

KAREN BEN-ELAZAR, DMD



PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVE

Pediatric dentist dedicated to providing quality patient-centered care and education, with an emphasis on comfort and prevention.

EDUCATION

- 2019-2021 **University of Florida College of Dentistry- NCEF**, Naples, FL
Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry
- 2015-2019 **Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine (NSU)**, Davie, FL
Doctor of Dental Medicine
- 2011-2015 **Rutgers the State University of New Jersey**, New Brunswick, NJ
Bachelor of Arts in Biology | Minor: Psychology | Distinction: Cum Laude

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS

- 2019-present **Qualified and trained to perform treatment under Oral and IV sedation**
- 2019-present **Florida Dental Licensure DN24223**
- 2019-present **DEA License**
- 2019-present **Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), Basic Life Support (BLS)**
- 2019-present **Nitrous Oxide Administration Certification**
- 2016-2017 **ADEA Academic Dental Careers Fellowship**

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2021 **AAPD Pediatric Oral Health Advocacy Conference**, Resident Advocate
- 2019-present **NCEF Dental Outreach Program**, *Dental Provider*
- 2018 **Dental Service Mission Trip, Dominican Republic**, *Student Provider*
- 2018-2019 **Hispanic Dental Association**, *Volunteer/Student Provider*
- 2017-2019 **Dr. Sandra Brener & Associates Pediatric Dentistry**, *Intern/Assistant*
- 2016-2019 **NSU's A Day for Children, Give Kids a Smile**, *Participant/Staff*
- 2015-2019 **Colgate Bright Futures Dental Program**, *Colgate Bright Smiles Volunteer*
- 2014 **Special Olympics Special Smiles Program**, *Dental Screening Assistant*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2019-present **University of Florida College of Dentistry**
"Caries incidence on primary molars after GI sealant placement"
- 2016-2019 **Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine**
Tissue engineering and stem cell regeneration: Cleft Palate
Expectant mothers' knowledge of prenatal dental development
- 2013-2015 **Rutgers University Institute for Food, Nutrition, and Health**
Research in Gastrointestinal Physiology: Food Science/Pharmaceutical
George H. Cook Honors Thesis Program / Aresty Scholarship Program

PUBLICATIONS

- Rogers, M.A., Corradini, M., Carder, M., **Ben-Elazar, K.**, Johnson, J., Fondaco, D., Ludescher, R., Chu, Y., AlHasawi, F., Ben-Elazar, S., Bolster, D., Chung, Y., Fan, Y. (2017) "In vitro Measurements of Luminal Viscosity and Glucose/Maltose Bioaccessibility for Oat Bran, Instant Oats, and Steel Cut Oats." *Food Hydrocolloids*. 70: 293-303.
- Rogers, M.A., Yan, Y., **Ben-Elazar, K.**, Lan, Y., Faig, J., Smith, K., Uhrich, K. E. (2014) "Salicylic Acid (SA) Bioaccessibility from SA-Based Poly(anhydride-ester)." *Biomacromolecules*. 15(9): 3406–3411.

AWARDS/HONORS

- 2021 **Robert E. Primosch Academic Excellence Award**, *FAPD*
- 2021 **Graduate Student Research Award (GSRA) Semifinalist**, *AAPD*
- 2019 **Florida Dental Convention Dawson Student Scholarship Award**, *FDA*
- 2019 **1st Place NSU Ethics Essay Competition Group Stage**, *NSU*
- 2018 **HPD Research Day Distinguished Podium Presentation Award**, *NSU*
- 2018 **Community Service Scholarship Award**, *Hispanic Dental Association Foundation*
- 2018 **Pediatrics Honors Program**, *NSU*
- 2018 **Oral Surgery Honors Program**, *NSU*
- 2018 **1st Place Research Poster Competition Award, Dental Student Category**, *AADR-FL*
- 2018 **Consumer Healthcare Preventive Dentistry Scholarship**, *ADEA/GlaxoSmithKline*
- 2017 **Great Expressions Endowed Scholarship**, *NSU*
- 2017 **Colgate Research Award**, *American Association of Women in Dentistry*
- 2017 **Student Clinician Research Award**, *Dentsply-Sirona*
- 2015 **George H. Cook Honors Program: Honors in Biology**, *Rutgers University*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
- Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
- American Dental Association
- Florida Dental Association
- American Association of Women Dentists
- American Dental Education Association
- American Association for Dental Research
- Hispanic Dental Association

SKILLS/INTERESTS:

- **Multilingual:** Fluent English and Hebrew, Basic Spanish and American Sign Language
- **Personal interests:** Cooking, baking, soccer, hiking, art, spending time with friends and family