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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam J. Kennedy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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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

May 2022 – Present

Program Director, General Practice Residency

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

September 2024 – November 2024

Consultant

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

February 2023 – April 2024

Consultant

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

November 2016 – March 2022

Owner Dentist

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 **November 2011 – January 2013**
Consultant

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 **August 2011 – May 2014**
School of Dental Medicine
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 **September 2007 – May 2009**
Tutor

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 **May 2013 – May 2014**
Department of Community Dentistry

Research Associate

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 **May 2011 – May 2012**
Department of Biological Sciences

Research Associate

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 **November 2008 – May 2010**
Department of Chemistry

Research Associate

Developed a means to determine the effects of Sodium Fluoride and Monofluorophosphate on the oral bacteria *S. mutans*. Executed procedures and reported findings to the principal investigator, Dr. Conrad Naleway.

MEMBERSHIP

American Dental Association

Member

2014 – Present

Student Member

2010 – 2014

Connecticut State Dental Association

Board of Governors District VII Representative

2023 – 2025

Member

2023 – Present

Shoreline Dental Society

Treasurer

2023 – Present

Member

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
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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****June 2025**

American Dental Association: Win Friends and Influence People

MIT Professional Education**November 2022**

No Code AI and Machine Learning: Building Data Science Solutions

Penn Dental Medicine | AAL**April 2022**

Fundamentals of Clinical Education

Board Chairs Academy**June 2021**

Effective Board Governance for Nonprofit Organizations

Washington State Dental Association**September 2019**

Leadership Institute

