

Miranda Kalaskey – NC-ADA Delegation Letter
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my interest in serving as a North Carolina delegate for the American Dental Association. I am eager to join a team of delegates and alternates for a three-year term as an ADA Delegate At Large, in a position that will shape national policies and procedures which impact both dentists and patients. I graduated from West Virginia University School of Dentistry in 2019, and then moved to New York for a GPR that focused on special needs and medically complex patients. Following the completion of my GPR, I moved to the wonderful state of North Carolina and graduated from the pediatric dental residency at East Carolina University in 2022. Since then, I have been working at Carolina Pediatric Dentistry, a practice focused on being a dental home for children of all different shapes, sizes, and socioeconomic backgrounds. While dental school and residency provided the skills to treat this population, these initial formative years of my practice have opened my eyes to how policies and procedures affect our daily dentistry. These experiences have shown me how important legislation is to children's oral health and have inspired me to be a guardian for the vulnerable children we see each day. If elected as a delegate, I intend to use my firsthand knowledge to voice my concerns and shape the future of this wonderful profession. My goal is to work together with other dentists across many specialties at the ADA meeting to hear their concerns and understand their perspective. Together, this integration of knowledge and diverse viewpoints can positively impact our field. It is my goal that this collaboration will improve access and the quality of care for our patients.

Throughout my career, I have maintained a strong commitment to the field of dentistry and have actively supported the mission, policies, and procedures of the NC Dental Society. As a dental student, I attended Lobby Day and served as Vice President of our ASDA chapter. I have continued my involvement in our NC state society and have stayed active in study clubs in the Raleigh area, as well as the annual NCDS meeting. Networking with fellow doctors has provided me with more knowledge about our profession and allowed me to understand their individual perspective on current issues. I believe that my dedication to organized dentistry, coupled with my enthusiasm for advocating on behalf of our profession, makes me well-suited for this role. I am eager to lend my voice to the delegation as we work together to positively influence the direction of our profession. I am confident that my experience and passion for dentistry make me a strong candidate for the role of ADA Delegate At Large, and I hope to have your vote of confidence for this position! It is my commitment to give this position my complete effort and attention.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the NC-ADA delegation and to serve our profession with dedication and integrity.

With a smile,
Miranda Kalaskey