

The GNYDM Elects New General Chairman for 2018 *Makes Dental History!*



The Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM) elected Dr. Lauro Medrano-Saldaña as the next General Chairman for 2018. Dr. Medrano-Saldaña is the first Hispanic General Chairman to be elected by the GNYDM. His term officially begins in 2017 as the General Chairman-Elect, followed by his 2-year Chairmanship beginning in 2018.

His vision will take the GNYDM to the next level as he cultivates International growth and strengthens new partnerships with both domestic and international dental organizations. Additionally, he plans to increase the overall attendance to over 60,000 attendees and initializing the first-ever Spanish-language “Live” Dentistry Arena.

As leaders often do, Dr. Medrano has inspired many of his colleagues to reach for new heights. *“As the Chairman of Outreach and Foreign Affairs for the Greater New York Dental Meeting, Dr. Medrano has been an integral part of the Dental Meeting for over 15 years,”* says Dr. Robert R. Edwab, Executive Director of the Greater New York Dental Meeting.

Dr. Medrano participated in initiating the Latin American Leadership breakfast at the Greater New York Dental Meeting, which includes the participation of leaders from Mexico, Central America, South America and the Caribbean. He also established the Pre-Dental Conference to provide information to dental students about face-to-face Dental Shows and the admissions’ requirements for Dental Schools. Dr. Medrano *“travels worldwide to promote the GNYDM and always returns with positive results”* says Dr. Marc B. Gainor, General Chairman of the Greater New York Dental Meeting.

Dr. Medrano is originally from Puerto Rico. He completed most of his education on the island. He obtained a bachelor’s degree in Biology from the Interamerican University of Puerto Rico. Later, he attended Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana in Mexico City and went on to receive a degree in stomatology. In 1991, he was accepted at New York University College of Dentistry where he obtained a DDS diploma, and was later accepted into the AEED program at Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY. After his first year of residency there, he became part of the Advanced Pediatric Dental Program and was also granted a Pediatric Dentistry Residency. Dr. Medrano has an appointment at Lutheran Medical Center, as a Clinical Attending, in the Pediatric Dentistry Program.

At his local component, the Second District Dental Society, Dr. Medrano has served on the oral health, publications, Governmental affairs, EDPAC and Medicaid GNYDM Committees. He also held the positions of Librarian, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President and President.

At the New York State level, he served as a delegate, was a governmental affairs council member, and served two terms as a chair. He was a committee grass root leader, and on the reference committee to the House of Delegates.

At the ADA, he served as a team action leader for ADPAC, Delegate and council on Governmental Affairs. Dr. Medrano graduated from the prestigious leadership institute of ADA, was on the Board of Trustees of the Hispanic Dental Association, and past president of the Puerto Rico Dental Association, USA.

Dr. Medrano's family includes his wife Carmen who is an active member of the Hospitality Committee of the GNYDM; his daughter Valerie, a third year medical student at Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara who is currently doing clinical rotations at Chicago's Jackson Park Hospital; and his son Douglas who graduated from Pennsylvania State University and has recently started working with WB Mason.

The Greater New York Dental Meeting is excited about the election of Dr. Medrano along with the Organization Committee who anticipates a tremendous expansion of both exhibits and attendance under his direction.

