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From the President

FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Members of the Monmouth-Ocean County Dental Society,



As winter blankets our communities with its serene beauty, I am filled with gratitude for the warmth and camaraderie that define our dental family. In this season of reflection and togetherness, I extend my heartfelt greetings to each one of you.

Our society has navigated challenges with resilience and unity, showcasing the strength that lies in our collective commitment to dental excellence. As we enter this New Year, I look forward to our upcoming Dinner Meetings together and celebrating Childrens Dental Health Month in February of 2024.

Looking ahead to this year, let us continue to foster a community that thrives on collaboration, learning, and mutual support. Together, we can advance the standards of dental care and make a positive impact on the well-being of our patients.

John Soliman, DMD, MD
M-OCDS President

Upcoming Events

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February is Children's Dental Health Month
MonmouthOceanDentalFair@gmail.com

MONMOUTH COUNTY:

Dr. Jeffries-Bruno (732) 963-8680

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Dr. Akriti Gupta (732) 473-1123

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Tuesday, March 12, 2024 – 7 PM ZOOM

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Tuesday – March 19, 2024

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January 9th, 2024

Attendance:

Trustees: Drs. Ahern, Albin, Condello, Feeney, Friedman, Guerrasio, Gupta, Hersh, Isaacson, Jeffries-Bruno, LaFalce, Nebblett, Ostrow, Safari, Seto, Sniscak, Soliman, Sones & Velazquez

The meeting was called to order by Dr. John Soliman at 7:05 PM.
The meeting was held via ZOOM video conferencing.

We have a Quorum

Approval of the minutes from last meeting:

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the prior meeting was made by Dr. Hersh and seconded by Dr. Sones. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

President's Report (Dr. Soliman):

As we embark on a new year filled with promise and opportunity, I am honored to extend my warmest wishes to each of you. Reflecting on the achievements of the past and embracing the challenges ahead, let us unite in our commitment to excellence in dental care and professional growth.

In 2024, let innovation be our guide as we navigate the evolving landscape of oral healthcare. Our next Dinner Meeting will be Tuesday January 30, 2024, welcoming our leadership of the NJDA.

We will honor 3 Life Members at that meeting:

Dr. Madeline Badalaty, Dr. Maurice Hill and Dr. Stan Mahan

May this year be marked by continued camaraderie and support among our esteemed members. As stewards of oral health, our impact resonates far beyond the walls of our practices. Let us inspire one another to reach new heights, always with a focus on patient well-being and the highest standards of ethical practice.

I express my deepest gratitude to the Board of Trustees for their dedication and hard work. Your leadership is instrumental in shaping the future of our society. Here's to a year of growth, unity, and prosperity for the Monmouth-Ocean County Dental Society.

Vice President's Report (Dr. Nebblett):

Suggested Dates For MOCDS 2024/25:

Aug 6 Organizational Meeting

Oct 8 TM

Oct 15 DM

Nov 12 TM

Nov 19 DM

2025

Jan 7 TM

Jan DM w/NJDA TBD - waiting on a response from NJDA, will follow up on 1/17 BOT

Mar 11 TM

Mar 18 DM

Apr 22 TM

Apr 29 DM

I will be attending the next NJDA Board of Trustees meeting at NJDA

headquarters as an alternate MOCDS trustee on Jan 17th. Among other items on the agenda will be selection of NJDA secretary. There are two candidates, Dr Maria Ambrosio (Passaic) and Dr Janhavi Rane (Mercer).

Treasurer's Report (Dr. Seto):

All accounts in good standing. Our monthly retainer with the accounting firm has increased as of January 1st. They have increased our rate every year for the past three years. Discussed talking to the accounting firm to see if they can lock us into a rate if we agree to continue with them for the next x number of years.

Discussed ideas for using some of our funds to give back to dentistry. Dr. LaFalce recommends setting aside time for everyone to discuss ideas. We haven't had a quorum to vote on any ideas in the past few meetings.

NJDA Trustee Report (Drs. Jeffries-Bruno & Nebblett):

The last BOT meeting took place on November 15th, the same day as the HOD meeting. Please find the minutes attached. Thank you to Dr. John Soliman who attended on our behalf. The next BOT meeting will take place on 1/17/2024.

The Nominations Council will meet on Wednesday January, 17th prior to the BOT meeting. The Council is composed of the component Trustees and one additional member from each component. Elected Officers serve as the additional member which for us would be Dr. Elisa Velazquez. If we did not have an elected officer in our component, we would need to select a member to represent our component.

The two candidates nominated for Secretary are as follows:

1. Dr. Maria Ambrosio of Passaic Dental Society
2. Dr. Janhavi Rane of Mercer County Dental Society

Component Leadership Briefings: Wednesday, January 24th via zoom 12:30-1:00pm. The purpose of the meeting is to collaborate across the tripartite.

Delegates: Please mark your calendars and note the next HOD meeting will take place on 6/5/2024.

Upcoming events:

ELEVATE Workshop series: CE program focusing on HR, HIPPA and insurance tailored for office managers, staff and dentists. Registration is open: Information can be found here: www.njda.org/elevate A registration link can be found here: ELEVATE Workshop Series.

Annual Conference: Wednesday May 8th at the Mainland Hotel in Manahawkin, NJ. 7 CEUs and a dinner reception as well as exhibitors. Please reach out if you know a vendor who may be interested in participating in the event.

Educational Events:

DEA Mate Act series to be launched in 2024:

- Four sessions: 1 per quarter - 2 hours each

New series in development for RDH and RDA CE licensure renewal - as a member benefit.

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Council on Dental Benefits (Dr. Safari):

No report for CODB, November meeting was cancelled, the next CODB meeting is on Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Council on Governmental & Public Affairs (Dr. LaFalce):

I attended the NJDA COGPA meeting which was held on 12/6/23 via Zoom. The meeting minutes are attached. Here are the key points / summary:

Regarding the Dentist/Hygienist Compact: there has been more controversy than anticipated. The AADB (American Assoc of Dental Boards) opposes the compact and has retained representation in Trenton to lobby for opposing the bill. This has been tried by 2 other states and failed. Mr. Schulz assured the council that the supporters of the bill remain committed to the legislation. More states are expected to act in favor and add the legislation in their next sessions.

Virtual Credit Card Bill: passed the Senate Commerce Committee unanimously on 12/4. NJ's Virtual CC bill is the most comprehensive in the country as it focuses on patient choice and transparency. This is a big legislative victory for NJ Dentists.

Disallow Bill: Amendments were made to the bill and presented by the payer community that NJDA feels are acceptable. The bill preserves patients' choice regarding materials but payers' rights to pay for the least expensive alternative are also protected. *Update, since the meeting, this bill passed in the Senate after having already cleared the Assembly. NJDA reports this as another win for NJ Dentists.

Licensure Reform: NJDA has joined a coalition to identify best practices for the Division of Consumer Affairs / State Boards (not just dentistry) since there have been inefficiencies and delays in licensure processing. The delays have had a negative impact on the public as well as practices. This legislation would require the Dept of Consumer Affairs to report back to NJ legislature on best practices. This passed the Senate Commerce Committee on 12/11

2024/2025 Priorities:

Joint Negotiation Legislation: a tool to help fight against chronic fee reductions by payers. Will give us pull in negotiating with insurance companies.

Dental / Medical Parity / Payer Transparency: medical loss ratios must be disclosed, would require dental ID cards to disclose if the plan is self-funded or fully insured, highlight issues where medical and dental insurance require more parity.

State Oral Health Plan: NJDA will review the state's plan and any proposed changes to scope of practice.

New Business: NJDA will host an "Oral Health Day" in Trenton where an oral cancer screening would be incorporated. Date TBD.

Great News: Governor signed three things into law yesterday: 1) the disallow bill is now a law (patients have a choice for material, payer/insurance can choose to pay for the lesser material), 2) virtual debit card is now law (fees need to be disclosed; dentists decide whether they accept virtual debit card but fees associated must be disclosed), 3) the division of consumer affairs legislation (best practices) is now law (the state board is having problems in inefficiency in processing licensing. Best practices should be put into place for the Board (33 Boards in the Division of Consumer Affairs) to abide by for processing of licenses because it is negatively impacting all of us licensees but also the public. Division of Consumer Affairs cannot be in the office full time yet, a number of state employees were transferred, retired, furloughed. Where the Best Practices come from, we don't know for sure. We don't know yet when it will be effective.

The next meeting is 2/14 via Zoom.

Council on Membership (Dr. Sniscak):

At NJDA, total members and membership renewal is up slightly over last year. 134 New Members over last year (primarily students and residents). 2024 Dues Billing, the ADA has begun calling any non-renews this week.

From now through August 31, 2024, I challenge every member dentist to help colleagues and friends thrive by inviting them to join the ADA as part of our exciting new initiative, the "Recruit for Rewards" membership recruitment contest. By referring new members, you have a chance to win a seven-day Hawaiian cruise, among other great prizes!

Here's how it works:

For each new member you recruit, you'll be entered into a quarterly drawing for a chance to win a prize valued at up to \$1,000 from the ADA Store or ADABEI-endorsed providers.

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When you recruit 25 new members, you will automatically win a quarterly prize valued at up to \$1,000.

See ada.org for more details.

Exclusions: students & retired members.

Eligible for anyone who was not a member in 2023.

Council for New Dentists (Drs. Dinowitz/Seto):

Planning an event for this winter in South or Central Jersey, no details yet.

Council on Annual Session (Dr. Dinowitz):

May 8th, 2024

COMMITTEES:

Committee on Communications (Dr. Friedman):

The next M-OCDS newsletter is February. CDHM & GKAS events need to be submitted to me by January 15th. Since the dinner

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meeting is January 30, I will extend the deadline for the President's Message & dinner meeting photos until February 1st

Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (Dr. Hersh):

The initial draft of the MOCDS Constitution and Bylaws rewrite has been completed. This document has been sent to the MOCDS Executive Board. It has also been sent to Dr. Walter Chinoy for his review. Once the document has been revised and the initial comments have been received, the full Board of Trustees will be included in a second mailing.

Committee on Budget and Finance (Dr. Seto/Albin):

Year end investment report has been sent. Members may request a copy.

Committee on General Membership and Educational Programs (Drs. Seto/Gupta):

Last dinner meeting we had 39 members attend including 3 MMC residents & 4 JSUMC residents, and one Rutgers dental student. We currently have 19 people registered for our January meeting.

Committee on Sponsorship (Dr. Sones)

Our sponsors/vendors for the dinner meeting on January 30th will be:

Platinum: Align Healthcare Realty, Asteto Dental Lab, Staff Driven Dental, ZimVie

Gold: Evenly, Newark Dental Pemco, Optimal Practice Transitions

Bronze: Bank of America, Dental Destinations (new sponsor, please visit them at the meeting, traveling CE)

Committee on Children's Dental Health (Drs. Jeffries-Bruno/Gupta):

We had a committee meeting yesterday and have decided to divide Children's Dental Health Month into a two-part initiative. The first part will be the continuation of the poster contest from years past. We will be holding a poster/video contest where submissions can be in person (to their dental home) or via email. Instead of contacting schools, we will ask member dentists to advertise at their office (flyer & instructions will be provided). Based on the number of submissions we get; we decide how we are selecting and honoring the winners. The goals of the initiative are:

- Extend submission parameters engage wider age group (e.g. video option this year)
- Gather information about engagement (age groups, media, virtual vs in person) to help us better plan initiatives
- Engage member dentists to participate in Children's Dental Health month
- Provide a member benefit by creating an opportunity for community engagement

The second part of our initiative is to hold an event (similar to the mall events during CDHM) during warmer weather. We are proposing May 19th as a tentative date. Since we have had trouble finding a venue, we are aiming for a park event. The idea is to have vendors - bounce house, food truck, ice cream- along with members who can volunteer to provide education/resources for CDH. Advertising can be via schools and member dentist offices.

Committee on Special & Social Events (Drs. Gupta & Seto):

Our save the date for the President's Luncheon at Eagle Oaks on

April 21st, 2024 has been sent. Please stay tuned for formal email invitation and details.

NJ Dental Lifeline Network (formerly Donated Dental Services) (Dr. Feeney):

The fiscal 7/1/22-6/30/23 year of the NJDLN DDS program has revealed that 578 volunteer dentists. 347 deserving patients were treated. This has generated a total value of donated treatment to be \$1,025,036. This brings the grand total of 9,700 patients completing treatment which creates a grand total of \$28,300,000 worth of care granted since inception. Congratulations to the 100 MOCDS volunteers!! Of special note, there is an extended waiting list for Ocean County qualified patients to be seen. If you already volunteer, please consider treating one more patient whether you're in Ocean or Monmouth County. If you're not a volunteer, consider doing so by calling Ms. Shanda Bell at 732-821-3056 to radiate your kindness.

Jersey Shore Medical Mentor (Dr. Condello):

Tomorrow is seminar with Dr. Ryan Cook, a new speaker for us, a perio-prosth. We have a perio program in February, discussing non-surgical periodontics.

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Discuss ideas of how to use our funds
How much do we want to spend? Will it be annually? How will it be divided?

Ideas:

- Scholarship fund: Monmouth/Ocean student that wants to go to dental hygiene school (can help the hygiene shortage)
- Dental supplies to hospital facilities with a dental department - would need to check first to see what funds are already received by hospitals since some are now federally funded
- Dental school scholarship
- Residency scholarship

Good and welfare: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Akriti Gupta, DMD M-OCDS Secretary 2023-2024

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DR. STAN MAHAN

In 1980 he was commissioned as Ensign in the US Naval Reserve and received his DDS degree from the NYU College of Dentistry.



In September of 1999 Commander Mahan was promoted to Navy Captain.

Dr. Mahan currently practices in Toms River and Long Beach Island and continues his active service in the US Naval Reserve.

He enjoys his hobbies of boating, kayaking, skiing and sailing.

MADELINE BADALATY, DMD



Born in Brooklyn (like everyone in the US)

First graduating class of women from the University of Scranton.

Worked as lab tech at Monmouth Medical Center for 5 years.

Attended UMDNJ (now Rutgers) for Dental School Monmouth Medical Center General Practice Residency Program.

- Return to UMDNJ for Pediatric Specialty.
- Open private practice.
- Top Dentist in NJ Magazine over 10 years.
- Joined staff at Monmouth Medical.
- Held various leadership positions there.
- Presently Chair of Dentistry at MMC.

Thank you for all you do for MOCDS!

DR. MAURICE “MO” B. HILL, JR., DMD, FAGD, FACD, FICD AND FADI

Upon graduation from UMDNJ with honors in December 1972, he was assigned to Naval Dental Clinic, Naval Education and Training Command, Newport Rhode Island as an Assistant Dental Officer. In May 1974, he was transferred to Branch Dental Clinic, Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, New Jersey.



On 1 November 2001 he was promoted to the grade of Rear Admiral (Upper Half) and was assigned as Deputy Director of the Dental Corps, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and Force Dental Officer, Commander Naval Reserve Force. He retired on 1 February 2005 after almost 35 years of naval service.

He is a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry, the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists, and the Academy of Dentistry International and was elected to honorary membership in Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the national dental honor society. In 2003 he was elected as a Councilman representing Ward 3, Toms River, NJ the eighth largest town in New Jersey and served as Councilman-at-Large from 2012-2019. In 2019 Mo was elected as Mayor and served a 4 year term starting in January 2020. He also serves on the Ocean County Board of Health. In May 2004 he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the New Jersey Dental School, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He was only the 4th dentist in the history of the school to receive this prestigious award.

Mo has lived in Toms River for 40 years. He had a general dentistry practice in Brick, New Jersey and retired in 2017.

Proposal by Dr. John Feeney

As Past President of M-OCDS serving 1989-1990, I am very proud of all things M-OCDS including Jersey Shore Medical Center (JSUMC), Monmouth Medical Center (MMC), and Community Medical Center (CMC). I still serve these institutions as an emeritus senior attending.

It is a fiduciary obligation for M-OCDS leadership to be fiscally responsible to its over 600 members, who may or may not agree with a decision of dedicating monies, knowing membership in the ADA, NJDA, and M-OCDS is down 20% which secondarily negatively impacts dues revenue. Alternatively to realize a potential financial need as an altruistic gesture of goodwill for future members.

Of special note, of the nine medical centers in Monmouth/Ocean Counties who have dentists as staff members, there are two who have dental residencies (GPRs). MMC in Long Branch having seven residents and JSUMC in Neptune having five residents. Both programs have many M-OCDS members as volunteer attending staff members.

Accordingly, in the spirit of supporting membership services, academic accomplishments of scholarly activity yet acknowledging the principles of ethics, professional conduct, humanism and fostering the importance of future membership within organizational dentistry, may I suggest M-OCDS create an honorarium (Latin honorarius- a gift were propriety has no price as a gesture of goodwill) to reward such virtues amongst the residents of each program, i.e. one resident at each program is to be selected by the Dental Department Director and or the Residency Director who best exemplifies the qualities of these aforementioned principles after a 6-9 month unsolicited evaluation.

This stipend (amount to be determined) is to be granted in the name of Dr. Robert Isaacson (M-OCDS President 1982-83) for the MMC resident selected and Dr. Frederic Paperth for the JSUMC resident selected. Both Drs. Isaacson & Paperth served the M-OCDS membership at large and their respective medical centers programs at the highest level.

What better way to encourage immanent providers in the early stages of their careers with a fiscal support to honor them yet remind them of the magnanimous core of organizational dentistry which is the code of ethics and professionalism as written by the ADA in 1866, albeit an honorable petition for future membership.

Further discussion with detail determination, budgeting and a dedicated \$ amount is required. A possible \$600 gift per doctor would cover two biennial licensing periods (four

years) in NJ; therefore \$1,200 per year for two awards. This can be accomplished as a presentation at the April dinner/lecture series of each year planned with an additional plaque or certificate as the Dr. Robert Isaacson award for ethical professional principles for the MMC recipient and the Dr. Frederic Paperth award for ethical and professional principles for the JSUMC recipient.

In sum, M-OCDS controls the destination, direction and accessibility of the amount decided upon with certainty. M-OCDS can augment a unifying bond with two residency programs that have 13 post graduate residents and over 100 dental licensees who volunteer, educate, administrate and render care to many marginalized communities of Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

This noble gesture will instill a legacy of ethical/professional postulates for all to realize what M-OCDS encourages, stands for and welcomes in future providers.

Some qualities to evaluate in a resident's demeanor when assessing ethical principles and professional conduct:

- 1) Exhibits an altruistic perspective to assist the under-served or less fortunate.
- 2) Motivates others to serve and provide for the common good.
- 3) Shows humility and generosity with a dedication of time and talents.
- 4) Has had significant participation in varied community service projects .
- 5) Has demonstrated themselves to be a leader of consequence regarding public health issues and access to care
- 6) Involved in political issues that encourage humanitarian support
- 7) Illustrates responsibility, commitment, and is inspirational to others
- 8) Exhibits the potential to be a future leader within the profession and society

Dr. John Feeney

P.S. I would also propose the evaluation of the aforementioned qualities of a senior student by the director of any of the dental hygiene and assisting programs that are in Monmouth and Ocean Counties. Honoraria and institutions to be determined.

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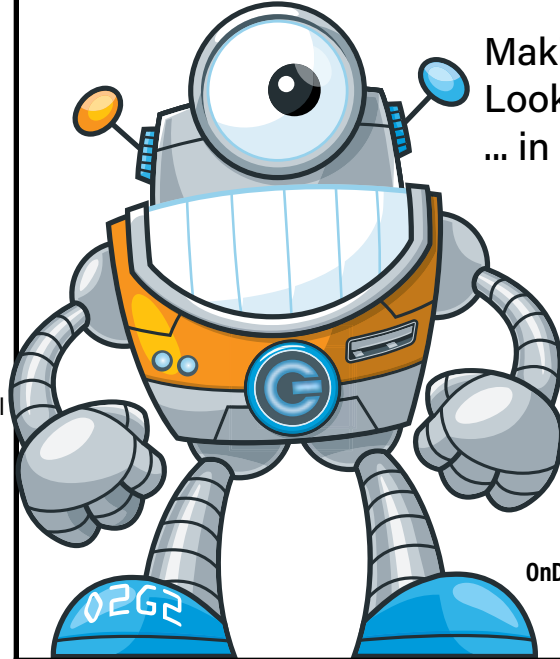
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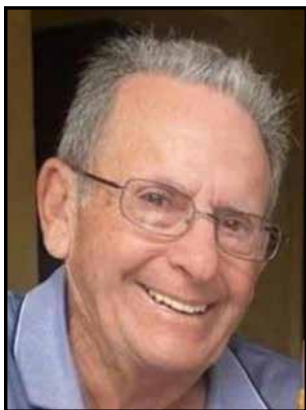
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DR. MARC N. COOPER



A life-long resident of New Jersey, passed away on December 5, 2023, at the age of 83. He was born October 21, 1940, in New Brunswick, NJ, to Samuel Charles Cooper and Rose Schwartz Cooper. Marc attended Georgetown University School of Dentistry. Dr. Cooper was an Oral Surgeon with 2 practices, one in Red Bank, NJ & the other in Manahawkin, NJ. He served a number of years as Chief of Staff of Oral Surgery at Riverview

Medical Center, Red Bank, NJ. Dr Cooper was a life member of the ADA, NJDA & M-OCDS. Marc was an avid golfer and a member of the Orchid Society. He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Rose Cooper and by his wife, Karen Cooper. Survivors include his 3 children, Sandee, Steven, and Sydnie Cooper; 5 grandchildren, Zachary and Ezra Cartwright, Rocco, Dominick and Isabella Santamaria; sister and brother-in-law, Susan and Lawrence Schwartz. He is also survived by his Fiancée Marcia Gordon. A celebration of life service was held on Thursday, December 21st, 2023. Contributions may be made in his loving memory to either the American Heart Association www.heart.org or to Veterans Affairs www.cdceportal.va.org



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THEME: HEALTHY HABITS FOR HEALTHY SMILES

WHAT: POSTER OR VIDEO

HOW: Please post the attached flyer in your office, website, or practice social media. We will be accepting submissions by:

- POSTER DROP-OFF AT YOUR OFFICE
- EMAIL SUBMISSION OF VIDEO/PIC OF POSTER TO MOCDSCONTEST2024@GMAIL.COM
- DM TO MOCDS INSTAGRAM @MOCDSNJ

WHEN: 2/1 - 2/29

Once the deadline (2/29) has passed, please email to let us know about any submissions received at your office to coordinate pick up/winner selection.

For questions, please contact:

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POSTER

MAXIMUM SIZE 24X36 IN

EMAIL US

A PICTURE OF YOU
HOLDING YOUR POSTER

OR

DROP OFF TO YOUR DENTIST

Grades K-12



VIDEO

MAXIMUM 30 SEC VIDEO
EX: SONG, SKIT, DANCE

EMAIL US

OR

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All submissions must include:

(on back of poster, in the email, or in a DM)

CONTESTANT FIRST & LAST NAME * GRADE * SCHOOL * TOWN
SUPERVISING ADULT NAME * RELATION TO CONTESTANT * BEST CONTACT # AND/OR EMAIL
AND

INDICATE IF YOU CONSENT TO POSTING THE PICTURE/VIDEO ON OUR MOCDS WEBSITE,
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