio Section

Emerging Leadership Scholarship, August 2013

Omicron Kappa Upsilon

Kramer Award, April 2013

Omicron Kappa Upsilon, Upsilon Chapter

Scholarship Award, April 2013

Scholarship Award, April 2012

Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine

Scholarship Award, August 2011 – May 2014

Loyola University Chicago

Presidential Scholarship Award, September 2006 – May 2010

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	Dale Carnegie ADA American Dental Association: Win Friends and Influence People	June 2025
	MIT Professional Education No Code AI and Machine Learning: Building Data Science Solutions	November 2022
	Penn Dental Medicine AAL Fundamentals of Clinical Education	April 2022
	Board Chairs Academy Effective Board Governance for Nonprofit Organizations	June 2021
	Washington State Dental Association Leadership Institute	September 2019

