



POLK COUNTY DENTAL ASSOCIATION

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Community Health & Polk County's Role Through LVIM and Traviss

Dr. Kendrah Harper & Andrea LaRocca

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

At LVIM, we have a full-time Development Team whose main job is to do things such as...going out into the community and speaking about LVIM and it's history, services provided, types of patients treated, fundraising opportunities, etc. Dr. Harper will expound on how LVIM Dental Department and Traviss connect to provide excellent care to the community.

Traviss will be explaining the following topics:

- Showcasing the Dental Assisting Program at Traviss Technical College
- Quarantine challenges from March—August 2020
- Finishing out the Dental Class of 2020 virtually successfully
- COVID –19 impacting our education platform for our current students
- How the pandemic has changed dentistry with new infection control measures
- Community outreach with GKAS, the Dental Clinic and Externship Sites
- Success rate and employment rate of our graduates

Dr. Kendrah Harper started working at the front desk in dentistry and then graduated from the St. Petersburg College Dental Hygiene Program in 2000, she worked as a dental hygienist in Lakeland for 12 years prior to starting dental school. During her journey to get into dental school, she volunteered as a hygienist at LVIM. She graduated from the University of Florida College of Dentistry in 2016 and was blessed with a full time position as the staff dentist at LVIM. She has come full circle. At the same time, she was also blessed to join the Traviss faculty as one of their clinical dentists and is working with her fifth class of students.

Andrea (Dre' or Drea) LaRocca began her career in dentistry in 1992 as a dental assistant in pediatric dentistry and later in general dentistry. She graduated in 1997 from the University of South Florida in Tampa with a bachelor's degree majoring in Psychology. Over the past 28 years, she has worked many aspects in the field of dentistry ranging from positions as a dental assistant, business assistant, insurance

coordinator, financial coordinator, practice administrator, technical trainer, transition specialist, human resource manager, and OSHA manager. She has been blessed to spend thirteen of those years as a dental educator working with Mrs. Susan Rexroat at Traviss Technical College. Ironically, she comes from a family of educators and it has turned out to be the most rewarding position of her entire career and she couldn't imagine doing anything else.



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This meeting will be held at Grasslands Golf & Country Club, 1600 Grasslands Blvd., Lakeland. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting will start at 7 p.m. Please RSVP to Tisha Talbot @ pcaemail@gmail.com



Share a smile with a colleague this 2020

Never has it been more of an important time to stand unified as a dental community. 2020 has thrown new challenges to our county, state, and nation. Share a smile this 2020/21 year by sponsoring a member's dues. It could be a colleague who may have been tremendously affected by COVID-19, simply a peer who has always been there for you, it could be for a random doctor, or it may be you who needs a little helping hand. Email Tisha @ pcdae-mail@gmail.com to sponsor or if you need sponsored. All sponsors and recipients will be kept anonymous. Let's share and pay it forward.