

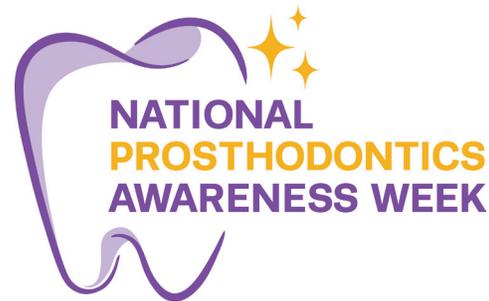
2025 National Prosthodontics Awareness Week

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National Prosthodontics Awareness Week (NPAW) took place April 20-26, with celebrations taking place in-person and online throughout the country spreading awareness about our specialty.

National Prosthodontics Awareness Week (NPAW) is held annually during the last week of April. This is a grassroots initiative for our members to engage with the public, dental community, and dental students to raise awareness about the importance of prosthodontics. The NPAW/Public Relations Committee worked hard this year to provide resources for our members to celebrate in their community.

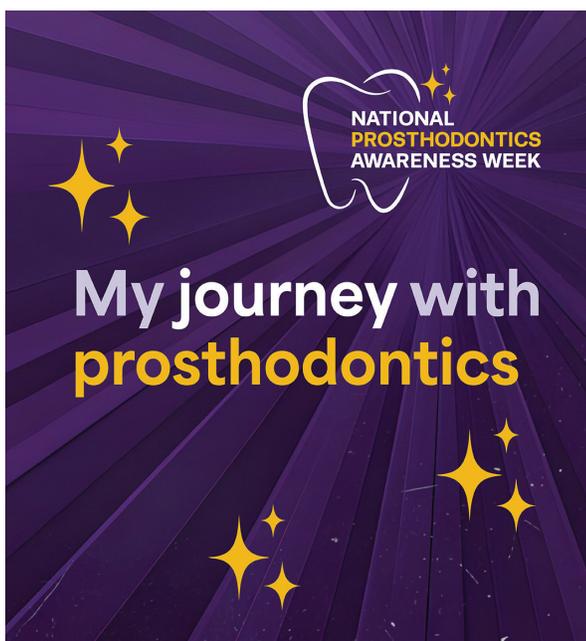
This year, the committee focused on the **journey of the prosthodontist**. We are acutely aware that every prosthodontist has a unique path to specialization. Prosthodontics encompasses a wide range of dental practices from prosthetics to implants. Therefore, we wanted to give everyone the opportunity to showcase and celebrate their specific areas of practice.



In lieu of traditional social media NPAW facts, we decided this year we would provide prompts that would allow members to share their personal perspectives on prosthodontics. The prompts were downloaded almost 600 times for distribution. We were pleased to invite members to takeover our Instagram account each day for NPAW and the #NPAW2025 was used over 100 times throughout the week.

Once again, we were able to offer a complimentary NPAW webinar for CE credits presented by committee co-chairs Dr. Juliet Tchorbajian and Dr. Bhavika Thakkar on the journey to specialization. This serves as a valuable resource for dental students, specialists, and prosthodontists to showcase different areas of our specialty.

It was wonderful to see how everyone celebrated this year's NPAW and we look forward to another successful NPAW in 2026!



“Celebrating NPAW is a powerful way to highlight the artistry and innovation behind prosthodontics. It’s not just about replacing teeth – it’s about restoring confidence, function, and quality of life. Events like these inspire future dentists to see the transformative impact of our specialty.”

- DR. VASHTI CONVERS



University of Connecticut post-graduate prosthodontic program celebrated NPAW with a lab open house for dental students. Residents showed the dental students CAD software, waxing techniques, diagnostic cast beautification, and milling/3D-printing. University of Connecticut also celebrated with lectures throughout the week promoting our specialty amongst their dental school and community.”



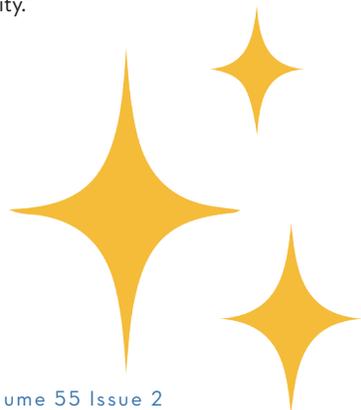
Dr. Francis Keeling and Dr. Gerard Krueger gave a lecture and hands on demonstration to the University of Florida AEGD residents and faculty. The presentation focused on the orientation of the maxilla in comprehensive dentistry.

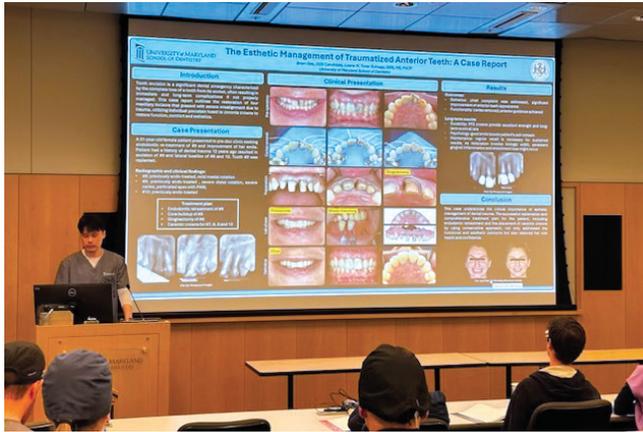


Residents, faculty, and students at the University of Pennsylvania prosthodontics program hosted multiple CE events in honor of NPAW including a hands-on implant course with Dr. Akanksha Srivastava (pictured above).”



The Massachusetts Section of the ACP hosted a NPAW panel event at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. The two-hour program featured four panelists representing diverse practice models. The event provided valuable insights for residents and new practitioners while offering them the opportunity to foster connections with seasoned prosthodontists throughout Massachusetts.





The University of Maryland prosthodontics division celebrated NPAW with a digital poster competition that featured 13 predoctoral student case presentations. The students were able to interact with their faculty and residents to share all our specialty encompasses.



The University of Manitoba residents presented posters at the Manitoba Dental Association to promote the specialty and raised awareness of our specialty to dental professionals in attendance.



University of Missouri Kansas City celebrated NPAW with a lunch and lecture for their residents and dental students

National Prosthodontic Awareness Week is instrumental in boosting the specialty’s national visibility and strengthening collaboration and referral networks with general dentists and specialty colleagues.”

- DR. FRANCIS KEELING



Dr. Stella Stavrou presented to residents at UCLA on integrating prosthodontics into interdisciplinary workflows in private practice.

“NPAW provides the opportunity to highlight the versatility of our specialty and spark conversations about how we can collaborate across disciplines to enhance patient care.”

- DR. STELLA STAVROU

“We celebrate NPAW to honor the future generation of prosthodontists, who remind us that education is not just about knowledge, but about inspiring excellence, compassion, and innovation in patient care.”

– DR. LOANA M. TOVAR SUINAGA



The University of Alabama Birmingham School of Dentistry celebrated NPAW with a series of events that highlight the impact and importance of prosthodontics. Residents and faculty, including ACP Vice President Dr. Daniel Givan, hosted lunch and learns throughout the week, alumni returned to discuss their experience post-residency, and UAB organized a Resident Symposium featuring case presentations showcasing resident-led research.



Dr. Ali Obeidi and staff at Elite Dental Specialists hosted an open house to educate their community about the power of prosthodontics. The open house was featured on a “Live on Location,” segment of their local news.



Prosthodontists at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry hosted a lunch and lecture with dental students to discuss the range of prosthodontics to raise awareness about specializing in prosthodontics.



ACP President Dr. Douglas Benting presented to residents from Arizona State University and Midwestern College of Dental Medicine on the complexity of modern prosthodontics. This lecture was part of a lunch and lecture series sponsored by the Arizona Section of the ACP in honor of NPAW.

2025 National Prosthodontics Awareness Week/Public Relations Committee Members

- Dr. Juliet Tchorbajian, Co-Chair
- Dr. Bhavika Thakkar, Co-Chair
- Dr. Eugenio Brenes
- Dr. Ruhaniyot Cheema
- Dr. Prajakta Kulkarni
- Dr. Robert Raimondi
- Dr. Stella Stavrou
- Dr. Elphida Ayvazian, ACP Public Relations & Communications Division Director

A Message from the Co-Chairs of NPAW 2025

Serving as the co-chair for the National Prosthodontics Awareness Week (NPAW) for the second year has been an inspiring and rewarding journey. NPAW allows us to contribute meaningfully to spread awareness about prosthodontics and its transformative potential in patient care. Working closely with our dedicated committee, I witnessed the power of collaboration and shared vision in action to help our members celebrate our specialty.

This year, we strategically developed targeted social media graphics that effectively showcased the depth of prosthodontics through patient stories, treatment highlights, and educational content. I was honored to jointly present the NPAW webinar with my co-chair counterpart, Dr. Juliet Tchorbajian. This webinar was meant to engage with dental professionals and dental students to explore prosthodontics as a career and reinforce the specialty's importance.

Being co-chair for the NPAW Committee allowed me to grow not only as a prosthodontist but also as a communicator, leader, and advocate for our specialty. It has been a privilege to contribute to a cause that reflects my deepest professional values and to help inspire the next generation of specialists.



Dr. Bhavika Thakkar is the 2025 ACP National Prosthodontics Awareness Week/Public Relations Committee Co-Chair

Returning as co-chair of National Prosthodontics Awareness Week (NPAW) 2025 was a rewarding experience that deepened my appreciation for the unique and inspiring paths that lead individuals to our specialty. This year's theme, **Celebrating the Unique Individual Journey of Prosthodontists**, resonated deeply with our committee and shaped the tone of our initiatives. We kicked off the week with an engaging Instagram Takeover, bringing members behind the scenes to spotlight personal stories, clinical cases, and reflections from across the country. Our committee also contributed thoughtful responses to the ACP's daily social media prompts, helping amplify diverse voices within our field and foster meaningful engagement.

A major highlight was co-presenting our webinar with my co-chair, Dr. Bhavika Thakkar, on the diverse paths to prosthodontics—now available on demand on ACP Anywhere! It was an honor to share our journeys and connect with others who related to the twists, pivots, and passions that led us here.

It was especially gratifying to read the creative ways members celebrated NPAW—from lectures and lunch-and-learns to patient appreciation events and community outreach. The energy around NPAW continues to grow each year, and I'm proud to be part of that momentum. ■



Dr. Juliet Tchorbajian is the 2025 ACP National Prosthodontics Awareness Week/Public Relations Committee Co-Chair

See you all
next year for

#NPAW 2026