

2024 National Prosthodontics Awareness Week

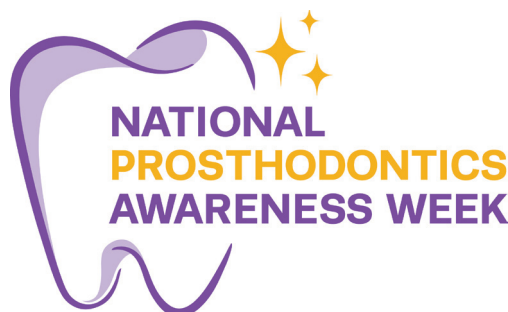
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2024 NPAW/PR Committee
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National Prosthodontics Awareness Week (NPAW) took place April 21-27, with celebrations taking place in-person and online throughout the country raising awareness about our specialty!

This year, National Prosthodontics Awareness Week (NPAW) took place from April 21-27, 2024. Throughout NPAW, our committee organized a series of events and resources to engage with the public and dental colleagues, educating them about the importance of prosthodontic care.

2024 was an exciting year for both our committee and the ACP membership, not only because of the many wonderful activities and resources planned, but also because of our new NPAW branding and logo. The logo colors were changed to gold and purple in honor of prosthodontics!

I was honored to host the first-ever NPAW Webinar hosted by the ACP this year! It was on “The Role of the Prosthodontist in the General Dentist’s Strategic Referral System.” The aim of the course was to help identify factors in individual cases that would indicate collaboration with a prosthodontist. Clinical cases were reviewed to illustrate the process, benefits, and results of strategic collaborative

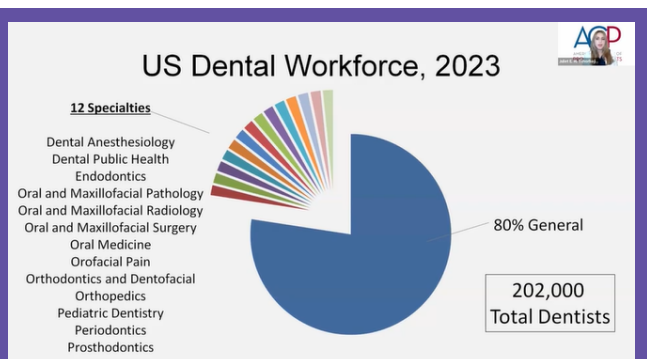


referrals, offering 1 CE Credit. You can see the webinar on ACP Anywhere now!

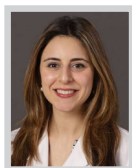
We also had “NPAW Facts for Social Media” for each of the seven days, designed to be posted on social media and distributed to patients in the office. These beautiful designs and illustrations were created by our graphic designer. We are excited to share that our NPAW Facts were downloaded 316 times from the website!

Additionally, we were fortunate to have an Instagram Takeover by a different prosthodontist or prosthodontic residency program each day. This was a wonderful way to showcase and highlight a day in the life of a prosthodontist. The hashtag #NPAW2024 was used 274 times on Instagram.

National Prosthodontics Awareness Week was a resounding success, thanks to the dedication and hard work of our committee members and volunteers. I was very fortunate to head this committee with my co-chair! ■



One new initiative for 2024 was the NPAW Webinar. ACP NPAW/PR Committee Co-Chair Dr. Juliet Tchorbajian presented “The Role of the Prosthodontist in the General Dentist’s Strategic Referral System,” reaching over 100 dental professionals, and it’s available at no cost on ACP Anywhere!



Dr. Juliet Tchorbajian is the 2024 ACP National Prosthodontics Awareness Week/ Public Relations Committee Co-Chair



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Dr. Kevin Lassiter celebrated NPAW by giving a presentation on Impressions for Fixed Restorations to soldiers and providers at Fort Stewart Army base in Georgia



Commander Samuel Richards provided hands on training on maxillofacial custom ocular prosthetics, where participants were able to create ocular prosthetics



Dr. Robert Bentz with Bentz Dental Group celebrated NPAW with a custom campaign “Pros•thuh•don•tiks: Say it with a Smile,” networking with referring dentists, recording radio commercials in Philadelphia, and aired a TV commercial focusing on NPAW. He is pictured with one of his patients during NPAW.

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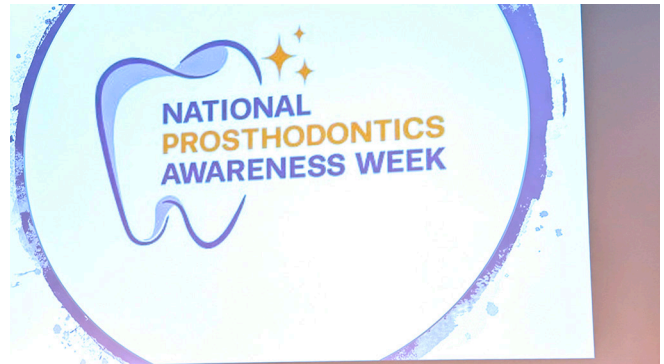
Indiana University School of Dentistry and the ACP Indiana Section provided dental service for underserved patients in their community. They also involved dental students by showing how prosthodontics fits into dentistry and engaged in conversations about their experiences with prosthodontics.



LSU celebrated NPAW by giving case presentations to their residents, playing Prosthodontic Jeopardy, and had an art cast contest highlighting the principles of occlusion.

“It’s important to celebrate NPAW because many in the community still do not know what a prosthodontist can do for oral rehabilitation, whether it be simple or complex and the extra training we have makes such an impact.”

-DR. AMERIAN D. SONES



Oregon Health & Science University organized a Lunch & Learn session for their predoctoral students and played Prosthodontic Jeopardy in honor of NPAW.



The Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics celebrated NPAW with a veteran service program treating military veterans who are denture patients



Pi Dental Center celebrated NPAAW promoting prosthodontics to local dentists and spoke on how prosthodontists can provide assistance with complex dental issues.



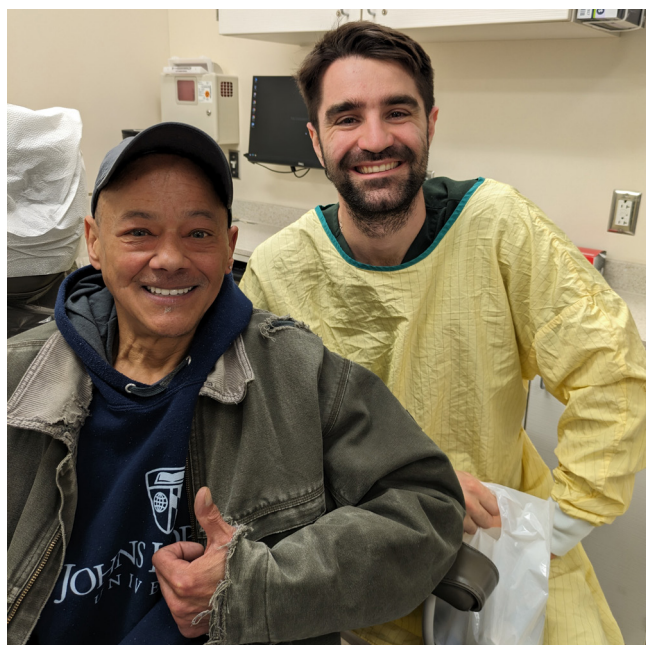
UConn School of Dental Medicine residents promoted prosthodontics to staff and visitors of UConn health and gave tours of their lab facilities to prospective dental students.



University of Buffalo Dental school had an event to create awareness of their residency program. Dr. Amanda Colebeck gave a presentation on Maxillofacial Prosthetics

Collaboration is crucial in multidisciplinary specialties within dentistry because it leverages the diverse expertise of each discipline to provide comprehensive, patient-centered care. This collaborative approach fosters innovation and continuous learning, ensuring that we are always at the forefront of dental advancements.”

- DR. JULIET TCHORBAJIAN, 2024 NPAAW/PR COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR DURING HER NPAAW WEBINAR LECTURE

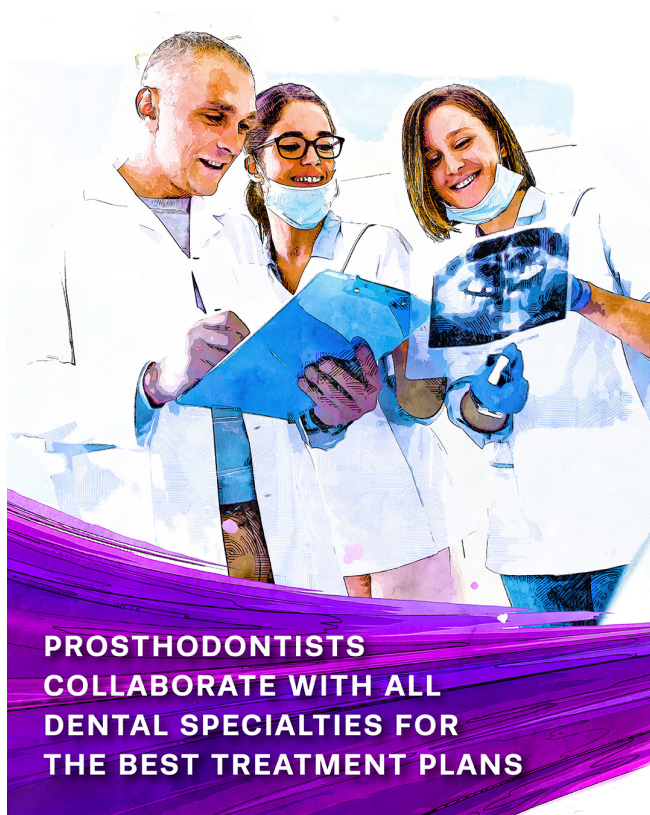


The University of Iowa prosthodontic program celebrated NPAAW by fabricating sets of dentures to veterans at no cost connecting their residents with the community.

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“NPAW has been great for us through the years because it provides us a platform where we can help our colleagues better understand how we as prosthodontists can be of service to them.”

-DR. NATE FARLEY



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next year for
#NPAW2025



Dr. Eva Anadioti held a residents' lecture and networking event in celebration of NPAW. During the event prosthodontic and periodontic graduate students and residents from the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University toured Dr. Anadioti's private practice and competed in a "scan off" competition to see which resident could make the most accurate full-arch scan the fastest.



The University of Manitoba celebrated NPAW by showcasing resident posters at the Manitoba Dental Association Annual Convention. These presentations provided insight into what treatments prosthodontists can provide to patients.



The team at Smileboston Cosmetic and Implant Dentistry welcomed NPAW by speaking at their local ABC news station.



Lt Col Ryan Sheridan, DMD, MS, FACP, hosted the 2024 DHA Dental Prosthetic Laboratory Annual Symposium during the week of NPAW, where hands on training was provided in multiple areas of prosthodontics

2024 PR & NPAW Committee

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Thank you for another successful NPAW

The ACP celebrates National Prosthodontics Awareness Week (NPAW) each year in April to spread awareness about the prosthodontic specialty. It was an honor to serve as the Co-Chair of the of the National Prosthodontics Awareness Week/Public Relations Committee this year.

The NPAW committee meets frequently over the year to discuss and come up with ideas and activities to spread awareness in the community. We have committee members from all backgrounds like education, private practice, federal services, and residents which helps us reach out to a majority of the community.

I am excited about everything the committee worked on for NPAW 2024, including the new NPAW logo that reflects the color of prosthodontics, the roundtable discussion geared toward dental students, the NPAW Webinar, and using the NPAW facts that use language accessible to the public to explain what we do with digital technology.

I was pleased to host the Roundtable Discussion this year and have Dr. Kevin Lassiter and Dr. Ruhanijot Cheema, who discussed why they chose to specialize in prosthodontics and how it has shaped their career paths to share with the prospective students who may consider specializing in prosthodontics. The video is available on the NPAW page of the ACP's website and on the ACP's YouTube channel.

It was a great year for the members as we have received some amazing member activities, it was wonderful seeing how all of you celebrated NPAW.

Lastly, I have been a part NPAW committee for a few years and every year there is a new excitement to start all over again. This year was special as the Co-Chair. I want to thank our current ACP President and my mentor Dr. John Ball and the ACP members who have made this NPAW 2024 a great success. I would like to extend a big thank you to Sean O'Reilly and this team for their time and contribution in making this a success. See you all until next year for #NPAW2025.

Welcome to the Prosthodontic Roundtable Discussion



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