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Rhode Island

DENTAL ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the Ocean State Dental Conference

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the Rhode Island Dental Association, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Ocean State Dental Conference. This conference is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a dental community—to learn, share ideas, strengthen professional relationships, and celebrate our shared commitment to improving the oral health of the patients and communities we serve.

The Ocean State Dental Conference reminds us of the value of professional connection. The relationships we build with colleagues—through conversation, collaboration, mentorship, and shared experiences—strengthen our profession and help us move dentistry forward. I encourage you to take full advantage of every opportunity to engage with our speakers, exhibitors, fellow attendees, and members of the Rhode Island Dental Association. The Rhode Island Dental Association is proud to represent and support dentists throughout our state. Our profession is strongest when we work together, advocate for our patients and profession, and remain committed to lifelong learning and excellence in care. Your participation in this conference reflects that commitment.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone who has worked to make this event possible, including our conference organizers, speakers, exhibitors, sponsors, volunteers, and the many individuals whose efforts often take place behind the scenes. Most of all, thank you to you—the attendees—for being part of this important gathering.

I hope your time at the Ocean State Dental Conference is both educational and enjoyable. May you leave inspired by new ideas, energized by meaningful connections, and proud of the important work we do every day as dental professionals. Welcome, and thank you for joining us. I wish you a productive, memorable, and enjoyable conference.

Warm regards,



Nima Behazin, DMD

President, Rhode Island Dental Association



Rhode Island
DENTAL HYGIENISTS'
ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the Annual Ocean State Dental Conference

On behalf of the Rhode Island Dental Hygienists' Association, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the Ocean State Dental Conference. We are grateful for the continued partnership of the Rhode Island Dental Association and the Rhode Island Dental Assistants Association in bringing this event to life.

This conference is designed with you in mind—dental hygienists, dental assistants, dental professionals, and students—who are dedicated to advancing oral health and making a difference in the lives of our patients and communities. We are excited to provide a day filled with engaging continuing education, meaningful connections, and valuable resources to support you in your professional growth.

Our program includes an outstanding lineup of continuing education courses that cover today's most relevant topics and practical strategies you can apply right away. You'll also have the opportunity to explore a diverse exhibit hall featuring innovative products, technologies, and solutions from our generous vendors and sponsors.

We are proud to continue the tradition of holding our Annual Business Meeting during the conference. This important time allows us to celebrate our achievements, discuss our goals, and plan for the future. We encourage all members to attend, get involved, and help shape the direction of our Association.

Thank you for being here, for your commitment to your profession, and for your ongoing support of our Association. Your energy, ideas, and participation make this conference a success. We look forward to learning, growing, and creating lasting memories together!

Sincerely,



Chantel Janeiro, RDH, PHDH

Vice President

Rhode Island Dental Hygienists' Association



On behalf of the Rhode Island Dental Association, I welcome everyone to the 2nd Annual Ocean State Dental Conference. Our premier event this year features many well-known speakers and covers topics that are beneficial not only to dentists but also to our valued team members: hygienists and dental assistants.

Thank you to everyone who helped bring this event to our community. I hope you leave today's conference with a bit more knowledge—whether that means learning how to use a new product, how to interact more effectively with patients, how best to approach a clinical situation, or how to utilize the technology we have at our disposal.

I also want to thank the exhibitors and sponsors for their support. Without them, we could not bring this event to fruition. I sincerely hope everyone has time to visit with them throughout the day.

Finally, thank you to the dentists, hygienists, receptionists, assistants, and office managers for attending today. I hope we have made this an event you will look forward to attending year after year. We welcome your feedback so we can make next year's conference even better.

With that, enjoy your day at the Ocean State Dental Conference.



Respectfully,

Andrew "Andy" Gazerro III, D.M.D.

OSDC Chairperson



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE



MORNING SESSIONS

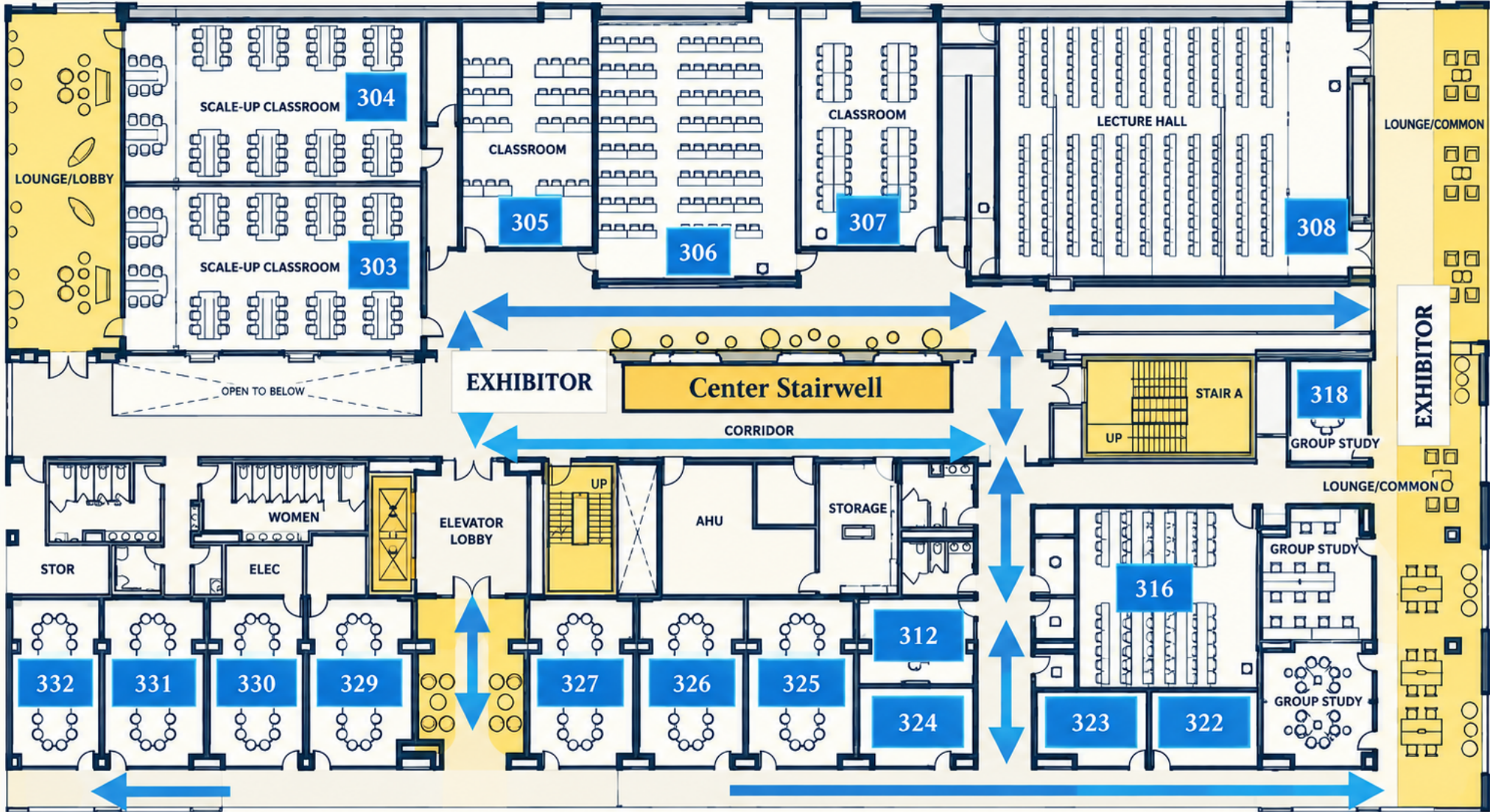
TIME	COURSE	PRESENTER	ROOM
9–10 AM	CPR Certification/Recertification (AHA BLS)	Simas	332
9–10 AM	Dental Assisting in RI: Workforce, Education & Path Forward (1 CE)	Friel	329
9 AM–12 PM	Mastering High-Dollar Case Acceptance (3 CE)	Homoly	305
9 AM–12 PM	CBCT: Proper Techniques for Better Imaging (3 CE)	Hernandez	307
9 AM–12 PM	Smart Denture Conversions (3 CE)	Kofford	304
9 AM–12 PM	Modern Periodontics: Diagnosis to Decision-Making (3 CE)	Verdier	316
10 AM–12 PM	OSHA/Infection Control (2CE)	Gallesshaw	306
11 AM–12 PM	Screening for Risk with Salivary Testing (1 CE)	Garber	332
11 AM–12 PM	Dental Assisting in RI: Workforce, Education & Path Forward (1 CE)	Friel	329
12–1 PM	Safeguarding Wealth: Asset Protection & Tax Strategies (Free lunch; 1 CE)	Legally Mine	306



AFTERNOON SESSIONS

TIME	COURSE	PRESENTER	ROOM
1–2 PM	CPR Certification/Recertification (AHA BLS)	Simas	332
1–2 PM	Going Out of Network (1 CE)	Gazerro	316
1–4 PM	Mastering High-Dollar Case Acceptance (3 CE)	Homoly	305
1–4 PM	CBCT: Proper Techniques for Better Imaging (3 CE)	Hernandez	307
1–4 PM	Modern Periodontics: Long-Term Success (3 CE)	Verdier	306
2–4 PM	Treatment Planning for the Early Career Dentist (2 CE)	Gazerro	316
2–4 PM	OSHA/Infection Control (1 CE)	Gallesshaw	332

AAFE / Malchmacher — Room 303



PREMIUM EXHIBITOR ROOMS

Stop at the OSDC Wellness Lounge

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