



ABBY HALPERN

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dentist with a passion for advanced general dentistry and exceptional patient care. Serves patients as a **General Dentist** at **MT Dental Partners**. Previously completed a **General Practice Residency** in Washington, DC. Broad background encompassing cosmetic, operative dentistry, fixed and removable prosthetics, and implant dentistry. Levelheaded leader and effective communicator, able to interact with diverse personalities with goals of achieving the best possible patient care and a dedication to advocacy.

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Licensed Dentist, State of Virginia, State of Georgia, and District of Columbia
Fellowship from the Academy of General Dentistry (*July 2022*)
Current BLS & ACLS Certifications (*expires March 2025*)

SKILL HIGHLIGHTS

- Fixed crown / bridge
- Fixed / removable prosthodontics
- Invisalign Orthodontics
- Anterior esthetics (direct & indirect)
- Implant dentistry
- Anterior / premolar endodontics
- Extractions
- Dental Sleep Medicine
- Orofacial Pain

HONORS AND AWARDS

Leadership Award, Virginia Dental Association (2023)
Presidential Citation, Virginia Dental Association (2022)
Omicron Kappa Upsilon, Kappa Lambda Chapter (2018)
Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society (2018) and Alpha Upsilon Phi Leadership Award (2018)
Oral Medicine Clinical Teaching Scholar Award (2018)
American Dental Society of Anesthesiology Horace Wells Senior Student Award (2018)
ASDA Award of Excellence for the Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University (2018)
GDA/ASDA Outstanding Student Award and Scholarship (2018)
American Association of Women Dentists Eleanor J. Bushee Award (2018)
Stan Hopkins Leadership Scholarship from the Emile T. Fisher Foundation (2017)
Drs. Bethea and Freihaut Scholarship (2015 & 2016)
Lettie Pate Whitehead Scholarship (2016 & 2017)
Hinman Dental Society Merit Scholarship (2016)
International College of Dentists Leadership Award and Scholarship (2016)

CAREER AND EDUCATION

MT Dental Partners – Alexandria, VA and Washington, DC

General Dentist: March 2022 to Present

Virginia Dental Center – Arlington, VA

General Dentist: July 2019 to February 2022

Veterans Administration Medical Center, Dental Service – Washington, DC

General Practice Resident (1yr): Certificate June 2019

The Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University – Augusta, GA

Doctor of Dental Medicine: May 2018, GPA: 3.74 (Dean's List 11/11 Semesters)

Georgetown University – Washington, DC

Master of Science in Microbiology and Immunology: May 2014, GPA: 3.77

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – Chapel Hill, NC

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology w/ Medical Anthropology concentration: May 2013, GPA: 3.46

Minor in Archaeology

Undergraduate Thesis, Graduated with Highest Honors (2012-13)

“The Cost of Perfecting Pregnancy in White, Middle-Class American Women”

SERVICE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Active Member, Junior League of Washington (JLW), Washington, DC, April 2020-President

- JLW is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.
- Served on DIAD, which provides volunteer opportunities with a number of community partners; served on Development & Training Committee, which coordinates and offers training sessions to our members to facilitate personal development throughout the year; and currently serve as a Historic Alexandria Docent through a partnership with JLW.

Resident Dentist, Winterhaven: A Resource Fair for Homeless Veterans, VAMC Washington, DC, January 2019

- Provided dental screenings and oral health education to approximately 60 homeless veterans

Volunteer Dentist, Special Smiles (Special Olympics), Emory University, Atlanta, GA, May 2018

- Provided Special Olympics Athletes with oral screening exams, fluoride varnish applications, sealants, mouthguards and oral hygiene instructions

LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Speaker of the House, Virginia Dental Association— *September 2021-Present*

- Presided as chair of the 2022 VDA Virtual House of Delegates and 2023 VDA House of Delegates
- Serves as a member of the VDA Board of Directors and Chair to the VDA Constitution and Bylaws Committee
- Reviews VDA Positions, Policies, Bylaws, the Standing Rules of both the House of Delegates and the Board of Directors

Alternate Delegate, ADA House of Delegates, 16th District—*September 2022-Present*

Co-Chair, Membership Committee, Virginia Academy of General Dentistry (VAGD)— *February 2021-Present*

- Contacts new constituents of the VAGD to welcome them to the organization
- Works to engage new members, including students, via events throughout the year
- Serves on the VAGD Board of Trustees

Advisory Member, American Dental Association Practice Transitions (ADAPT)— *March 2020-Present*

- Provide operational recommendations to ADABIG Board of Directors and management on the ADAPT service
- Act as a focus group on issues of: marketing; service feature development; platform functionality; technology; and pricing.

Co-Chair, Legislative Committee, Northern Virginia Dental Society (NVDS)— *September 2020-September 2021*

- Served as a member on the NVDS Executive Committee
- Discussed and collaborated on legislative issues with VDA Lobbying Team along with VDA Council on Government Affairs

Chair, Planning Committee, American Student Dental Association— *April 2020-November 2020*

- Served as Chair in planning the National Leadership Conference, which evolved into the Virtual Leadership Conference due to COVID-19.
- Meeting served over 800 dental students from around the country in advancing their leadership skills and preparing them for post-graduate life in practice and organized dentistry

National Speaker of the House, American Student Dental Association— *February 2017-February 2018*

- Presided as chair of the 2018 ASDA Annual Session Meeting, the governing body of 24,000 dental students
- Served as ex officio member and parliamentarian on the ASDA Board of Trustees
- Reviewed ASDA policies and procedures, the Bylaws, the Standing Rules of both the House of Delegates and the Board of Trustees

Chapter President, DCG American Student Dental Association— *April 2016-April 2017*

- Directed and coordinated planning among council chairs and the Executive Board
- Assisted with the planning of the first ever Wellness Week at Dental College of Georgia (DCG)
- Served as the Student Body President, representing dental students at administrative council meetings & other school-wide capacities

National Chair for the Council on Advocacy, American Student Dental Association— *April 2016-March 2017*

- Served the association as the content expert in the area of legislation and advocacy
- Supervised and directed the activities of the first ever National Dental Student Advocacy Month (November 2016)
- Assisted in the planning and preparation for the combined ADA Dentist and Student Lobby Day, where 1000 dentists and dental students attended the meeting in Washington, DC in March 2017

National ADPAC Student Director, American Student Dental Association— *October 2016-October 2017*

- Bridged national issues of dental students with the ADA by serving as the only student member of the Board for the American Dental Association's Political Action Committee
- Coordinated membership drives for students and served as the contact point for all dental students with questions regarding ADPAC

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEETINGS

American Student Dental Association

- Annual Session (Spring 2015-2018)
- National Leadership Conference (Fall 2014 & 2017)
- National Lobby Day (April 2014-2016)

American Dental Association & State Associations

- ADA Dentist and Student Lobby Day (2017-19)
- ADA Annual Session (2015, 2017, & 2023)
- GDA BOT, House of Delegates (2014-2018)
- VDA House of Delegates (2020-23)
- VDA Lobby Day (2022-23)

Academy of General Dentistry

- AGD Hill Day (June 2016)

American Dental Political Action Committee

- ADPAC Board Meeting (January 2017 & July 2017)

American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry

- Scientific Session (April 2022)

Spear Study Club – Elite Dental Group Chapter (2019-22)

Seattle Study Club – NOVA Institute Chapter (2020-Present)

PRESENTATIONS & PODCASTS

New Dentist on the Block: Dental Roots in Bloom w/ Dr. Abby Halpern Podcast—May 2023

Look Before You Leap: Evaluating a Practice in the Hiring Process ASDA National Webinar—March 2022

Practice Transitions: Differences between Residency and Practice Washington DC VA GP Residents—March 2020,21

Practice Transitions: Dental Associateships and Contracts Washington DC VA GP Residents—March 2020, 21, 22, 23, 24

The Opioid Epidemic: What is Your Role to Combat the Issue— ASDA Mid-Atlantic Advocacy Academy 2018 Keynote Address with Mrs. Natalie Hales (ADA Congressional Lobbyist)

Licensure Review—*ASDA District 3 Advocacy Symposium 2017 & District 4 Meeting 2018*

Issue Review: Student Debt—*ADA Dentist and Student Lobby Day 2017*

Advocacy 101— *ASDA Annual Session 2017*

State Dental Associations: What Can They Do For You – *ASDA District 4 Annual Meeting 2017*