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Attn: Kathlene Gerrity
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Dear Members of the House of Delegates,

It is with great honor that I place my name under consideration to join the 2026 CT Delegation. This past year, I was proud to attend the ADA House of Delegates representing CT both as a Delegate and as a District 1 Representative of the ADA Council on Communications. Through this experience, I learned so much about organized dentistry and built meaningful relationships with dentists from across the country that will last a lifetime. I actively participated in my Reference Committee while discussing a wide array of resolutions, and I shared innovative ideas with the goal of transforming ADA membership to become more diverse and inclusive. Continued involvement in the ADA Delegation would certainly present an invaluable opportunity to foster the leadership skills necessary for making a difference within the field of organized dentistry. Since the ADA stands at the forefront of education, research, and patient care, serving as a Delegate would enable me to continue my journey as a lifelong learner while positively impacting the community. If appointed to the 2026 CT Delegation, I will continue to advocate on behalf of our patients as well as the profession, and I will fight for our voices to be heard at the national level.

With respect to my educational trajectory, I obtained my doctorate in dental medicine from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine at which time I was inducted into the Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU) National Dental Honor Society. I then completed a residency in pediatric dentistry at Connecticut Children's Medical Center (CCMC) while concurrently attaining my Master of Public Health (MPH) degree along with a Certificate of Interdisciplinary Disability Studies through a UConn-HRSA Dual Degree Training Program.

As a board-certified pediatric dentist, I recently started my own business in Avon, CT, Twinkle Tooth Pediatric Dentistry. Outside of patient care, I am an advocate for the optimal oral health of all children and a firm believer that policy drives clinical practice. In advancing this aim, I have served as Legislative Representative for the CT Society of Pediatric Dentists (CSPD) since 2018 and Board President of the Connecticut Oral Health Initiative (COHI) since 2022, a nonprofit organization that promotes equity, access, and quality of oral health care. Working in close collaboration with the Connecticut State Dental Association (CSDA), I championed a grassroots advocacy campaign in 2025 to protect community water fluoridation at the state level, for which I was recognized as an ADA Fluoride Ambassador. In honor of my commitment to advocacy, I was presented with the 2025 AAPD Jerome B. Miller "For the Kids" Award, the 2024 ADA 10 Under 10 Award, the 2023 CSDA Rising Star Award, and the 2020 COHI Oral Health Champion Award.

At the national level, I represent the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) as a Public Policy Advocate for the state of CT, Region 1 Representative for the Pediatric Dental Medicaid & CHIP Advisory Committee of the Council on Government Affairs, and Assistant Treasurer for the PAC Steering Committee. Each year, I fulfill the role of State Team Leader for the AAPD Pediatric Oral Health Advocacy Conference on Capitol Hill where I train residents how to lobby for various legislative issues pertaining to oral health. With an avid interest in both policy and leadership development, I also completed the AAPD Leadership Institute at Kellogg School of Management as well as the AAPD Samuel D. Harris Research and Policy Fellowship.

Throughout the years, I have been honored and humbled to receive the Mulvihill Medal for Academic and Research Excellence, the AAPD Resident Recognition Award, the Provost's Outstanding Senior Woman Academic Achievement Award, the Pierre Fauchard Academy Academic Achievement Award in the Profession of Dentistry, the Special Care Dentistry Award for Achievement in Dental Care for Disabled Persons, and the Dean's Award.

Since 2018, I have lectured at the UConn Health Center for the course, Introduction to Interprofessional Public Health Practice, and find it very rewarding to teach non-dental providers about the importance of oral health in an effort to improve oral health literacy and to increase the accessibility of care. I have facilitated interprofessional practice by developing an oral health curriculum for community health workers and collaborating with the CT Department of Public Health (DPH) to create a "Nutrition and Oral Health Toolkit". My interest in public health was first incited while volunteering on a service trip to Neltume, Chile when I was exposed to the plight of oral health care disparities. Since then, it became my personal and professional goal to impact policy in promoting oral health and preventing disease for all children irrespective of race, ethnicity, or income level.

Based upon my personal and professional experience, I would offer a unique perspective to the House of Delegates firmly grounded in the values of the ADA. I intend to utilize written and oral communication strategies to build constituency, effectively deliver key messages, incite active participation, and facilitate open dialogue on behalf of the Delegation. I believe that attaining a degree in public health has prepared me for the task of contributing to organized dentistry and has shaped the lens by which I view oral health issues within the broader context of the community. I am profoundly grateful for all I have learned, and it is my goal to continue promoting the ideals of the ADA in the future.

Appointment to the 2026 ADA House of Delegates would cultivate my growth both as a healthcare professional and as a person. I hope that my work ethic, interpersonal skills, and ambition will make me a candidate that you will consider. It is with great pleasure that I ask for your continued confidence and vote at our House of Delegates. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

University of Connecticut Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program • Farmington, CT

Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry • June 2019
Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry • June 2018

University of Connecticut Graduate School • Farmington, CT

M.P.H. • May 2019

Certificate of Interdisciplinary Disability Studies in Public Health • May 2019

University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine • Farmington, CT

D.M.D. • May 2016

Providence College • Providence, RI

B.A. in Chemistry and B.S. in Biology with a Minor in Dance • May 2012

WORK HISTORY

Twinkle Tooth Pediatric Dentistry • Owner • Avon, CT	12/2023-present
Connecticut Pediatric Dentistry • Full-Time Associate • West Hartford, CT	3/2022-12/2023
Northampton Pediatric Dentistry • Full-Time Associate • Northampton, MA	7/2019-2/2022
The Little Tooth Company • Part-Time Associate • Southington, CT	7/2019-7/2020

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Medicaid, Medicare, CHIP Oral Health Symposium • MSDA • Washington, DC • 2023-present

• Attended this annual symposium as the AAPD Region 1 Representative of the Pediatric Dental Medicaid & CHIP Advisory Committee.

AAPD Chapter Leadership Summit • AAPD • Chicago, IL • 2022-present

• Attended this biennial conference as the AAPD Public Policy Advocate for the state of Connecticut.
Delivered a lecture in 2024 entitled, "G0330 SMA Implementation Progress: Connecticut".

Pediatric Oral Health Advocacy Conference • AAPD • Washington, DC • 2018-present

• Lobbied Congressional Leaders on Capitol Hill and attended briefings about oral health issues.
Starting in 2021, served as state team leader to train residents and to schedule Congressional visits.

Leadership Institute • Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University • Evanston, IL • 2023-2025

• Accepted into Cohort VII through the AAPD and the AAPD Foundation for a three-year educational engagement program with a curriculum focused on leadership development.

Honorarium Guest Speaker • UConn Graduate School • Farmington, CT • 2019-2025

• Received an invitation to lecture for the MPH course, "Introduction to Interprofessional Public Health Practice."

Clinical Advisory Board • Incisive Technologies • Scottsdale, AZ • 9/21/2024

• Received an invitation to serve on an expert panel to gather insight on practice patterns with the goal of developing innovative dental technology.

Guest Lecturer • Doula/Community Health Worker Initiative • Middletown, CT • 7/12/2021, 2/24/2022

• Received an invitation to lecture at a community health worker training course.

Subject Matter Expert • CT DPH • 5/2020-6/2020

• Collaborated with the DPH Office of Oral Health through the Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity Program to serve to develop a nutrition and oral health toolkit.

Samuel D. Harris Research and Policy Fellowship • AAPD • 2018-2019

• Conducted original oral health research, participated in advocacy activities, developed leadership skills, and delivered oral presentations to the Pediatric Oral Health Research and Policy Center Advisory Board as well as the Board of Trustees.

Course Instructor • Independent Learning Opportunity • UConn SOM • 2/25-3/1/2019, 5/31-6/6/2019

- Created a specialized mini-course for first year medical students entitled, “An Overview of Oral Health for the Non-Dental Provider.” Wrote a course proposal, designed a curriculum, identified learning objectives, presented daily lectures, facilitated team-based learning activities, created assignments, graded papers, and organized resources on HuskyCT.

CPHA-SCSU-Yale Advocacy Training • SCSU • New Haven, CT • 2/23/2019

Legal Issues in Dentistry Conference • Yale-NHH Dept. of Dentistry Summit • New Haven, CT • 2/9/2019

Leadership Conference & Winter Board Meeting • AAPD • Austin, TX • 1/17-1/19/2019

Media Spokesperson Program & Board Orientation • AAPD • Chicago, IL • 6/21-6/23/2018

- Underwent training to become a national spokesperson for the AAPD.

Connecticut Children’s Medical Center Externship • UConn SDM • Farmington, CT • 6/22-6/26/2015

Boston Children’s Hospital Externship • Harvard SDM • Boston, MA • 6/15-6/19/2015

Chile Service Trip • UConn SDM • Neltume, Chile • 2/20-3/4/2015

- Worked on a team with the Friendship and Oral Health Program to provide comprehensive oral care to the indigenous Huilo-Huilo community.

Summer Medical and Dental Education Program • UMDNJ • Newark, NJ • 6-7/2010

- Participated in a six-week academic enrichment program that provided intensive dental school preparation, shadowing, and clinical experience.

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Assistant Treasurer of the PAC Steering Committee • AAPD	2025-present
Fluoride Ambassador • ADA	2025-present
Council on Communications • ADA	2025-present
ADA Delegate • ADA House of Delegates	2024-present
CSDA Delegate District VI • CSDA House of Delegates	2024-present
PAC Patriot • AAPD	2024-present
State PAC Champion • AAPD	2023-present
CODPAC Member • CSDA	2023-present
ADPAC Member • ADA	2023-present
President of the Board of Directors • COHI	2022-present
Consultant for the Council on Government Affairs • CSDA	2022-present
Board of Directors for the CT Oral Health Initiative • COHI	2020-present
Public Policy Advocate (PPA) • AAPD	2019-present
Ped. Dent. Medicaid & CHIP Advisory Comm. of the Council on Gov. Affairs • AAPD	2019-present
AAPD Liaison • CSPD	2019-present
Connecticut Dental Sealant Advisory • CT DPH	2019-present
Legislative Representative • CSPD	2018-present
Board Member of the Connecticut Society of Pediatric Dentists • CSPD	2017-present
Board Member of the CSDA Finance Committee • CSDA	2024-2025
PAC Ambassador • AAPD	2020-2023
ADA Alternate Delegate • ADA House of Delegates	2023-2024
CSDA Alternate Delegate District VI • CSDA House of Delegates	2023-2024
Board of Directors for the Hispanic Health Council • HHC	2023-2024
Chair of the Programming Committee • HHC	2023-2024
Connecticut Oral Health Affinity Group • CMCS	2020-2021
Dental Student Admissions Representative • UConn SDM	2015-2016
President of the Pediatric Dentistry Interest Group • UConn SDM	2014-2015
Board Member for the South Park Inn Homeless Shelter • UConn SDM	2014-2015
Secretary of the Healthy Smiles Education Club • UConn SDM	2012-2013

HONORS & AWARDS

Jerome B. Miller “For the Kids” Award • AAPD	5/2025
10 Under 10 Award • ADA	10/2024
Fellow of the International College of Dentists USA Section • ICD	10/2023
Health Career Opportunity Programs Alumni Commencement Speaker • UConn Health	7/2023

Emerge Commencement Speaker • Emerge CT	6/2023
Rising Star Dentist Award • CSDA	5/2023
Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry • FAAPD	2023
Oral Health Champion Award • COHI	1/2020
Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry • ABPD	9/2019
Mulvihill Medal for Academic and Research Excellence • UConn Health	5/2019
Resident Recognition Award • AAPD	5/2018
HRSA Dual Degree Training Program with Advanced Standing • UConn Health	7/2016-6/2019
Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society Phi Chi Chapter • UConn SDM	5/2016
Provost's Outstanding Senior Woman Academic Achievement Award • UConn SDM	5/2016
Pierre Fauchard Academy Academic Achievement Award in Dentistry • UConn SDM	5/2016
Special Care Dentistry Award for Achievement with Disabled Persons • UConn SDM	5/2016
Dean's Award • UConn SDM	3/2014
Omicron Kappa Upsilon Award • UConn SDM	3/2014
Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society • UConn SDM	3/2014
Health Career Opportunity Programs Scholarship • UConn SDM	2012-2016
Yankee Dental Congress Poster Session Finalist • Yankee Dental Congress	2/2014

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Integrative Learning Experience Plan A Thesis • January 2018-May 2019

Major Advisor: Jane Ungemack, DrPH • Department of Community Medicine and Health Care
 University of Connecticut Graduate School • Farmington, CT
 • Proposed original research to delve into recent trends associated with pediatric dental sedation and to identify risk factors among patients age 0-3 in a university hospital setting.

University of Connecticut Health Center Summer Research Fellowship Program • June-August 2013

Major Advisor: Frank E. Marion, PhD • Department of Oral Health and Diagnostic Sciences
 University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine • Farmington, CT
 • Designed and conducted a study exploring the interaction between olfaction and gustation with selective adaptation between olfactory and gustatory stimuli in subjects treated with Peridex, an antiseptic oral rinse containing the active ingredient chlorhexidine gluconate.

Aetna Health Profession Partnership Initiative Summer Research Fellowship Program • May-July 2011

Major Advisor: Irina Bezsonova • Department of Molecular, Microbial, and Structural Biology
 University of Connecticut Health Center • Farmington, CT
 • Prepared and purified components of the polycomb repressive complex 1 (PRC1) in enough quantities for NMR studies to expound upon the structure in the hopes of better understanding the mechanism behind PRC1 gene silencing in the future.

Published Manuscript:

Muñoz B. 2015. The unequal distribution of oral health care in the United States. *Dental Hypotheses* 6.4: 161-162.

Peer-Reviewed Manuscript:

Muñoz B, Frank M.E., and Formaker B.K. Peridex affects identification of adapted taste and odor mixtures. *J Dent Res.* 94 (A): 2091623, 2015 (www.iadr.org).

Oral Presentations:

Muñoz B, Ungemack J., Bermudez-Millan A., and Katechia B. "Trends and Characteristics of Pediatric Dental Sedation in a University Setting." **AAPD Annual Session**. Chicago, IL, May 22-26, 2019.

Muñoz B, Frank M.E., and Formaker B.K. "Peridex affects identification of adapted taste and odor mixtures." **IADR/AADR/CADR2015 General Session & Exhibition**. Boston, MA, March 11-14, 2015.

Muñoz B, Frank M.E., and Formaker B.K. "Peridex affects identification of adapted taste and odor mixtures." **Hinman Student Research Symposium**. Memphis, TN, October 31-November 2, 2014.

Muñoz B, Frank M.E., and Formaker B.K. "Peridex affects identification of adapted taste and odor mixtures." **University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine Student Scientific Research Day**. Farmington, CT, March 10, 2014.

Poster Presentations:

Muñoz B, Ungemack J., Bermudez-Millan A., Katechia B., Redford-Badwal D., and Rabat J. "Trends and Characteristics of Pediatric Dental Sedation in a University Setting." **Annual UConn Public Health Poster Session**. Farmington, CT, April 18, 2019.

Muñoz B, Ungemack J., Bermudez-Millan A., Katechia B., Redford-Badwal D., and Rabat J. "Research proposal: Prevalence and risk factors of pediatric dental sedation." **AAPD Annual Session**. Honolulu, HI, May 26, 2018.

Muñoz B, Frank M.E., and Formaker B.K. "Peridex affects identification of adapted taste and odor mixtures." **New England Science Symposium**. Boston, MA, April 11, 2015.

Muñoz B, Frank M.E., and Formaker B.K. "Peridex affects identification of adapted taste and odor mixtures." **Yankee Dental Congress 2014 Student Poster Session**. Boston, MA, January 29-February 2, 2014.

Muñoz B and Bezsonova I. "Studying dimerization within subunits of PRC1 Ubiquitin Ligase Complex." **Aetna Health Profession Partnership Initiative Summer Research Poster Session**. Farmington, CT, July 29, 2011.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteer Connecticut Mission of Mercy	6/2025, 3/2015, 4/2014
Volunteer Connecticut Oral Health Initiative (COHI)	2019-2020
Coordinator Special Smiles Program for Healthy Athletes at Special Olympics	9/2014- 9/2015
Coordinator South Park Inn Homeless Shelter	4/2014- 9/2015
Coordinator Connecticut Child Identification Program	10/2013-9/2015
Volunteer YMCA Head Start Program	3/2015- 9/2015
Volunteer Saturday Morning Friends and Fun	4/2015
Volunteer Healthy Adolescent Smiles	3/2015
Volunteer Hip & Fit Afterschool Community Health Fair	6/2014
Connecticut Children's Medical Center Cycle of Life	6/2014
Ambassador for the Children Miracle Network Hospitals	3-6/2014
Connecticut Children's Medical Center Miracle Ride	4/2014
Coordinator Hartford Health Education	11/2013-2/2014
Volunteer Pediatric Clinic Education Outreach Program	11-12/2013
Volunteer Bridge to Future Science Mentoring Program	10/2013
Volunteer Migrant Farm Workers Clinic	6/2013
Volunteer ASDA Give Kids a Smile	3/2013
Volunteer Relay for Life	3/2008-3/2012
Volunteer Special Olympics Tournaments	2/2005-2/2012

BOARD CERTIFICATION

American Board of Pediatric Dentistry Oral Clinical Examination	9/9/2019
American Board of Pediatric Dentistry Qualifying Examination	5/7/2018
American Board of Dental Examiners ADEX Dental Licensing Examination	2/18/2016
National Board Dental Examination Part II	1/20/2016
National Board Dental Examination Part I	10/19/2014

DENTAL LICENSURE

National Provider Index (NPI)	American Dental Association, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
• 1518314087	CT Society of Pediatric Dentists, Northeast Society of Pediatric Dentistry
CT Dental License • 12188	CT Dental Association
MA Dental License • DN1857296	

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIPS