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Winchester Dentist Named Among “10 Under Ten” by the Massachusetts Dental Society

Recognition highlights impact of new dentists on dental profession

SOUTHBOROUGH, Mass.—March 2, 2020—Dr. Matthew Freitas, a pediatric dentist practicing with the [PDA Dental Group](#) in Reading and Winchester, has been recognized among the [2020 “10 Under Ten”](#) by the [Massachusetts Dental Society](#) (MDS). Established by the MDS in 2005, the annual 10 Under Ten list highlights the diversity of new dentists in Massachusetts and their impact on the dental profession.

To qualify for the recognition, dentists must have graduated from dental school within the past 10 years, be an MDS member, and have made significant contributions to the profession, their community, and organized dentistry.

“I have always had a passion for medicine and art,” Dr. Freitas said. “As an undergrad, I shadowed my dentist and loved the idea of combining these passions. After dental school, I specialized in pediatric dentistry, which came naturally to me since I’m a child at heart.”

Dr. Freitas says he especially enjoys helping children overcome dental anxiety.

“I help them overcome their fears, we complete the procedure, and they leave with a smile,” Dr. Freitas said. “Being able to provide the highest quality of care and comfort for my patients is my top priority.”

A native of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, Dr. Freitas received a Bachelor of Science degree in neuroscience from Brown University, where he competed on the varsity swimming

and diving team. He earned a Doctor of Dental Medicine in 2011 from the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine.

Dr. Freitas obtained his post-graduate certificate in pediatric dentistry in 2013 after serving as chief resident at the Lutheran Pediatric Dentistry Specialty Program in Providence, Rhode Island. During his residency, he was on the cleft team at Hasbro Hospital in Rhode Island, providing presurgical nasoalveolar molding for infants with clefts. He also completed specialized training in presurgical treatment of cleft lip and palate at New York University.

Dr. Freitas is a Board-Certified Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. In addition to the MDS, he is a member of the American Dental Association, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, and the Middlesex District Dental Society.

The complete list of 10 Under Ten honorees includes:

- **Lea El Hachem, DDS, CAGS, MSd**, a periodontist practicing in Boston
- **Matthew Freitas, DMD**, a pediatric dentist practicing in Reading and Winchester
- **Michael Golub, DMD**, a general dentist and orthodontics resident practicing in Boston
- **Ana Keohane, DDS, DMD, FICD**, a general dentist practicing in Boston, Everett, and Wellesley
- **Luri Lee, DMD, CAGS**, a general dentist practicing in Boston and Seekonk
- **James E. Lee, DMD**, a general dentist practicing in Malden
- **Sabina Malla, DDS**, a general dentist practicing in Fall River
- **Claire A. McCarthy, DMD**, a general dentist practicing in Norwood and Quincy
- **Richard Senatore, DMD, FAGD, FICOI**, a general dentist practicing in Boston and Stoneham
- **Christopher Jacob Ward, DMD**, a general dentist practicing in Quincy

The dentists were honored in Boston at the [Yankee Dental Congress® 2020](#), New England's largest meeting for dental professionals, and they will be featured in the Spring 2020 issue of the [Journal of the Massachusetts Dental Society](#).

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[Dr. Matthew Freitas Accepts Award from MDS President Dr. Janis Moriarty](#)

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