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Dental Champions Corner

Congratulations to four outstanding Dental Champions on being inducted into the Pierre Fauchard Academy - an international honorary dental organization - at the American Dental Association in Denver!



Kevin Robertson (Class I), Dr. John Fales (Class IV), Dr. Lucynda Raben (Class VI), and Dr. Brett Roufs (Class VIII) all were inducted during the 80th annual awards lunch on October 22.

Registration deadline: two days left!



With our conference coming up next week, that leaves only **two days** to register! Our deadline to [register](#) is **Friday, October 28**.

We've had individuals rearrange their schedules just to be there! Staff is excited and is gearing up!

What you need to know
about our conference:

- We'll be at the [Double Tree Hotel](#) in Overland Park, Kansas
- Pre-conference sessions are Thursday, November 3
- The Excellence in Oral Health Awards Reception is Thursday,



Vote early!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8 but that doesn't mean you have to wait until then. In Kansas, early voting started October 24. Why vote early? If you want to beat the crowds or won't be able to on Election Day, November 8, you have the option of voting early.

[Here](#) are some tips on what you need to know to vote.



November 3, 4:30-6:30

- Friday sessions kick off at 8:30 am
- Keynote Speaker, Dr. Michael Shermer will be presenting AND signing books (if you are one of the first 80 to register for Friday you receive a book)
- Saturday session, learn about how to help trauma survivors overcome dental anxiety
- 5.75 Continuing Dental Education Credits will be available for Friday's sessions
- 3.0 Continuing Dental Education Credits will be available for Saturday's session



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Free flu shots!

Starting November 5-13, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas (BCBSKS) is sponsoring flu shots at 57 Dillons pharmacies in 27 different communities, stretching from Colby to Leavenworth and Manhattan to Arkansas City.

You do not have to pay for the shot, you **do not** have to have insurance to get a free flu shot and you do not have to have BCBSKS as a carrier. For more information, click [here](#).



Sugary Drink Display

Our sugary drink display sure is popular! We have people signing up months ahead! If you are at our conference November 3-5, stop by our booth and check out our display.

Our sugary drink display contains 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. The display is free to use, we reimburse postage. You must sign up to [reserve](#) a sugary drink display. Slots fill up fast so if you need it for a specific date, please check in with us in plenty of time.



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Getting dental care can be a challenge for people with disabilities

A [story](#) in the National Public Radio (NPR) speaks about the struggles to help people with disabilities to have a pleasant dental visit as well as the struggle in finding dentists who will take medical assistance.

Hygienist Karen Eslinger, tries different ways to make patients feel comfortable, including warming up blankets and explaining step by step what her next "move" will be.


John Morgan, a professor in the division



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of special care at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, and lead author of a [2012 study](#) published in the Journal of the American Dental Association that shows that people with disabilities have worse oral health than the general population. The study showed the importance of maximizing the role of the dental professional, patient and caregiver to maintain adequate oral care.

The [Marshfield Clinic](#) in Wisconsin, take people with Medicaid and people without any insurance. They specialize in caring for people with disabilities who need extra help to get through a checkup and cleaning. Not all clinics are the same because its costly and Medicaid doesn't cover all the costs. Sometimes it takes more than one person to provide services to the individuals.

You can listen to the story or read the story [here](#).



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