

FROM THE DESK OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

At the time of writing, I am looking forward to our upcoming Pierre Fauchard Academy Mid-Year Board of Trustees meeting which takes place March 24-26, 2023, at our International Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. Having the ability to hold such meetings in our own International Headquarters is one of the many reasons we moved to Rockville. During this meeting, the Pierre Fauchard Academy, in cooperation with the Pierre Fauchard Academy's Leadership Foundation will hold a Section Chair Leadership Summit. Section Chairs from the United States, Canada, and Mexico were all sent invitations to this great event.

As this Section Chair Leadership Summit attests, the Academy's Board of Trustees and Officers have been hard at work to ensure that the Section Chairs have the resources they need to succeed. In-person training courses similar to the one in Rockville may be held at various venues in the future. We have produced a new Section Chair Manual. We are also working on some additional Section Chair training that will be available online. It is essential that our Section Chairs know exactly what they are expected to do while holding this important position. It is also essential that the PFA Leadership provides the Section Chairs with as much assistance as possible.

I encourage our Section Chairs to reach out to their Trustees, to our Executive Director Robert Cattoi and to me as International President, whenever they feel the need to do so. I also encourage our Section Chairs to return communication attempts from their Trustees and from Executive Director Robert Cattoi. Similarly, I encourage all our Fellows to contact their Section Chairs, Trustees, our Executive Director, or myself as International President if they need anything related to the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Open communication is one of the bulwarks of any successful organization.

The Section Chairs are the backbone of our Academy. We rely on them in countless ways, and they dedicate countless hours of service to the Academy. I know, because for many years I was the Section Chair of Kansas. When our Section Chairs are doing their jobs properly, our Academy succeeds and grows. Conversely, when our Section Chairs are ineffective, our Academy suffers and declines. The PFA must have Section Chairs who are dedicated to fulfilling their duties and responsibilities. We must have Section Chairs who are actively engaged in their Section's dental community, so that they come into contact with potential candidates for PFA Fellowship. We must have Section Chairs who are committed to growing the membership of the Academy! They must be dedicated to seeing that all qualified candidates for Fellowship are actively identified and recruited. I will never be an advocate of quantity over quality. However, I think it is undeniable that there is an abundance of quality dentists who are qualified for Fellowship in the PFA, but who have been overlooked for whatever reason. If our beloved Academy is to continue to grow and thrive,



Dr. Hal E. Hale

we can no longer afford to overlook worthy potential PFA Fellows.

We are fortunate to have many outstanding Section Chairs! As International President, I want to personally thank them for the many hours of work they have dedicated to the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Our Academy's success or failure lies primarily with the Section Chairs. Our Section Chairs have many duties and responsibilities. Likewise, our PFA Trustees and Officers also have many duties and responsibilities. These include seeing that we do everything possible to assist the Section Chairs successfully perform their jobs. However, we must also ensure that the Academy has effective and enthusiastic Fellows serving in the vital positions of Section Chairs. All of this must be done to ensure the growth and prosperity of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Let us all work together to make sure this growth and prosperity continues for many years to come!

Sincerely submitted in Fellowship,

—DR. HAL E. HALE, D.D.S.
*International President
of the Pierre Fauchard Academy,
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From the Desk of the IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT



Dr. Armyl Bañez

A Beacon of Light in the Dental Profession

The Pierre Fauchard Academy (PFA) is on to an exciting year, as 2023 provides us with greater momentum to sustain growth and movement for the betterment of our organization, industry, and the communities we serve.

According to a survey by Patient Experience Platform, NexHealth, the dental profession is expected to expand by 10% in 2023 and by 12.1% in the next seven years. As a proud Immediate Past President of the Academy, I am confident that we will contribute to this progress. Our organization has already achieved a lot since it was founded in 1936 by Dr. Elmer S. Best. We have had our share of triumphs and defeats, struggles, and victories. However, we have always remained true to our calling as dental professionals, continuously chasing innovations, providing our service, and expanding our reach to give greater access to people who need our expertise the most.

We have grown to have thousands of Fellows around the world, with new members inducted into the PFA last year. We elected new officers, whom we know will display leadership skills that will push for the fulfillment of our objectives further, driving change where needed – be it in sharing best practices or introducing new technology that will help us advance our skills and offer more opportunities for growth and service. We continue to move forward with an optimistic mindset and proactive stance to

solve the concerns of our members from different countries, to answer questions, and to offer recommendations that we deem will help us hit our targets. All our past successes, and even future ones, are a product of commitment, passion, hard work, and teamwork.

We have sustained what has been started by our thought leaders – from meetings and gala, our dental abstracts, inductions, awards, humanitarian projects, to other social programs. These have elevated our practice and fulfilled our calling as dentists, with the highest ethical, moral, and professional standards. Of course, these are all aligned with our goal to be a superior, quality, international dental honorary organization.

With everything that we have accomplished in the past years, what's next for the Academy, you may ask? Short answer: A lot.

Our mission to recognize and develop outstanding leadership in our profession, internationally, never stops. For most of us, this is almost a lifetime commitment; a life-long journey of learning, leadership, and of forging partnerships and fostering relationships with our peers and community beneficiaries. I am proud to be part of this organization. Together, may we look forward to a stronger PFA and brighter smiles from our members and the people we serve. May we continue to be a beacon of light in the dental profession.

Sincerely,

—DR. ARMYL BAÑEZ
*Immediate Past President of the Pierre
Fauchard Academy*

From the Desk of the VICE PRESIDENT



Dr. Cheryl Billingsley

What exciting times we live in! We have so many things to be grateful for: Patients and our health, easily accessible food, shelter, jobs we enjoy, family and friends who are our support system, dedicated staff, and the list goes on. I recently contracted COVID-19 and it was a challenging recovery. Suffice to say, the healing process tested my patience since I am a very active person. However, despite the setback, it gave me time to think about

what I am thankful for. My list just keeps growing!

After retiring several years ago, I joined other organizations: the woman's clubs, the historical clubs, and the art clubs, to name a few. The Pierre Fauchard Academy was the one organization that continued to rise to the top of my list. We are so fortunate to have talented, energized leaders and devoted Fellows throughout the world. Our annual meeting brings our countries together as we learn from each other's cul-

tures. Dentistry truly is my home, and I will always give back to this noble profession.

We strive to provide the road to leadership for all Fellows. I am honored to lead our continuing education committee for our Fellows. This is a great member benefit with free CEs. In addition, our Annual Meeting galas will continue to be grand. Also, our grassroots Section Chairs will continue to lead each area/state and provide leadership under the guidance of the Trustee. The Pierre Fauchard Academy has a very bright future, and you can provide the energy to lead us forward. Get involved by contacting our international headquarters at www.fauchard.org.

I am thankful for you!

Sincerely,

—DR. CHERYL BILLINGSLEY,
Vice President of the Pierre Fauchard
Academy

From the Desk of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Robert Cattoi

Nominating a colleague as a Fellow in the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

The Pierre Fauchard Academy continues to advance leadership in Dentistry. Our online programs (at no cost to PFA Fellows) are being designed to advance the leadership skills of our Fellows. Our official publication, Dental Abstracts / Dental World, provides clinical and practice updates to improve your skills. Our hope is to identify and honor leaders and enhance their skills to make those leaders better. We rely on our Fellows to nominate other worthy candidates for Fellowship, and we ask you to share your ideas for future leadership programs. As an international dental honor organization, PFA Fellowship is one of the highest honors that a dentist may receive. The following information will describe the process used to become a Fellow in the PFA.

Selection for Fellowship is a tribute to past accomplishments and encouragement to future productivity. The honor

of Fellowship is conferred on those dentists who have demonstrated that they have 'served' and/or have great potential for service and leadership. Fellowship is extended to fewer than 1% of dentists internationally and PFA Fellows are recognized as the best. We celebrate and honor the achievements of PFA Fellows. A potential Fellow must be nominated by a current Fellow of the PFA. The online nomination form is here: <https://fauchard.wufoo.com/forms/sponsors-nomination-form/>. When a nomination form is completed, the international office notifies the candidate and requests



L to R: Front row - Dr. Armyl Bañez (Immediate Past President), Dr. Hal Hale (International President), Dr. Pankaj Patel (President-elect); Back row - Mr. Robert Cattoi (Executive Director), Dr. Cheryl Billingsley (Vice President), Dr. Daniel Castagna (Treasurer).

that the candidate complete the online application. Completed applications are sent to the local Section Chair and Regional Trustee for review. Different PFA Sections conduct this review process in different ways. Most of our Sections have a local Board that reviews the application and then notifies the international office when the application is approved.

New Fellows are notified of their successful application by either the Section Chair or the international office. Our new Fellows must be inducted into the PFA through a formal induction meeting. New Fellows have the choice of being inducted at their local Section Meeting,

or at the PFA Gala (this year to be held on October 7, 2023, in Orlando). Fellowship in the PFA does not end with a certificate on the wall and a pin on your lapel. Our hope is that this Fellowship will serve as a catalyst for you to want to be, do, and give more of yourself in service to your family, profession, and community. Nominating a dentist for Fellowship in the PFA is one way of giving back so that others have the honor you were given. I look forward to hearing from you as we advance the mission of the PFA.

The PFA continues to add new leadership courses to our website. These courses are free to PFA Fellows. Our mission

is to not only identify and honor leaders in the profession, but to also enhance the skills of those leaders. Please review the programs on the PFA website. As an added bonus, the PFA Leadership Foundation is interested in supporting new programs to be placed on the website. The Foundation is especially interested in programs that are culturally appropriate to our Fellows across the world.

Please keep in touch.

Sincerely,

—ROBERT CATTOI,
*Executive Director of the Pierre
Fauchard Academy*

From the Desk of the EDITOR



Dr. Fiona M. Collins

Leadership and Volunteerism

Moving to a new house inherently brings with it a period of change, whether moving internationally or within the same country, as many of us can attest to. That change includes exploring new areas, new ideas, and developing new acquaintances. This again became clear during my recent move within the US, from Colorado to Georgia. It is also an opportunity for reflection on what is important and worthwhile, both personally and professionally – something we can all relate to.

Within the Pierre Fauchard Academy, leadership and volunteerism are recognized as both highly important and worthwhile. Fellows have demonstrated leadership within dentistry across all geographies, settings and disciplines. We have seen many examples, from leadership within the Pierre Fauchard Academy itself, in collaborative endeavors within the Academy and with other dental honor so-

cieties such as Joint Luncheons and Joint Meetings. Leadership was necessary and important for the joint meeting held again earlier this year for Fellows from Georgia, Alabama and Florida. The upcoming National Induction breakfast ceremony that Region VIII of the Pierre Fauchard Academy will be holding in conjunction with the World Dental Congress in September in Sydney, Australia, demonstrates and acknowledges leadership. You can read more about this event in the Section News in this newsletter.

Leadership is also intertwined with volunteerism, a second important theme. Volunteerism can take many forms. One example that we might not think of immediately is the work conducted by dental and other organizations on 'Standards'. In dentistry, this relies on dentists, other users, industry and additional interested parties giving their time and sharing their expertise – volunteering and demonstrating leadership. What do Standards mean

for us and how important are they? One type is the voluntary consensus standard, others are regulations. National dental standards from individual countries, and international standards, help us by developing criteria for products, materials, protocols and best practices. This is ultimately to the benefit of dentistry, our patients and our communities.

When we look at leadership in humanitarian efforts, the Pierre Fauchard Academy is highly involved. We can see many examples of humanitarian efforts globally that have relied on the efforts and leadership of PFA Fellows. Recent examples include the ongoing participation each year of Fellows within the US at Mission of Mercy events where free dental care is provided, the mission in Kenya involving collaboration between Dr. Tom Ochola (PFA Trustee for Region 11), and Dr. Rob Dakin (Section Chair for Kansas, USA). Other examples include the leadership shown by The Philippines Section in humanitarian efforts, most recently at a children's orphanage and featured in this issue of Dental World.

As we reflect on this, there are truly many ways in which PFA Fellows can participate, lead and volunteer.

Sincerely,

DR. FIONA M. COLLINS,
Editor, Dental World

SAVE THE DATE

Washington Section: The PFA Washington Section will meet on June 15, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Washington Athletic Club.

PFA Canada: The Canadian PFA Annual Meeting and Induction Ceremony will be held at the Fairmont Palliser in Calgary, Alberta, on Friday June 16, at 12 noon.

Kentucky Section: The PFA Kentucky Section will meet on August 16, 2023, at the Louisville Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

SECTION NEWS

Region 8



Region VIII is pleased to announce that we will be holding a National Induction breakfast ceremony in conjunction with the World Dental Congress that will be held in Sydney in September 2023. The ceremony will be held on the morning of Sunday 24th September, and we are delighted that Dr. Terry Brewick (President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy Leadership Foundation) and Ms. Robin Wandschneider-Steigelmair, its Treasurer, will be in attendance.

Region VIII will take this opportunity to formally recognize the outstanding leadership of Past Presidents Drs. Mark Sinclair and Patrick Meaney. We will induct over 20 new Fellows, all of whom have contributed to the dental profession nationally and internationally.

All PFA Fellows are invited to the FDI #WorldDentalCongress 2023, making a triumphant return to an in-person event in Sydney, Australia from September 24th to 27th, 2023. In addition to a world-class scientific program, an array of networking opportunities and 25,000m² of exhibition space, you can enjoy a holiday in Australia! For more information on #WDC23 and to register, visit world-dental-congress.org.

All Fellows wishing to attend the breakfast ceremony would be most welcome. Sydney is a beautiful, safe city and September is usually perfect weather. We hope to meet you here in Australia.

Scholarship recipients

One of our recent events was the granting of Scholarships to students within our Region. Our Scholarship recipients are: Amber Brooks (Charles Sturt University), Olivia Gellatly (James Cook University), Violina Gunawan (University of Otago), Hamza Khan (Griffith University), Hao-Qian Leung (LaTrobe University), Thomas Mahoney (University of Western Australia), Usaamah Patel (University of Sydney), Simran Sangha (University of Melbourne), Uday Sen (University of Adelaide), Gabrielle (Gabii) Starr (University of Queensland) and Supiesi Taufua (Fiji National University).

Congratulations to all!

Sincerely,

—PROFESSOR DEB COCKRELL,
Trustee for Region 8 - Australasia

The Kenya Section of the PFA held a hybrid meeting on December 16, 2022. The meeting was conducted by Regional Trustee, Dr. Tom Ochola, with 11 new Fellows inducted. We were honored to have Mr. Robert Cattoi, Executive Director of the PFA, join the meet-

ing online. Congratulations to our new Fellows.

Sincerely,

—DR. TOM OCHOLA,
Trustee for Region 11 - Africa

Kenya

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Kenya continued



Dr Tim Theuri, President of the Kenya Dental Association receiving his certificate from Dr. Tom Ochola.



Dr Miriam Muriithi, Chief Dental Officer, Ministry of Health receiving her certificate

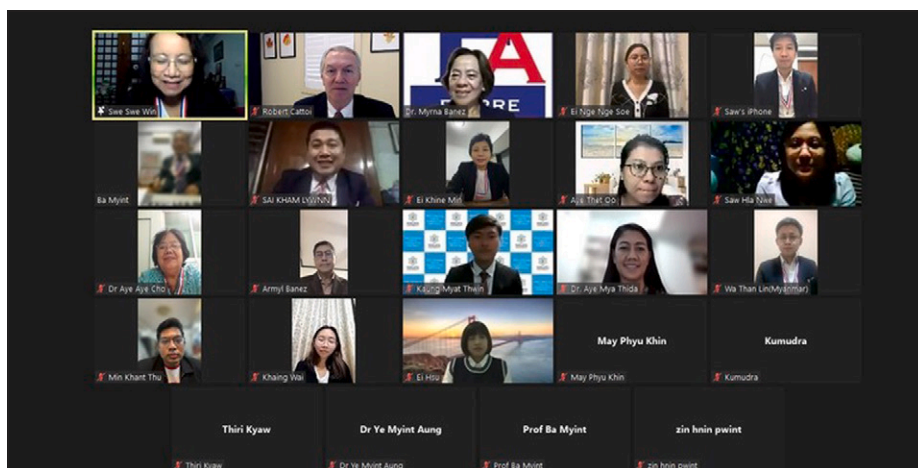


Dr. Tom Ochola (Trustee for Region 11 – Africa) together with dignitaries of the Kenya Section and our 11 new Fellows.

Myanmar

The Myanmar Section held a virtual induction ceremony on February 15, 2023, at which 11 new Fellows were in-

ducted. In addition to Fellows from Myanmar, Mr. Robert Cattoi (Executive Director of the PFA) and Dr. Myrna Bañez



Attendees at the virtual induction ceremony for PFA Myanmar.

SECTION NEWS

Myanmar

(Trustee for Region 9 – Asia) attended the meeting. We welcomed Drs. Zin Hnin Pwint Aung, Ei Hsu Hlaing, May Phyu Khin, Sai Kham Lyann, Khant Thiu Lin, Saw Hla Nwe, Ei Nge Nge Soe, Aye Thet Oo, Aye Mya Thida, Kaung Myat Thwin

and Khaing Phyo Wai into Fellowship. Congratulations to our new Fellows.

Sincerely,

—DR. SWE SWE WIN,
Section Chair for Myanmar

On November 11 and 12, the Peru Section organized what could be considered the First PFA Scientific Congress, conducted at the Universidad Norbert Wiener (Norbert Weiner University) in the city of Lima, Peru. The meeting was also transmitted online. On November 12th, our new Fellows gave scientific presentations, which also means a contribution to the PFA meetings. Finally, the induction ceremony took place, fol-

lowed by a toast and then a Fellowship lunch. I wish to congratulate Dr. David Vera (Section Chair for Peru) and all the Fellows who participated in the brilliant organization of the PFA Peru Section Scientific Congress, as well as our new Fellows.

Sincerely,

—DR. LUIS FELIPE JIMENEZ S.,
Trustee for Region 7 – Latin America



Dr. David Vera, Dr. Luis Felipe Jimenez S., and participants from the Peru Section at the Scientific Congress.



Dr. David Vera (Section Chair for Peru) and Dr. Luis Felipe Jimenez S. (Trustee for Region 7 – Latin America), together with Fellows from the Peru Section.

SECTION NEWS

The Philippines

The Philippines Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy recently arranged three activities for 2023. Our first event was on January 15, at the Bukal ng Buhay Orphanage House in Bustos, Bulacan. The orphanage, under the leadership of their beloved Nanay Letty, is home to 45 children. Nanay Letty and the volunteers of the orphanage have taken it upon themselves to provide the children with all their basic needs, including clothing, food, and education. Thanks to the generosity of their volunteer partners, some of the children have already graduated from college and have gone on to become social workers, giving back to the community and helping others in need.

At our event, 32 Fellows of the Pierre Fauchard Academy (PFA) Philippine Section and Members of the Philippine Academy of Esthetic Dentistry (PAED) held a joint gift giving project. With the goal of helping the less fortunate, the volunteers put their hearts into the event and made it a memorable one for the children. The program consisted of gift giving, a meal program, and an award ceremony for the cash donations given to the orphanage. The volunteers brought with them a generous amount of cash and various kinds of gifts, including biscuits, cookies, canned goods,

noodles, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bath soaps, and laundry soaps.

Our PFA Fellows also took the opportunity to educate the children on oral health, teaching them how to properly take care of their teeth. The children left with full stomachs, new dental hygiene supplies, and a sense of hope for the future. They were grateful for the support and showed their appreciation by performing dance and singing numbers. It was a truly inspiring and heartwarming event, where individuals from the PFA and PAED came together to make a difference in the lives of the children at the orphanage. The Bukal ng Buhay Orphanage is a place of hope, growth, and love, and the children who call it home are a source of inspiration to us all.



Four PFA Fellows educating the children on oral health.



Children at the Bukal ng Buhay Orphanage together with PFA Fellows from the Philippine Section and Members of the Philippine Academy of Esthetic Dentistry.

SECTION NEWS

The Philippines continued

The second activity was the screening process for new Fellows, which was held on March 27, 2023. It was led by the Chairman for the Membership Screening, Dr. Olegario Clemente, and the PFA Philippine Section Chairman, Dr. Alma Soliman. The screening committee was further composed of renowned dental professionals including Dr. Gloria Razon, Dr. Albert Carbonell, Dr. Ricardo Gatbonton, and Dr. Brian E. Esporlas. During the process, 19 nominees were screened based on their contributions to the dental profession, academia, the community, and research. After a thorough evaluation, the screening committee accepted 15 of the 19 nominees. The new Fellows will join a distinguished group of dentists who have made significant contributions to the field of dentistry.

Our third event is just beginning. It consists of a course in Quality Manage-

ment Practices for Fellows in the Philippine Section of the PFA, prepared by Dr. Brian E. Esporlas. The course consists of 8 separate classes, scheduled for every second Sunday of the month between May and December will provide an in-depth understanding of the concept of quality, quality management practices, customer involvement, employers involvement, cost of quality, and organizing quality. Faculty for this endeavor consist of Dr. Brian Esporlas, Dr. Ceasar Ramirez, Dr. Ceasar Augustus Latosa, Prof. James Pingol, Dr. Jomar Furi-gay and Dr. Eugenio Santiago III. The course will provide participants with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively manage quality in their organizations.

Sincerely,

—DR. ALMA SOLIMAN,
Section Chair, The Philippines



Children at the orphanage show their appreciation by performing dance and singing numbers.

SECTION NEWS

The Philippines continued



Dr. Armyl Bañez (Immediate Past International President), Dr. Myrna Bañez (Trustee for Region 9 – Asia), Dr. Alma Soliman (Section Chair for The Philippines), Dr. Brian Esporlas and other volunteering PFA Fellows after a successful event at the orphanage.

USA

Washington Section



L to R: Second-year dental student Mini Lin thanking Dr. Barry Feder (Past International President of the PFA) for the grant he presented to her.

We are happy to announce that Dr. Ivy Lin, Dr. Nisha Sharoff and Dr. Stephanie Su were inducted into the Pierre Fauchard Academy at our meeting and ceremony held at the Washington Athletic Club on November 10th, 2022. Dr. Emily Hobart and Dr. Alan Alaa Yassin were also in attendance and had both been inducted into the PFA at the national meeting and gala that was held in Houston in October, 2022 in conjunction with the ADA meeting. In addition to our induction ceremony, we presented a grant to Mini Lin, a well-deserving second year University of Washington dental student.

We heard from Jessica Ellwell, Director of 'Everyone For Veterans'. This is an organization that links volunteer dentists with veterans needing dental care. This wonderful organization was started by our own Washington State PFA Fellow, Dr. Teresa Cheng. In 2021, Dr. Cheng was awarded the 2021 American Den-

tal Association Humanitarian Award and was the recipient of the American Academy of Periodontology 2022 H. Dalton Connor Humanitarian Award. You can check out Everyone For Veterans at everyoneforveterans.org and see if you would also like to help a deserving veteran.

During our meeting, Dr. CR Andregg (Trustee for Region V) gave us a nice update on the PFA and the well-attended Annual Gala that was held in Houston. We had a nice evening of camaraderie. Our next meeting and induction ceremony will be held at the Washington Athletic Club on Thursday, June 15th, 2023. We are expecting quite a few new Fellows and are welcoming more nominations from our members.

Sincerely,

—DR. AUDREY TATT,
Section Chair Washington State (2022)

SECTION NEWS

Washington Section continued



L to R: Dr. Nisha Sharoff, Dr. Barry Feder, Dr. Audrey Tatt (Section Chair for Washington State) and Dr. Ivy Lin.



L to R: Dr. Stephanie Su who was inducted by FaceTime, receiving her award in person.



Helping Others to Smile!



2023 Grant Applications Accepted March 1 – June 1, 2023

The Oral Health Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy will be accepting Grant Applications March 1 - June 1, 2023, for projects to be completed in 2024.

Since 1995, the Foundation has supported over 700 grants and \$5,200,000 towards helping hundreds of thousands of people worldwide. Grants are funded through generous donations received from Fellows and friends of the PFA, memorials, corporate and private sources.

Although 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.

For additional information on this program contact Jennifer Teale, Executive Director at jteale@foundationpfa.org or call 703.217.1480.

For a grant application, go to: www.foundationpfa.org

Click on the grant tab.

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