

SDDS SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

Fall 2025

Bernard Shair/Todd Angelo Awards Dinner Celebrated

The Scranton District Dental Society celebrated the winners of the Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship and the Dr. Bernard Shair Memorial Scholarship Award during our annual dinner in April. Luke Cardiges is the 2025 recipient of the Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship and Amelia Loftus is the recipient of the Dr. Bernard Shair Memorial Scholarship Award.

Cardiges graduated from the University of Scranton in May 2025 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology, with minors in Biochemistry and Philosophy. A resident of Allentown, Pennsylvania, Cardiges was a member of Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit Honors Society, and the University's Health Professions Organization (HPO). He was also a member of the University's Remote Area Medical Club, and "Ready, Set, Brush!" (a community outreach program to young students about the importance of oral care).

In his spare time, Cardiges volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral. He is the son of Stacie and Nicholas Cardiges and is attending Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry.

Amelia Loftus, winner of the Dr. Bernard Shair Memorial Scholarship Award, graduated from the



(L to R) Brad Reid, Scranton Area Community Foundation Philanthropy Manager; Laura Ducceschi, President and CEO, Scranton Area Community Foundation; Amelia Loftus, winner of the Dr. Bernard Shair Memorial Scholarship Award; Luke Cardiges, recipient of the Dr. Todd M. Angelo Memorial Scholarship; SDDS President Dr. Kaitlyn Zefran; and Dr. Bryan Frantz, SDDS and Scranton Area Community Foundation board member.

University of Scranton in May 2025 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry and philosophy, with a minor in biochemistry. A resident of Nazareth, Pennsylvania, Loftus was a member of Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society, Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Honor Society, Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society, and the Special Jesuit Liberal Arts (SJLA) Honors Program.

Loftus served as Pre-Dental Chair of the Health Professions Organization (HPO); President of Ready,

Set, Brush! which is a community outreach program to young students about the importance of oral care; President of the Habitat for Humanity club; and Co-Chair of Relay for Life affiliated with the American Cancer Society.

Loftus enjoys volunteering for Meals on Wheels and Habitat for Humanity in her free time. She is the daughter of Alisa and Brian Loftus. She is attending the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) School of Dentistry.

Annual Golf Tournament



The SDDS was proud to once again host our annual golf tournament—an event that combines fellowship, community spirit, and a shared commitment to giving back. Thanks to the generosity of our participants and supporters, we were able to present the Arc of NEPA with a donation of \$2,500. A heartfelt thank you goes to Golf Committee Chair, Dr. Al Matrone, whose dedication and tireless efforts made this impactful (and truly enjoyable!) event possible.

Arc Pizza Party



L to R: Amy Craig, Adult Day Services Program Manager; Eileen Smith, LPN; Joe, Consumer; Julieann Masters, Arc; and Pauline, Consumer.

The Scranton District Dental Society held a “thank you” pizza party for the consumers and staff of The Arc on Wednesday, May 7, 2025. This annual celebration commemorates The Arc for their continued dedication to assisting the SDDS with National Children’s Dental Health month.

“The Scranton District Dental Society has worked with The Arc

for 23 years, partnering with them to prepare dental health bags for National Children’s Dental Health Month (NCDHM) each February. Arc’s consumers doing an amazing job filling over 5,000 educational bags with children’s tooth brushes, McDonalds coupons, and tooth paste,” states Dr. Thomas Langan, Jr., SDDS NCHDM Chair.

President’s Letter

From a rainy June to a hot July, it’s been a crazy summer. Thank you to the new dentists who came to our mixer before our general meeting in May at AV. It was nice to expand our network with new colleagues. We had a great turnout for the annual golf outing in June and presented ARC with a great donation. But as fall begins, I’m excited to see friends and colleagues again at our upcoming events. We will be having our board meeting in September followed up by a general meeting at AV. This year’s presidents dinner will be held in the spring and will serve as a homage to years prior. It will be a black tie optional event with a cocktail hour preceding dinner, then dancing with a band. One last thing to note, the PDA is now a tripartite system and it is important more than ever to stay active and involved in organized dentistry to have a voice. So, grab a friend and come to our fall general meeting! Looking forward to seeing you in November.

Katie Zefran
SDDS President





Register by 12/16/25

Register Online at
www.scrantondental.org or
 Send the application to:
 Dr. Joseph T. Kelly, Jr.
 103 West Grove Street
 Clarks Summit, PA 18411
 Make Checks Payable to:
 Scranton District Dental Society

All Courses are located at:
**Radisson Lackawanna
 Station Hotel**
 700 Lackawanna Ave, Scranton
 (570) 342-8300

- **Registration: 8:00 a.m.**
- **Course starts promptly at 8:30 a.m.**

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Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Embrace The Change: A Thoughtful Discussion on Dentistry Today and Beyond

Presenter: Dr. Timothy Bizga

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Infection Control is Not Optional: Dental Practitioners Need to be Involved and Risk Management & HIPAA Compliance in the Dental Office

Presenter: Dr. Louis Depaola

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Cancer Patients: Ready or Not Here They Come!

Presenter: Dr. Susan Calderbank

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Improving Dental Office Preparedness for Managing Medical Emergencies

Presenter: Dr. Henry Ferguson

For in-depth course descriptions, speaker biographies, and overview of state mandatory CE requirements for dentist re-licensure, go to www.scrantondental.org

Tuition (if paid by December 15, 2025):

\$850/dentist PDA member (series of 4)
 \$950/dentist Non-PDA member (series of 4)
 \$310/dentist PDA member (single course)
 \$350/dentist Non-PDA member (single course)
 \$120/auxiliary (per course)

After December 15, 2025:

\$900/dentist PDA member (series of 4)
 \$1000/dentist Non-PDA member (series of 4)
 \$360/dentist PDA member (single course)
 \$400/dentist Non-PDA member (single course)
 \$120/auxiliary (per course)

CE Dates Announced

Don't miss out on the discount for registering for 2026's Continuing Education Courses before December 16, 2025! Check out the exciting course listings. You can register and pay online by going to: scrantondental.org.

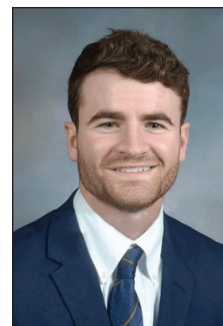
General Meeting November 12th

Don't miss our final General Meeting featuring new dentist Dr. Tom Scarafone, on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at AV Restaurant. Come for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 PM, then enjoy a delicious dinner and presentation by Dr. Scarafone.

Cocktails and dinner are complimentary, however reservations are REQUIRED and must be made by November 1, 2025 by emailing Cindy Cox at revenue@scrantondental.org.

Welcome Dr. Tom Scarafone

The SDDS proudly welcomes Dr. Scarafone to our Society! Dr. Scarafone grew up in the Greater Philadelphia area. He earned his Bachelor of



Science degree in Microbiology from Pennsylvania State University. Following graduation, he attended the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, where he obtained his Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree.

During dental school, Dr. Scarafone served as President of the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry. In this role, he developed a deeper understanding of diverse patient needs, particularly focusing on providing care for individuals with special needs.

After completing dental school, Dr. Scarafone pursued a residency at Loyola University Medical Center, where he treated patients with complex medical conditions, often in an operating room setting. He also gained valuable experience treating military veterans at the Hines VA Hospital, with a strong emphasis on oral surgery and restorative dentistry.

He practices at Century Dental Associates in the Stroudsburg office and prioritizes patient comfort, education, and confidence during every dental visit.

In his free time, Dr. Scarafone enjoys golfing, exploring Italian restaurants, playing chess, and following Penn State wrestling.

2025 Schedule of Events

Board Meeting	Picciochi's	Sept 24, 2025	6:00 PM
General Meeting <i>Featuring Dr. Tom Scarafone</i>	AV	Nov 12, 2025	6:00 PM
CE Course <i>Embrace The Change: A Thoughtful Discussion on Dentistry Today and Beyond</i>	Radisson	Jan 14, 2026	8:00 AM
NCDHM	Various	February 2026	
CE Course <i>Infection Control is Not Optional: Dental Practitioners Need to be Involved and Risk Management & HIPAA Compliance in the Dental Office</i>	Radisson	Feb 18, 2026	8:00 AM
CE Course <i>Cancer Patients: Ready or Not Here They Come!</i>	Radisson	March 18, 2026	8:00 AM
President's Dinner	Scranton Country Club	March 21, 2026	5:00 PM
CE Course <i>Improving Dental Office Preparedness for Managing Medical Emergencies</i>	Radisson	April 8, 2026	8:00 AM
Golf Tournament	Scranton Country Club	June 2026	

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