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Dr. Marty Zase – President

Dr. Marty Zase is the President of the New England Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. He has also served as President of the NEACD from 2014-2018 and 2020-2022. Dr. Zase received his Bachelor of Arts from Boston University and his D.M.D. from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. He has been a guest lecturer in cosmetic dentistry at the University of Connecticut, Nova Southeastern University, Tufts University, New York University, and Louisiana State University Dental Schools. He has published over sixty dental articles, has served on the editorial or review boards of numerous dental magazines, and has lectured internationally on cosmetic dentistry for over twenty-five years.

Marty Zase was a disc jockey for eight years before becoming a dentist and was an instrument rated pilot. He is a diehard Red Sox fan, an avid reader, a less than adequate golfer, and a graduate of the Dale Carnegie Institute, Starfleet Academy, and the Landmark Education Forum and Curriculum for Living.

He is one of only about a dozen dentists in the world to have both a Mastership from the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) and an Accreditation in Cosmetics from the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. He practices in Colchester, Connecticut and is the only dentist in the greater Hartford area Accredited by the AACD. He was the 2006-2007 President of the AACD, the largest cosmetic dentistry organization in the world. He serves on the AACD Board of Accreditation Examiners and mentors Accreditation candidates. He was the 2015 recipient of the AACD's Lifetime Achievement Award. He is also Connecticut's only dentist granted Diplomate status and is Board Certified by the American Board of Aesthetic Dentistry.

Dr. Zase has developed numerous techniques and instruments that are currently used in modern cosmetic dentistry. He has taken advanced training in oral conscious sedation to provide dentistry with the absolute minimal of patient discomfort. He has been granted fellowships in the American College of Dentists (FACD), the Pierre Fauchard Academy, and the International Academy of Dental Facial Esthetics (FADFE), and the AGD has twice awarded him the Lifetime Learning and Service Recognition Award for his contributions to dentistry and dental education. He was selected by Dentistry Today magazine as one of the Top Clinicians in Dental Continuing Education for nineteen years in a row. Dr. Zase lives in Glastonbury, Connecticut, practices in the Colchester Dental Group and is available online at Martyzase@aol.com.

Dr. Zase can usually be found in a Hawaiian shirt and matching socks.

Dr. Frank Michitti – President-Elect / Treasurer

Dr. Frank Michitti is the President-Elect of the New England Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry and served as President from 2022-2024. He practices dentistry in Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. Dr. Michitti graduated from Ohio State University College of Dentistry in 2006. He is very passionate about dentistry and is a member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, American Dental Association, Academy of General Dentistry, and the Massachusetts Dental Society. To further enhance his knowledge and skills in the field of dentistry, Dr. Michitti completed advanced courses at the Dawson Academy and is an active participant of the Spears Study Clubs. He has also been awarded the honor of Mastership by the Academy of General Dentistry.

Dr. Michitti lives in Connecticut with his wife and two very active children. On the weekends, he can be found by the pool cheering his children at their swim meets, or skiing down the mountains with his family during the winter.

Dr. David Parent - Secretary

Dr. David Parent the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the New England Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. He has practiced dentistry in Methuen, Massachusetts for the past 21 years. He is a member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD), the New England Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (NEACD), the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD), the American Dental Association, and the Massachusetts Dental Society. He is also an active participant of the Spear Study Club.

Dr. Parent is a 1990 graduate of the University of New Hampshire, and a 2003 graduate of Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine. He lives in the Merrimack Valley with his wife Kim. They have two children Emily and Andrew. He enjoys golf, skiing and traveling.

Dr. David Ward

Dr. David Ward is the Immediate Past-President of the New England Academy of Cosmetic and also served as President from 2018-2020. He has been practicing dentistry for 35 years. Dr. Ward received his Bachelor of Arts from RI College and his DMD from Tufts University in 1989. His office, in Woonsocket, R.I., provides general Dentistry with a focus on Cosmetic and Advanced Implant services. He is a proud member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, the New England Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, The American Academy of Implant Dentistry (Associate Fellow), The American Dental Association and the Rhode Island Dental Association.

Dr. Ward is also a member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, a dental honor society, and is the Deputy Regent for the International College of Dentists. He and his wife Michelle live in Pascoag, R.I. and will celebrate 39 years of marriage next June. They have three children. Samantha is a 2018 graduate of Tufts Dental and Alexandra is a 2023 graduate of Tufts Dental. Both daughters work in the practice with him. Jonathan is a dental lab tech at Nashoba Valley Dental in Shirley, MA. Dr. Ward enjoys spending time with family and friends more than anything else, especially his 2 grandsons: Forrest and Seamus!!

Dr. Randy Burba

Dr. Randy Burba has been a member of the Board of Directors of the New England Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry since 2003 and is a past-president of the NEACD. He has also served on the Board of Directors for the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD). He is an Accredited member of the AACD, making him one of only 10 dentists to hold this distinction in all of New England.

Dr Burba is a 1991 graduate of Providence College and a 1995 graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. He has a practice in Salem Massachusetts with his father, Dr. Stanley Burba, which focuses on advanced cosmetic dentistry in a dental spa atmosphere. He is also a member of the American Dental Association, Massachusetts Dental Association and the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. Dr. Burba is married to Dr. Patricia Burba D.M.D. They have three children, Katelyn, Rachel, and Ryan. He enjoys boating, fishing, scuba diving, woodworking, painting, drawing, and being a father.

Dr. Islam Dehis

Dr. Islam Dehis is a member of the Board of Directors of the New England Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. He was born in Egypt. He received his Bachelor of Dental Medicine and

Surgery from Cairo University. He then completed a General Practice Residency at the same school. Islam completed his second dental degree at Boston University School of Oral and Dental Medicine, where he received his DMD degree with honors in 2005.

Islam is married to his college sweetheart, Yasmine, who happens to be a dentist as well. Between his wife's education and his, Islam had to travel extensively across North America. He had the good fortune of practicing in Ontario-Canada, Michigan, and New York. He splits his practices between Putnam-CT, Whitinsville-MA, and Fitchburg-MA. Islam is blessed to be a proud citizen of Canada and the US. He now calls Shrewsbury home.

Islam completed IV Conscious Sedation Certification from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He has continued to advance his aesthetic dentistry by participating in "SPEAR Education" and the "Aesthetic Advantage Continuum" at the Rosenthal Institute of Aesthetic Dentistry at the New York University College of Dentistry.

He is actively pursuing the "Fellowship" award of the AGD. Becoming an "Accredited Fellow" of the AACD is the next significant professional achievement he is working on.

He loves boating, fishing, and woodworking. His biggest passions are his daughter Farida and his son Yousuf.

Dr. Ashley Mullaney

Dr. Ashley Mullaney has been a member of the Board of Directors of the New England Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry since 2024. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from UNH. She continued on her healthcare pursuit and achieved her Masters of Science in Toxicology, at Colorado State University. Dr. Mullaney earned her Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine where she is now Faculty, helping teach the next generation of future dentists. After dental school, Dr. Mullaney gained valuable experience at the University of Vermont Medical Center. During her General Practice Residency, she responded to emergency calls for the hospital and treated patients with severe dental trauma.

She is also a Faculty Attending at her former program, overseeing the current Residents in Burlington, VT. Dr. Mullaney participates in private practice in Durham, NH. She is on the Board of the Tufts Dental School Alumni Association. She is also a member of the American Dental Association, New Hampshire Dental Society, American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, Academy of General Dentistry and The Academy for Sports Dentistry. She is also an active participant of the Spear Study Club. In her free time, Dr. Mullaney enjoys spending time with family and friends, running, hiking in NH/VT and playing ice hockey. She lives with her husband John, whom she met at Tufts Dental School, their daughter Ivy and dog, Feta.

Dr. Samantha Ward

Dr. Samantha Ward is a member of the Board of Directors of the New England Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. Dr. Samantha Ward practices with her father, Dr. David Ward, and her sister, Dr. Alexandra Bruno, in their family owned practice in Woonsocket, Rhode Island.
Dr. Samantha graduated from The University of New Hampshire with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Minor in Deaf & Hard of Hearing Studies. She completed her dental school education at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine where, during her time there, served as the Vice President of her class for four years. In her final year at Tufts, she was awarded the Joseph R. Evans Endowed Prize Fund, an award given to recognize her skill in operative dentistry. She was also nominated by her classmates for the Peer Support & Leadership Award, which acknowledges the classmate who is seen to be the most distinguished as a true mentor and leader.

Since graduating from Dental School, Dr. Samantha has completed advanced education courses with the American Academy of Facial Esthetics for dermal filler and Botox, completed an implant mini residency at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, and has completed extensive veneer coursework with the Aesthetic Advantage at the Rosenthal Institute in New York City.

Dr. Samantha is an active member of the Rhode Island Dental Association, The American Dental Association, and is excited to serve as a new board member for the New England Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry.

When Dr. Samantha has a free moment to enjoy outside of dentistry, her most favorite thing to do is spending time with her wife and two sons - going on hikes, exploring nature, and riding bikes. She is passionate about gardening, with an emphasis on restoring small areas of her yard with native plant populations, and is an avid beekeeper.

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