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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 2025 CT Delegation. This past year, I was proud to attend the ADA House of Delegates representing CT both as a Delegate and as an ADA 10 Under 10 Award Recipient. 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 2025 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.

As a board-certified pediatric dentist, I recently started my own business in Avon, CT, Twinkle Tooth Pediatric Dentistry. 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. With an avid interest in oral health advocacy, I 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.

At the national level, I represent the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) as the CT Public Policy Advocate as well as the Region 1 Representative for the Pediatric Dental Medicaid & CHIP Advisory Committee of the Council on Government Affairs. 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.

At the state level, I have been appointed as President of the CT Oral Health Initiative (COHI), a non-profit organization that promotes equity, access, and quality of oral health care. I also serve as Board Member for the CSDA Finance Committee and Legislative Representative for the CT Society of Pediatric Dentists (CSPD).

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Each year, I lecture at the UConn Health Center for the course, Introduction to Interprofessional Public Health Practice. I 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.

In 2020, I was presented with the Oral Health Champion Award in recognition of the instrumental role that I played in the advocacy campaign to expand the period in which CT youth may retain dental insurance coverage on a parent's policy to age 26. Throughout the years, I also have been honored and humbled to receive the CSDA Rising Star Award, 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.

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 2025 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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Diplomate, American Board of Pediatric Dentistry
Public Policy Advocate, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
Legislative Representative, Connecticut Society of Pediatric Dentists

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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 • Avon, CT 12/2023-present
• Started a business as a solo practitioner.

Connecticut Pediatric Dentistry • West Hartford, CT 3/2022-12/2023
• Worked full-time treating patients in a private practice with office locations in West Hartford, Unionville, and North Windham.

Northampton Pediatric Dentistry • Northampton, MA 7/2019-2/2022
• Worked full-time as an associate pediatric dentist in a private practice with office locations in Northampton, Amherst, and Greenfield.

The Little Tooth Company • Southington, CT 7/2019-7/2020
• Worked part-time as an associate pediatric dentist in private practice.

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

MGM Model/Spokesperson • Springfield, MA 2/2022-9/2023
• Partake in photoshoots, video shoots, appearances, presentations, productions, broadcasts, and recordings for marketing initiatives at MGM Casino.

NFL New England Patriots Cheerleader • Gillette Stadium 6/2021-3/2022, 4/2011- 4/2012
• Cheered on the field at Gillette Stadium amidst 60,000 fans, worked promotional events with a wide array of NFL sponsors, partook in various interviews for newspapers, radio stations, magazines as well as websites, and volunteered with a variety of charitable organizations, such as the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Teaching Assistant • Principles of Interprofessional Practice • UConn Graduate School 8/2018-12/2018
• L lectured, facilitated team-based learning activities, graded papers, and organized assignments on HuskyCT for a course within the core curriculum of the MPH program.

Zumba Instructor • Valley Fitness Center 12/2014-3/2016
• Attained Zumba certification for being trained in health and fitness. Working as a Zumba Instructor involves using both verbal and non-verbal communication skills as well as positive reinforcement to motivate others and to lead a group fitness class.

Resident Assistant • Providence College 5/2009- 5/2012
• Managed a floor of 50 freshman females, counseled residents, conducted meetings, resolved conflicts, and implemented community service as well as educational events for the residence hall.

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 • 2019-2024
• 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.
- Emerge Connecticut** • Emerge America • Hartford, CT • 4/2023-6/2023
• Accepted into a cohort of Democratic women for leadership training in the fields of diversity, representation, social justice, and campaigning.
- 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

ADA Delegate • ADA House of Delegates	2024-present
CSDA Delegate District VI • CSDA House of Delegates	2024-present

Board Member of the CSDA Finance Committee • CSDA	2024-present
State Political Action Committee (PAC) Champion • AAPD	2023-present
President of the Board of Directors for the CT Oral Health Initiative • COHI	2022-present
Consultant for the Counsel on Government Affairs • CSDA	2022-present
Board of Directors for the CT Oral Health Initiative • COHI	2020-present
Political Action Committee • AAPD	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
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
Democratic Town Committee • Suffield, CT	2023-2024
Board of Director for the Miss Worcester County Scholarship Organization • MAO	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
Liturgical Ministry Lector • Providence College	2010-2012
Dance Company Lead Choreographer • Providence College	2009-2011
Dance Company Member • Providence College	2008-2011

HONORS & AWARDS

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
Phi Lambda Upsilon National Chemistry Honor Society • Providence College	5/2011
Alpha Epsilon Delta Health Pre-Professional Honor Society • Providence College	5/2010
St. Catherine of Siena Scholarship • Providence College	2008-2012
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship • Providence College	2008-2012
Liberal Arts Honors Program • Providence College	2008-2012
Multicultural Scholarship Program • Providence College	2008-2012

Designation of Honors Cum Laude • Providence College
Dean's List • Providence College
Miss Connecticut 4th Runner-Up Scholarship • Miss America Organization

5/2012
2008-2012
6/2014

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/CADR 2015 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 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 Connecticut Mission of Mercy	4/2014-3/2015
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)
 • 1518314087
CT Dental License • 12188
MA Dental License • DN1857296

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIPS

American Dental Association, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
 CT Society of Pediatric Dentists, Northeast Society of Pediatric Dentistry
 CT Dental Association

