

## FROM THE DESK OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear PFA Fellows,  
Please allow me to introduce myself to those of you who have not seen my introductory emails. I am Robert Cattoi, the new International Executive Director of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. My career trajectory spans work as an Assistant Dean at a Texas Tech School of Medicine, many years as a Senior Director at the American Board of Family Medicine and their related foundation, and as the CEO of Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD) which is a national nonprofit in the USA.

My first several months have been a period of transition here at the PFA. Our new international headquarters in Rockville, MD (USA), just outside of Washington, DC, is open and running smoothly. We are designing a new website, installing a new association management software system, and will be using this to organize the legal, accounting, and other business aspects of the Academy. Most importantly, I am reaching out to PFA Fellows. I will continue to send short quarterly email updates about the work of the international office. However, I want this communication to be two-way. I want to hear from you. I hope that each of you will reach out and let me know your thoughts about the PFA. What are we doing right? Where can we improve? I look forward to hearing from you!

Fellowship in the Academy is by nomination and designed to honor past accomplishments in the field of dentistry that bring credit to dentistry, and to encourage future productivity. It is my hope that each current PFA Fellow will nominate an outstanding dentist for future Fellowship. Professional leaders select Fellows based on several criteria, including contributions to dental literature, service to the profession of dentistry, and service to the general community. A nomination form may be found on the PFA website: <https://fauchard.wufoo.com/forms/sponsors-nomination-form/>

The mission of the PFA is to recognize and develop outstanding leadership in the profession. While PFA Fellowship and recognition is key to our organization, we must also create value-added programming to enhance our Fellows' leadership skills. We currently have one program on our website: Leadership in Turbulent Times [<https://www.fauchard.org/courses/1>]. Our 2022 spring meeting will feature two additional leadership topics: Negotiation Skills and Professional Presentation Skills. Please see the meeting information in this edition of Dental World. The International Office will work to create additional opportunities for PFA Fellows.

Finally, at the October 2021 meeting of the PFA Board of Trustees, the following international officers were elected. Please welcome:

President	Dr. Armyl Bañez (Manila, Philippines)
President-elect	Dr. Hal Hale (Kansas, USA)
Vice President	Dr. Pankaj Patel (Nairobi, Kenya, Africa)
Immediate Past President	Dr. Terry Brewick (Colorado, USA)



**Robert Cattoi**

Our Treasurer, Dr. Dan Castagna (California, USA), was re-elected. In addition, two new Trustees were elected: Dr. C.R. Anderegg (Region 5, Western USA) and Dr. Tom Ochola (Region 11, Africa).

These new Officers and Trustees will join our other current Trustees:

- Dr. Paul O'Dwyer (Region 1, Europe)
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- Dr. Lucynda Raben (Region 10, Central USA)

I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

—ROBERT CATTOI  
*International Executive Director*

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## From the Desk of the INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



Dr. Armyl Bañez

### Looking Ahead

When the Pierre Fauchard Academy was founded in 1936 by Dr. Elmer S. Best, his mission was clear: To recognize and develop outstanding leadership in our profession, internationally. Fast forward to today, the Academy continues to pursue the goals of our founder, but with renewed commitment to serve and to further advance the profession to benefit our members and the communities we serve around the world. For more than eight decades now, we have proactively addressed concerns surrounding the dental practice, offered solutions, and achieved milestones.

In fact, in August of 2021, I witnessed a historic event during an equally historic time. Despite the global health crisis, the Academy inaugurated our new headquarters in Maryland, USA. It is also important to note that our new office is in the same building as the American College of Dentists. Imagine the exchange of thoughts and best practices. The inauguration proved that nothing can stop us in fulfilling our vision for the organization. Now that I have been elected as President of the Academy, while I can't help but be excited about what's in store for our future, I know, too, that I need to focus on the tasks at hand and come up with strategies that are paramount to our success.

To ensure a brighter and stronger 2022, I plan to strengthen three key areas to guarantee that we remain relevant and of service to our Fellows across the globe. These are: Due recognition, resilient operations, and sustained communication. For due recognition, I believe that acknowledging one's contributions to the Academy helps one see their value to the organization and the profession in general. This is the reason I plan to sustain our various annual awards to achieve our objective of encouraging "outstanding contributions to the art and science of dentistry and service to the profession." Besides boosting one's morale, recognizing contributions can also increase engagement and productivity, and, more importantly, improve member retention as well. This now leads me to my next point—resilient operations for us to provide our services effectively and efficiently.

Whatever situation we may find ourselves in, we should remain committed to continue the initiatives we have started, alongside introducing new efforts that are aligned with our aim to elevate the character, education, and professional ability of dentists worldwide. This would also include future dentists, hence let's push for more scholarship grants to help them pursue their chosen career and to encourage continuing education for all members of the dental profession. Let us also ensure that all members are updated with global activities and announcements through our website and email blasts.

To date, we have grown to become an organization comprised of nearly 11,000 Fellows divided into 142 sections, 55 in the United States and another 87 in many other parts of the world, including Canada, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australasia. Retaining our members from different parts of the world is also a challenge that we need to address. How do we do this? This is where sustained communication would come in. I encourage all our section heads to report on a quarterly basis the progress that they are making in their countries. What is happening in your area? How can we help you? Let's cover all the bases. If Section Chairs would need the Academy's help to encourage Fellowship among members or to further emphasize understanding of our professional responsibility to the public, let us know, too. We are here to help one another make sure that our organization continues to grow and thrive.

These are among the key points that I wish to share. Let's make 2022 one of our best years yet. Let's work together to serve the Academy to the best of our abilities and make it known throughout the dental world as a sustainable organization that hopes to bring the brightest smiles to the people we work with and the communities we serve across the globe.

Respectfully,

—DR. ARMYL BAÑEZ,  
*International President*

## From the Desk of the PRESIDENT-ELECT

Dr. Hal E. Hale



I am happy to say that the State of the Academy is good! However, it can always be improved upon and we must all work together to make that happen. This last year has been a very exciting year, with the opening of our International Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland and the hiring of our new Executive Director, Mr. Robert Cattoi. I have never felt more optimistic about the future of our Academy! Of course, the COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on everything and everyone, including the PFA. Membership numbers, and therefore new dues revenue, were down as a result of canceling in-person meetings as well as the general economic downturn of the last two years.

However, this is a new year, and I am optimistic about 2022. Work will be necessary and challenges will have to be met in order to transform optimism into reality. I challenge every PFA Fellow to nominate at least one candidate for Fellowship in 2022! We ALL know dentists who are worthy of Fellowship! We just need to take that first step and nominate them for Induction! You can submit these nominations to your Section Chair. However, if this is not feasible for some reason, you can submit them to our new Executive Director Mr. Robert Cattoi (Bob) at our International Headquarters. This can be done via email or regular mail. Upon receipt of the candidate's information, the nomination will then be forwarded to your Section Chair. Bob's email address is [rcattoi@fauchard.org](mailto:rcattoi@fauchard.org). His contact information can also be found on our website at [www.fauchard.org](http://www.fauchard.org). The mailing address of our new International Headquarters is: Pierre Fauchard Academy, 103 North Adams Street, Rockville, MD 20850, USA.

I challenge every Section Chair to have at least one Section Meeting and Induction of candidates during 2022. In addition, I challenge every Section Chair to do everything in their power to fulfill the requirements of a Model Section. Honestly, I am somewhat shocked that some large Sections do not hold an Annual Section Meeting or that they only induct a minimal number of new Fellows. We can and we must improve upon

this in 2022! Any Section Chairs who are having difficulties meeting these challenges, please reach out to Mr. Cattoi, your Trustee, or any of the Officers. We need your input and wisdom to successfully address any issues that may exist. Improvements cannot be made without your input. My email address is: [Hal.HalePFA@gmail.com](mailto:Hal.HalePFA@gmail.com).

Our Board of Trustees and Officers need to continue to work on finding new initiatives and new direct member benefits that will grow our Academy. I can assure you, however, that I know that our Board and Officers, together with our new Executive Director, are already doing everything in their power to successfully meet this challenge. These are very dedicated, and hard-working individuals, and they are all doing an excellent job. As an example of a recent direct member benefit we have initiated, the Academy created a 10-hour continuing education program called "Leadership in Turbulent Times". It is free to all Fellows, and can be accessed via the PFA website. I highly recommend all Fellows take advantage of this entertaining, free, and informative course. Upon completion of the course, a certificate suitable for framing is awarded. This program has also received ADA CERP recognition – where permitted, CE credits provided by this course can be used towards fulfilling your license renewal requirements. Dr. Cheryl Billingsley, Region 3 Trustee, deserves our thanks for developing and initiating this outstanding course! I expect to see our Board produce additional direct Fellow benefits in the near future.

Previously, as Vice President it was my great honor to serve as the Chairman of the Awards Committee. This Committee is charged to find, review and submit to the PFA Board of Trustees, nominees for the Fauchard Gold Metal Award, the Elmer S. Best Award, and the Dental Trade and Industry Recognition Award. The Fauchard Gold Medal Award is awarded annually "to a person who has made outstanding contributions to the progress and standing of the dental profession." This award is given to a USA candidate. The Elmer S. Best Award is awarded annually "to a member

of the dental profession from outside the United States who has made distinguished contributions of international significance to dentistry." The Dental Trade and Industry Recognition Award is presented to "honor an outstanding leader in the field for contributions to dentistry." The recommendations of this Committee were voted on and approved at our October, 2021 Annual Board of Trustees Meeting for our 2022 awardees. Therefore, I am pleased to announce the official 2022 winners of the Pierre Fauchard Academy's Annual Awards! *Our 2022 PFA Award Winners are:*

- Fauchard Gold Medal Award: Dr. Theresa Gonzales
- Elmer S. Best Award: Dr. Janet Lynn Tomkins
- Dental Trade and Industry Recognition Award: Dr. Howard Farran/DentalTown

This distinguished group will receive their awards at the Pierre Fauchard Academy's Gala in October, 2022 in Houston, Texas. This Gala will be held in conjunction with the PFA Annual Meeting and the American Dental Association's SmileCon.

Our in-person PFA Annual Meetings were not held due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, the 2020 and 2021 PFA Annual Awards winners were not presented with their awards. Therefore, in addition to the 2022 award winners, the 2020 and 2021 winners will also receive their awards this year at our Gala in Houston. These deserving winners are:

### *2020 PFA Award Winners*

- Fauchard Gold Metal Award: Dr. Jeffrey P. Okeson
- Elmer S. Best Award: Dr. Francisco Omar Campos
- Dental Trade and Industry Recognition Award: American Dental Association

### *2021 PFA Award Winners*

- Fauchard Gold Medal Award: Dr. Kathryn Kell
- Elmer S. Best Memorial Award: Dr. Hermogenes P. Villareal
- Dental Trade and Industry Recognition Award: Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM)

As Past Chairman of the Awards Committee, I would like to express my gratitude to the members of the Committee for their service and dedication to the Academy. Thank you to Dr. Lisa Bentley, Dr. Cheryl Billingsley, Dr. Myrna Bañez, and Dr. Lucynda Raben.

Lastly, I along with several other Academy dignitaries will be representing the PFA at the Chicago Midwinter Meeting in February. This is one of the largest dental



meetings in the United States, if not the world. Dentists and dental leaders from all over the globe will be in attendance. I look forward to seeing many PFA Fellows

at this gathering, specifically at the Illinois Section Meeting.

Sincerely and Respectfully Submitted  
In Fellowship,

—DR. HAL E. HALE,  
*International President*

## From the Desk of the IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT



**Dr. Terry L. Brewick**

The articles that precede this one, written by our Officers, are hard acts to follow. I am so glad our Academy is in such capable hands for the future. Together, the Officers and Trustees will provide excellent leadership as the Academy continues to develop in its new home in Rockville, Maryland, USA.

The Pierre Fauchard Academy Immediate Past President does not always have many responsibilities. However, in my case, I have very specific tasks this year.

In addition to serving on the Executive Committee, I am chairing the PFA/ACD/ICD Joint Educational Conference which will be held in the historic grounds of the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina, USA from March 31, 2022 through April 2, 2022. Lodging for the conference will be at the Inn at the Biltmore, four-star accommodation within the grounds of the Biltmore Estate. This Estate is considered America's largest private residence and is still privately owned. Please google

Biltmore.com to see the history of this Landmark, which in my opinion is a 'must see'.

In addition, in October I will be the Annual Meeting Chair for the PFA Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas. Our Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the American Dental Association meeting which takes place October 13-17, 2022. Our Meeting includes our first PFA Annual Gala. This event will combine the historic PFA Awards Luncheon and the PFA President's dinner. Details for the PFA Annual Meeting will follow in our next Dental World.

I want to thank you all for the opportunity to serve as an Officer in our distinguished Academy.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

In Fellowship,

—DR. TERRY L. BREWICK,  
*Immediate Past President*

## From the Desk of the PRESIDENT OF THE PIERRE FAUCHARD ACADEMY LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION



**Dr. Cheri Newman**

As the new year begins, we are reminded once again of the blessings of health and family. These are the two most important things we have and they should be cherished. Let's try hard not to look back but face 2022 with hopeful anticipation.

This year will be a transformational year for the Leadership Foundation. We began our capital campaign late fall and we will continue to strive for all Fellows to donate. Any amount is appreciated. You may ask, "What will my donation be used for?" I'm sure you have heard of the 10-part Leadership series, "Leadership in Tur-

bulent Times," that is being offered on the PFA website. This series is sponsored by the Pierre Fauchard Academy Leadership Foundation. It is very well done and contains great information. If you haven't taken advantage of this yet, please do. Other ideas are being considered by the Foundation such as training for our Section Chairs. We certainly welcome your thoughts and ideas. Remember, the main reason the Leadership Foundation was started was to provide enhanced leadership training to our Fellows. That is a direct Fellow benefit.

We hope you will support the Foundation as we move into a brand new year!

Sincerely,

—DR. CHERI NEWMAN,  
*President of the Pierre Fauchard  
Academy Leadership Foundation.*

## 2022 GRANT APPLICATIONS: ORAL HEALTH FOUNDATION OF THE PIERRE FAUCHARD ACADEMY

**The Oral Health Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy will be accepting grant applications, March 1 - June 1, 2022, for projects to be completed in 2023.**

The Oral Health Foundation was established in 1986. The goal of the Foundation, as it remains today, was

to support a dental student scholarship program and project grants that will benefit the dental profession. Since

1995, the Oral Health Foundation has supported over 650 grants and provided \$5,165,000 towards helping hundreds of

thousands of people worldwide. Grants are funded through generous donations received from Fellows and friends of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, memorials, corporate and private sources.

While the Foundation remains flexible enough to consider innovative projects in all areas of oral health, it does place special emphasis on programs that increase access and provide care to the deserving but inadequately served public. Emphasis for funding will be given to those worthy grants applications where the Foundation

support will have the greatest impact on the success of the program supported by the grant.

Grants are awarded up to the following amounts:

- \$5,000 (US dollars) for Pierre Fauchard Academy Section programs under the Section's control and in which a significant number of Fellows participate.
- \$10,000 (US dollars) for service projects that provide increased

access to dental care for the public in need.

Only non-profit 501(c)(3), tax-exempt organizations are eligible to receive Foundation funding.

The grant application and detailed information on the program's requirements are available online at [www.foundationpfa.org](http://www.foundationpfa.org).

For additional information on this program contact Jennifer Teale, Executive Director of the Oral Health Foundation, at [jteale@foundationpfa.org](mailto:jteale@foundationpfa.org).

The 35th Convocation of the India Section of the PFA was held on December 11, 2021. Over 50 Fellows participated in the online event. Together with Dr. Panjab V. Wanjari (2021 Chairman), Dr. Deepak Muchhala (Incoming Chairman) and Dr. Armyl Bañez (International President of the PFA), we welcomed 14 new Fellows into our organization. Our Secretary, Dr. Samraj Theogaraj, was also present. He will be retiring after 35 years of supporting PFA India. The welcome address and introduction of our guest of honor was given by Dr. Panjab V. Wanjari. Several awards were given including 11

Best Outgoing BDS Student Awards, 4 PFA International Student Scholarship Awards, 15 PFA International Senior Student Award and 4 PFA Mentorship Awards. The highlight was Dr. Rajalakshami S.J., who received a Certificate of International Merit. This lady left me in awe. She is disabled, moving around on a wheelchair yet drives herself from day to day and, to top it all, she manages to practice her profession specializing in Orthodontics. Dr. Rajalakshami S.J. was recognized as Miss Wheelchair India (2015) and is now an ambassador for Miss Wheelchair World.



The 40th PFA Philippine Section Annual Convocation was held on October 27, 2021. The zoom event was graced by 68 Fellows. Dr. Armyl Bañez (International President of the PFA) was the keynote speaker and delivered positive thoughts in the midst of the pandemic. Three new Fellows were inducted by Dr. Ricardo Gatbonton, PFA Philippine

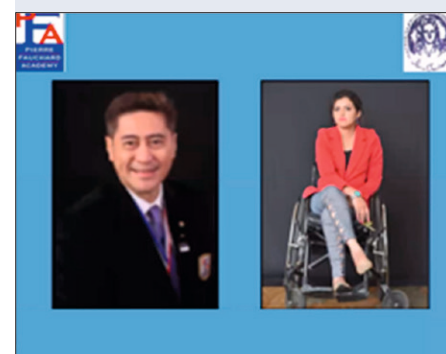
Section Chair. Congratulations to our new Fellows, Drs. Ayen Alix, Joseph Ryan Viray and Dr. Debbie Joson. In addition, the Elmer S. Best Award was presented to Dr. Hermogenes Villareal.

Sincerely,

—DR. RICARDO GATBONTON,  
PFA Philippine Section Chair

## SECTION NEWS

### India



L To R: Dr. Armyl Bañez (International President, PFA) and Dr. Rajalakshami S.J. (recipient of a Certificate of International Merit).

### The Philippines



# SECTION NEWS

## The Philippines continued



**Taking the pledge: Drs. Ayen Alix, Joseph Ryan Viray and Debbie Joson (new Fellows) together with Dr. Ricardo Gatbonton (Section Chair, The Philippines).**

## USA

### Washington



**L to R: Dr. Ashley Ulmer (President of Washington State Dental Association) and Dr. Jeff Parrish (Past President of Washington State Dental Association).**



**L to R: 2021 ADA Humanitarian Award winner Dr. Theresa Cheng and new Washington Section Chair Dr. Audrey Tatt.**



**PFA Fellows attending the virtual Annual Convocation on October 27, 2021.**

It is difficult to believe the New Year has already begun. I am happy to announce that we held our PFA annual induction dinner on November 11, 2021 at the Washington Athletic Club in Seattle. The good news is, it was in-person and we had a nice turn out to welcome our new members. Please welcome our new members: Dr. Wisanu Charoenkul, Dr. William Peterson, Dr. Herbert Edwards and Dr. Adam Kennedy. Our 2021 ADA Humanitarian Award winner, Dr. Theresa Cheng, was also present.

This will be my final newsletter. I have stepped down as the Washington section chair. My replacement is Dr. Audrey Tatt,

a general dentist from Bellevue. Rest assured, with Audrey the PFA Washington section is in great hands. Her email address is: [audreytattdds@msn.com](mailto:audreytattdds@msn.com). Thank you for the privilege of letting me represent our wonderful state for the past few years. I would also like to thank Dr. Barry Feder (Past President of the PFA) and Dr. Audrey Tatt for their loyal support, friendship and hard work.

Sincerely,

—DR. CR ANDEREGG,  
*Outgoing Washington Section Chair*

—DR. AUDREY TATT,  
*Incoming Washington Section Chair*



**L to R: Drs. Dan Castagna (PFA Treasurer), Herbert Edwards (new Fellow), Adam Kennedy (new Fellow), Wisanu Charoenkul (new Fellow), Audrey Tatt (incoming Section Chair for Washington State), Terry Brewick (Immediate Past President of the PFA), CR Anderegg (outgoing Section Chair for Washington State) and Barry Feder (PFA Past President).**

The West Virginia Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy held its Annual Awards Ceremony and dinner on Wednesday May 12, 2021 at the beautiful Erickson Alumni Center on the campus of West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia. The program began at 5:30 p.m. with a reception followed by the awards program, and a great dinner. We were especially excited as a West Virginia Section to have our International President, Dr. Terry Brewick, and our new Executive Direction, Mr. Robert Cattoi, as our special guests. This is the first time in the history of the WV Section to have both the International President and Executive Director attend our awards banquet.

It was an exciting time as three new Fellows, Dr. Shelby Alexander, Dr. Gina Graziani and Dr. Valerie Perrine, were inducted into the Academy.

Dr. Alexander is currently the Director of the Post Doctorate program on Prosthodontics at the WVU School of Dentistry and serves as the Vice President of the Alpha Beta Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon. Dr. Gina Graziani is a Pediatric Dentist, and is the Chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the WVU School of Dentistry. Dr. Perrine is a general dentist

and is the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at the WVU School of Dentistry. Dr. Perrine is also the President of the Alpha Beta Chapter of OKU and serves on the Executive Council of the West Virginia Dental Association.

The West Virginia Section presented the Senior Dental Student Certificate of Merit to Carly Enns, and the third-year dental student award and scholarship to Savannah Bryner. Dr. William McCormick, faculty member in the Department of Restorative Dentistry received the Special Appreciation Award because of his extraordinary contributions to both the Dental Profession and the WVU School of Dentistry. Dr. Michael George, President of the WVU School of Dentistry Alumni Association, received the PFA Distinguished Dentist Award because of his many years of service to the West Virginia School of Dentistry and Dental Alumni Association. Dr. Mark Byron, the Director of the Post Doctorate program in Endodontics at the WVU School of Dentistry, is the new Section Chairman who presented all of the awards at the function. The West Virginia Section had a great attendance, and everyone had a wonderful evening.



**L to R: Dr. Mark Byron (new Section Chair for West Virginia), Dr. Valerie Perrine (new Fellow) and Dr. Terry Brewick (International President in May 2021).**



**L to R: Dr. Mark Byron (new Section Chair for West Virginia), Dr. Shelby Alexander (new Fellow) and Dr. Terry Brewick (International President in May 2021).**

## SECTION NEWS

### West Virginia



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## SAVE THE DATE

**PFA-ACD Continuing Education Conference, Biltmore Estates.  
March 31 – April 2, 2022.**

The joint Pierre Fauchard Academy-American College of Dentists Continuing Education Conference will be held March 31 to April 2, 2022, at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina. The continuing education being provided is generously underwritten by the American College of Dentists Foundation. More information on the conference and registration can be found on the PFA website at [www.fauchard.org](http://www.fauchard.org) as well as on the American College of Dentists website at [www.acd.org](http://www.acd.org).

**PFA Annual Meeting, October 2022.**

The PFA Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the American Dental Association's SmileCon which is being held October 13-17, 2022.



# MISSION

*Our mission as Fellows in the Pierre Fauchard Academy is to recognize and develop outstanding leadership in our profession, internationally.*

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