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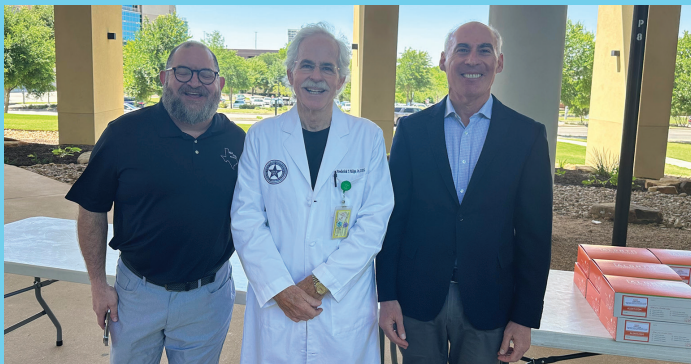
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## Welcoming the Next Generation of Members

TDA, along with Dallas County Dental Society, El Paso Dental Society, Greater Houston Dental Society, and San Antonio District Dental Society (SADDS), sponsored Signing Day events at the 4 dental schools across Texas in March and April. At these events, local dentist members shared their post-graduation experiences, career path choices, and the importance of organized dentistry with the D4 students. Signing Day allows the students to convert their student membership into active membership at no cost for the first full year after graduation! TDA is proud to welcome all the graduates into membership whether they stay in Texas or transfer to another state. Stay tuned for more information on the TSBDE Licensing Day scheduled for July 1. 📌



*Drs Rich Potter, Fred Philips, and Peter Loomer attend Signing Day, sponsored by SADDS.*



*(L-R): Drs Matthew Franzen, Tommy Harrison, Anna Munne, Rita Cammarata, Joel Vela, and Michelle Thompson participate in Signing Day in Houston.*



*D4 students at Texas A&M College of Dentistry in Dallas attend Signing Day.*



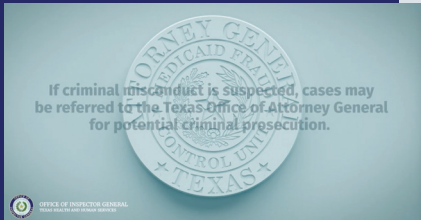
*Members of the SADDS discuss organized dentistry with D4 students at UTHealth San Antonio School of Dentistry.*



*Dean Dr Rick Black, members of EPDS, and D4 students are pictured at Signing Day at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine.*



## The OIG Releases New Medicaid Provider Video



Whether you're new to Medicaid or want to brush up on your knowledge, the Texas Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (OIG) offers educational resources to help providers ensure that they comply with program rules and regulations.

As part of this goal, the OIG has released an informational video that focuses on new Medicaid providers. The video also serves as an important reminder for current providers to double-check their current processes to confirm they follow necessary requirements.

The video highlights the rules and regulations all Medicaid providers must follow. It also discusses provider responsibilities including:

- Staying informed on Medicaid policies.
- Maintaining accurate records.
- Ensuring proper coding and billing.
- Preventing overpayments.
- Not hiring excluded individuals.
- Handling overpayments through self-disclosure.

Failure to comply with these responsibilities, whether accidental or intentional, could result in costly mistakes.

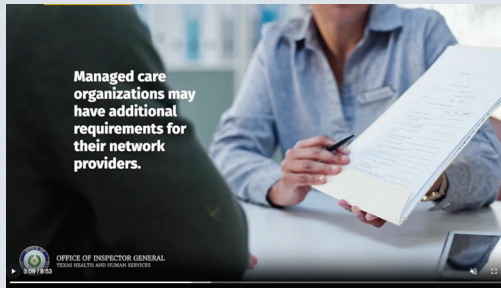
For example, in the first quarter of fiscal year 2025, the OIG entered into a settlement agreement with a

pediatric dental clinic in Odessa for \$22,297. The OIG investigation found that from April 2018 through March 2022, Medicaid reimbursed the provider for resin-based composites, stainless steel crowns and therapeutic pulpotomies. However, the provider did not have records or x-rays to support the services billed. The documentation that was provided failed to show the services were medically necessary and rendered in accordance with dental standards of care.

The educational video can be found on the OIG's Information for Providers webpage. Please share it with your colleagues, especially those who are new to Medicaid or who may be interested in enrolling as a provider.

Additional resources for dental Medicaid providers are available on the OIG website. These include the OIG's Dental Solicitation One-Pager, Quick Guide to Self-Disclosing Errors and more.

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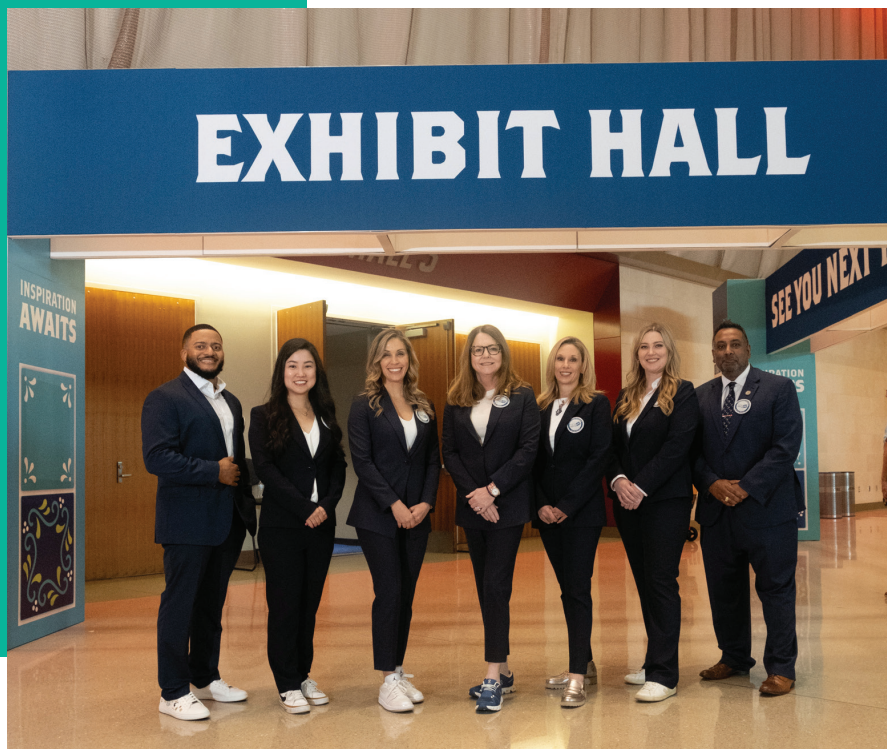


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## Thousands Attend TDA Meeting in San Antonio




TDA Council on the Annual Meeting and Continuing Education Programs (L–R): Drs Xavier Walker, Yeri Guak, Katie Stuchlik, Missy Jaynes, Shelly Seidel, Taylor Cook, and Partha Mukherji.

More than 4,000 dental professionals attended the 2025 TDA Meeting on May 8-10 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio.

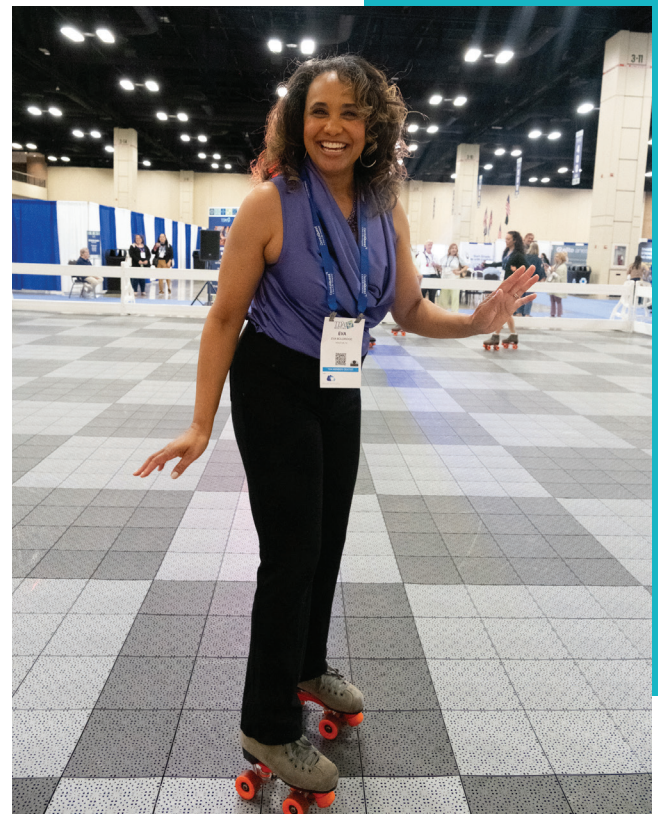
The 3-day event featured an Emerging Speakers series that showcased up-and-coming educational talent and topics, and 100 CE sessions with world-renowned speakers and educators were available to attendees. The TDA Meeting also featured a Pre-Dental Admissions Panel with a unique opportunity to meet with admissions officers from top dental schools in Texas and surrounding states. The exhibit hall included 186 dental supply, manufacturing, and practice management companies.

The '80s Party, sponsored by TDA Perks, was attended by over 1,000 people who enjoyed complimentary drinks, food, a roller-skating rink, DeLorean car, and a classic arcade. Costumes were encouraged and they did not disappoint.

More pictures and awards to follow in future publications. 



The 2025 Exhibit Hall featured more than 180 dental supply, practice management, and dental marketing services.



Dr Eva Boldridge skates at the '80s Party, sponsored by TDA Perks.



Lecture rooms were full of attendees learning new techniques and information to bring back to their practice.



Council members and TDA staff pose in front of the DeLorean at the '80s Party! Over 1,200 attended this fun event!



# Texas A&M University College of Dentistry Professor Honored with Teaching Award

Dr Shaun M. Logan, a professor in Texas A&M University College of Dentistry’s biomedical sciences department in Dallas, is one of 10 recipients of the 2024-25 Texas A&M System’s Provost Academic Professional Track Faculty Teaching Excellence Award.



Dr Shaun M. Logan, instructional associate professor in the biomedical sciences department at Texas A&M University College of Dentistry in Dallas, is one of 10 recipients of the 2024-25 Texas A&M System’s Provost Academic Professional Track Faculty Teaching Excellence Award.

The award, presented annually by The Office of the Provost and the Center for Teaching Excellence, highlights the impact of effective teaching and the importance of student-centered learning. Logan and other recipients each received a \$5,000 stipend for teaching projects and support initiatives. She will use the money to support her teaching approach and for professional development, which includes Logan’s longstanding attendance at the Texas A&M University Transformational Teaching and Learning Conference.

Logan is dedicated to designing engaging and meaningful learning experiences for students.

“My goal is to foster a dynamic, student-centered classroom where learners are not just absorbing information but actively engaging in the learning process, building connections and developing critical-thinking skills,” she said.

Dr Lynne A. Opperman, a recently retired professor of biomedical sciences, nominated Logan and praised her empathy and rapport with students.

“Her fairness makes her invaluable as a constant beacon for the students to use to calibrate themselves as they move through the challenges of the dental education program,” Opperman said. “Even with her large load of teaching responsibilities, Shaun has managed to sustain a productive research program.”

Logan joined the dental college in 2010 as a postdoctoral research associate and became an assistant professor in 2017. She earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from Xavier University of Louisiana, a master’s degree in biology from Jackson State University and a doctorate in pharmacology and neuroscience from the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth.

“We take great pride in her achievements, and she is truly worthy of the award,” said Dr. John K. Neubert, biomedical sciences’ new department head. 📌



## Texas A&M University College of Dentistry

Texas A&M University College of Dentistry (formerly Baylor College of Dentistry) in Dallas is a part of Texas A&M University and Texas A&M Health. Founded in 1905, the College of Dentistry is a nationally recognized center for oral health sciences education, research, specialized patient care and continuing dental education. Learn more at [dentistry.tamu.edu](https://dentistry.tamu.edu) and follow @TAMUdental.



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## Smiles Delivered in Bonham: TMOM Provides Over \$710,000 in Free Dental Care

On April 11–12, the small town of Bonham became the heart of compassion and care as Texas Mission of Mercy (TMOM) hosted a 2-day free dental clinic that left a lasting impact on the community.

Thanks to the dedication of our incredible volunteers and partners, we were able to care for 603 patients, provide 5,137 individual treatments, and deliver over \$710,000 worth of free dental care to those in need.

Volunteers traveled from all across the state—including El Paso, San Antonio, Fort Worth, Houston, Eagle Pass, Austin, and Bryan/College Station—to be part of this mission. Their commitment and compassion helped transform lives, one smile at a time.

From cleanings and fillings to extractions and prosthetics, each treatment told a story of hope, healing, and human connection. TMOM continues to fulfill its mission of bringing quality oral health care to underserved Texans—and none of this would be possible without the generous hearts and hands that make it happen.

Thank you to everyone who made TMOM Bonham 2025 a success. Visit [tdsaf.org](https://tdsaf.org) for information on upcoming TMOMs in Abilene in July and Houston in September. 📌



Dr BJ Currey and his dental staff treat a patient at the Bonham TMOM.



Dr Craig Armstrong prepares for patients.



Dr Jerry Hopson, the dental lead for the TMOM Bonham 2025 event, addresses the volunteers.



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July TSBDE Licensing Expo

The Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE) is set to hold a dental licensing expo on July 1, 2025. This event will offer in-person application processing specifically for newly graduated dental students. Attendees can bring all necessary documents and have their applications reviewed and approved immediately by the TSBDE’s Licensing Team. A large turnout is anticipated, so participants are encouraged to plan ahead.

Date: July 1, 2025

Location: Barbara Jordan Building, 1601 Congress Avenue, Room 2.035, Austin, Texas 78701

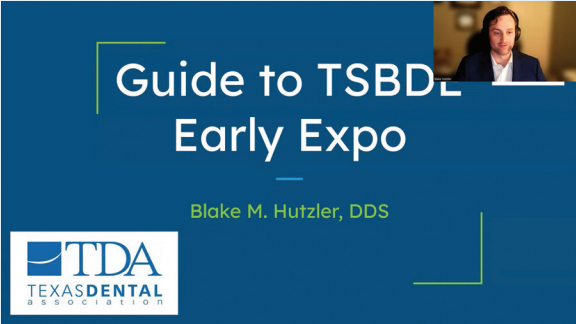
Time: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Important: TSBDE staff will begin processing applications at 8 AM. Applicants must be checked in by 3 PM to receive same-day processing.

For Details and Checklist of Required Documentation:  
<https://tsbde.texas.gov/78i8ljhbj/Expo-DDS-Memo-2025.pdf>.

TDA Licensing Expo Video:  
Click on [https://youtu.be/wajAg083Quw?si=k6sGc\\_aJL48l185R](https://youtu.be/wajAg083Quw?si=k6sGc_aJL48l185R) to watch a video on the Licensing Expo created by Dr Blake M. Hutzler.

For more information on the TSBDE, please contact TDA Senior Policy Manager Diane Rhodes at 512-443-3675 ext 122, [drhodes@tda.org](mailto:drhodes@tda.org).



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