Greetings fellow members of the Florida Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy!! It is my distinct pleasure to represent you as the new Florida Section Chair. It is a true honor to be part of such a prestigious organization and help with the re-organization process. The Pierre Fauchard Academy is steeped in tradition, and I am excited for the challenge to rebuild the Florida Section.

In the upcoming months, you will be getting more information on our organization, as well as, information on our service project. After glancing at our list of members, I couldn’t help but be in awe of the accomplishments of the dentists that are part of our group. We have a tremendous team already in place, but we have been missing the organization and direction. I am hopeful that I can do my part in leading the Florida Section down the right path. In my humble opinion, there is no reason that our Section can’t become a model for other states to emulate. I will, however, request that our Active Members take that word to heart and truly become “active” in our organization. We have a tremendous opportunity to really make an impact in Florida not just as a professional organization, but also by helping our underserved communities get the proper dental care that they are lacking.

Thank you in advance for your support and involvement in the new Florida Section of the PFA!!

Reza Ardalan, DMD
Florida Section Chair
Meet Your New Section Chair

Dr. Reza Ardalan, better known as “Dr. Reza” in the office, earned his Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1997. After moving to Florida, Dr. Ardalan received his DMD degree from Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine in 2002. While there, Dr. Ardalan served as Student Body President and received numerous awards including: The American Society of Dentistry for Children Outstanding Senior Award, Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Outstanding Senior Award, Pierre Fauchard Academy Award, NSU-CDM Student of the Year, Excellence in Student Leadership, and NSU Chancellor’s Award among many others.

After graduation, Dr. Ardalan continued on to receive his pediatric training at Nova Southeastern University and Miami Children’s Hospital where he served as Chief Resident.

Since opening his office, Dr. Ardalan has been recognized as the NSU-CDM Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, the DOH Champion Dentist of the Year and has received a distinguished service award from both the ADA and the FDA. Dr. Ardalan has also served two terms as the President of the Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and is currently the Secretary of the Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentistry.

Dr. Ardalan was born in Tehran, Iran in 1975 and moved to the United States when he was five years old. After moving all over the country as a child, he chose to make Port St. Lucie, Florida his permanent home. He is married to his wife, Kimberly, and they have three wonderful children, Aidan, Layla and Noelle along with a Cairn terrier named Mia Hamm. In his spare time, Dr. Ardalan enjoys practicing Jiu Jitsu and watching all types of sports, especially those involving his favorite teams the University of North Carolina Tar Heels and the Pittsburgh Steelers. Dr. Ardalan can be reached at Rezaheel@aol.com

Dues Update

Dues collection has been almost non-existent over the past few years for the Florida Section of the PFA. Unfortunately, that has resulted in our Section being in a rather poor financial position. Collecting dues is an integral part of our organization’s growth and development. Dues money will be utilized for community service projects and other essential PFA activities.

That being said, there is probably some hesitation by members about paying dues towards an organization that has been virtually inactive. The reorganization committee has taken this into consideration and decided to reduce Section dues to a mere $20 for the 2016 cycle. This will allow our Section to have some funds available to assist with our upcoming service project, and it will enable our Fellows to witness our Section moving in the right direction. Dues collection will occur from the National office towards the end of the year.

Florida Mission of Mercy

The Florida Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy is proud to have selected the Florida Mission of Mercy as our signature service project! The first FLAMOM occurred in Tampa in 2014 and resulted in over $1 million in pro-bono service. The next FLAMOM is going to take place in Jacksonville on April 22-23, 2016, and we would like PFA members to have a prominent role in that event. If you have never volunteered for a Mission of Mercy project; it is an incredibly rewarding way to give back to the underserved. Stay tuned for more details on how the Florida Section of the PFA can make a contribution to the Florida Mission of Mercy project.
Florida/Georgia PFA Leadership Conference and Convocation

Two new members were inducted earlier this year in conjunction with the Georgia Section Leadership Conference and Convocation. The Georgia Section was gracious enough to include Florida as part of their event. The event took place in February at the beautiful Ritz Carlton Lodge, Reynolds Plantation in Greensboro, Georgia. In addition to being held at an amazing facility, there was a large group dinner and wine pairing the night before the Convocation. The day of the induction ceremony included an educational lecture and plenty of leisure time. The actual Convocation was an amazing black tie event in the Ritz Carlton Ballroom. Our new Florida Fellows, Drs. Mathew Waite and Reza Ardalan were joined by their wives as they were honored along with several new Georgia Fellows. The night included a fantastic dinner followed by a live band and dancing into the night. Guests of the event were also able to volunteer at a local GKAS event in conjunction with the meeting. The Georgia Section has been a model for other states in terms of their activism and their annual meeting. Florida is honored that the Georgia Section has invited us to once again participate in their conference and do a joint induction. New Florida Fellows will be inducted at this meeting and all PFA members are invited to attend this great event. More details will be available as the event nears.

New Florida Fellows Inducted

Two new Fellows were recently inducted at separate events. New Florida Section Chair, Dr. Reza Ardalan inducted Dr. Glen Mitchell into Fellowship at the joint breakfast meeting of the American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy that took place during the Florida Dental Convention. Region 3 Trustee, Dr. Gerri Ferris presented an update on the Academy's activities and invited the Florida Section to be involved in FLMOM and to join with the Georgia Section in February 2016 for a joint Convocation and Leadership Conference at the Ritz Carlton, Reynolds Plantation, Greensboro, Georgia.

Dr. Isabell Oxford was inducted in San Antonio during the 78th Annual PFA meeting in conjunction with the ADA Annual Session. Dr. Oxford attended the caucus meeting to learn about issues affecting other PFA Sections and the President's Reception where she was able to interact with numerous PFA Fellows from around the world. We are very excited to welcome these two new Fellows to the Florida Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy!!
The Mission of the Pierre Fauchard Academy

Our mission as Fellows in the Pierre Fauchard Academy is to recognize and grow leaders in the dental profession, their communities and society.

The Goals of the Pierre Fauchard Academy

To be a superior, quality, international dental honorary organization.

To encompass dentistry worldwide.

To have as Fellows the most outstanding dentists in every country in the world.

To select and induct individuals of the highest ethical, moral and professional standards.

To develop service-oriented projects.

To orient all Pierre Fauchard Academy leaders so they may have uniform workable guidelines.

To make the Pierre Fauchard Academy known throughout the dental world.

To make the Pierre Fauchard Academy a peer recognition body by virtue of its awards, its selectivity of Fellowship, and its service to dentistry in the worldwide community.

Getting Involved

The next phase of the Florida Section re-organization is to get our members involved! We understand that many of our Fellows are heavily involved in other aspects of organized dentistry and community service, however, we are asking that you consider devoting some time to the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Please contact Section Chair, Dr. Reza Ardalan at Rezaheel@aol.com and let him know you’re ready to volunteer! Whether it’s volunteering for FLAMOM next year or wanting to serve on a new committee, there are plenty of ways to get involved. The new Florida Section of the PFA has the potential to be an extraordinary group, and the re-organization committee is excited to move us in that direction!

“Smile......it raises your face value!”