2024–25 ADEA Emerging Leaders Program
Facilitated by AAL
July 24–27, 2025

Preliminary Agenda

**Purpose:**
- Describe and discuss current topics and trends in academic dentistry.
- Build a professional network of colleagues and mentors.
- Create a career plan to focus on activities that will build professional capacities.
- Assess and develop leadership competencies to prepare for future opportunities both institutionally and within ADEA.

**Themes:**
- Assessment for Development: Personal data on which to build a development plan.
- Mentorship: How to find a mentor and how to become one.
- Career Development: How to find your niche and develop career opportunities.
- Considerations and Expectations of a Faculty Member: Policies and networking.
- Wellness and Resilience: Strategies for balancing career with other dimensions of life.

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Sessions are numbered by day and session (e.g., 1.1 is Day 1, Session 1). Using the agenda as a reference, any corresponding materials will be numbered according to the day and session and can be downloaded in ADEA Connect.
Day 1: Wednesday, July 24

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 – 9:10 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
Felicia Tucker-Lively, M.P.H., Ph.D.
Karen P. West, D.M.D., M.P.H.
Renee Latimer, M.B.A.

9:10 – 9:45 a.m. Getting to Know the 2024–25 ADEA Emerging Leaders Program Class

9:45 – 11:00 a.m. 1.1 Unraveling Personality Types and Self-Leadership
Felicia Tucker-Lively, M.P.H., Ph.D.

This session explores self-leadership and development through the lens of virtues as character strengths. Participants will engage in application exercises to explore Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) type, personal experience and reflection.

Learning Objectives
• Assess one’s personal preferences for taking in information and making decisions.
• Identify the effect of type preferences on one’s contributions as a leader and follower.

CE Credits: 1.25

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. 1.2 Multidirectional Leadership
Marnie Oakley, D.M.D.

In this session, attendees will learn strategies to leverage their strengths to influence their bosses, peers, and subordinates to achieve organizational success. Lecture and interactive small group activities will be used.

Learning Objectives
• Recognize the importance of self-awareness and self-management when preparing to lead in multiple directions.
• Explain the value of enhancing and shifting one’s identified strengths away from overexpression toward leading with authenticity.
• Describe effective techniques alongside identified competencies when growing in various frames of multidirectional leadership.
• Identify opportunities to address challenges that threaten your multidirectional leadership growth and your organizational success.

12:15 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
1.2 Multidirectional Leadership, continued  
CE Credits: 2.0

2:00 – 2:15 p.m.  
Break

2:15 – 3:15 p.m.  
1.3 Group Project Description and Initial Discussion  
Felicia Tucker-Lively, M.P.H., Ph.D.

This session is devoted to the group project development process.  
• Identify a peer group name.  
• Explore group project process and develop timeline for completion.  
• Begin identifying a project topic.  

CE Credits: 1.0

3:15 – 3:45 p.m.  
Peer Group Debrief Meeting  
Advisor Groups

3:45 - 4:00 p.m.  
Q&A, Evaluation and Adjourn

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.  
Break

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
Welcome Reception

6:30 p.m.  
Dinner on Your Own

Day 2: Thursday, July 25

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.  
Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.  
Daily Reflection and Assessment

9:15 – 9:45 a.m.  
2.1 Peer Group Discussion of Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) Reports  
Felicia Tucker-Lively, M.P.H., Ph.D.

Participants should bring their MBTI reports with them to this session.  
This session is based on the MBTI homework and will focus on  
communication styles. Based on MBTI type and their personal  
experience and reflection, each peer group member will answer and  
be ready to discuss the following:

1. When communicating with others, the two words that describe my  
   style best are …. (e.g., Compassionate Listener, Logical Processor,  
   Practical Contributor)  
2. Something that irritates me when communicating with others is…  
3. Something I could do to improve the way I communicate with  
   others is ….

CE Credits: 0.5
9:45 – 10:45 a.m.  2.2 Making Difficult Conversations Less Difficult
Marnie Oakley, D.M.D.

In this session, attendees will learn how to no longer avoid difficult conversations, but, instead, lead them with confidence using best practices through a structured approach. Lecture format will be used in combination with small workgroup activities and practice sessions.

Learning Objectives
• Discuss the value of reflection and a structured approach when preparing for a difficult conversation.
• Describe how to leverage and apply identified tools to reframe your understanding of the individual and the potential issues related to your difficult situation.
• Identify best practices that support success when leading difficult conversations.
• List helpful leadership strategies to prevent difficult situations.

10:45 – 11:00 a.m.  Break

11:00 – 12:15 p.m.  2.1 Making Difficult Conversations Less Difficult, continued

CE Credits: 2.25

12:15 – 1:00 p.m.  Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  2.1 Team Effectiveness Discussion
Felicia Tucker-Lively, M.P.H., Ph.D.

In this session, attendees and advisors will discuss how one’s behaviors influence one’s effectiveness in team dynamics. Peer groups will identify team strengths and opportunities to enhance effectiveness. This session will incorporate a breakout session for peer-group activities.

Learning Objectives
• Identify individual contributions to team performance.
• Describe team strengths and opportunities for enhancing effectiveness.

CE Credits: 1.0

2:00 – 2:15 p.m.  Break

2:15 – 3:30 p.m.  2.2 Effective Communication in Academic Settings
Dharini van der Hoeven, M.Sc., Ph.D.

This presentation aims to equip emerging leaders in oral health education with the essential skills for effective communication. It will delve into the nuances of interpersonal communication, emphasizing active listening, empathy and clarity in conveying information. Participants will explore strategies to enhance communication within academic settings, fostering collaboration among faculty, staff and
students. Practical insights and real-world scenarios will be shared to empower participants to navigate complex communication challenges in their roles as educators and leaders.

Learning Objectives
- Develop active listening skills and enhance clarity in communication.
- Explore how to engage with colleagues and students to foster a collaborative, supportive learning environment.
- Explore the significance of fostering an inclusive and culturally sensitive communication approach in oral health education.
- Identify practical techniques to ensure information is effectively conveyed and received.

CE Credits: 1.25

3:30 – 3:45 p.m.  Break

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.  2.3 Project Discussion
Felicia Tucker-Lively, M.P.H., Ph.D.

In this session, attendees will continue project discussion with advisors. By Day 3, each group should submit its topic to Dr. Tucker-Lively.
- Review and discuss research topics.
- Explore alternative approaches based on feedback from advisors.

CE Credits: 1.0

4:45 – 5:00 p.m.  Q&A/Adjourn

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  Break

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.  Group Networking Event and Dinner

Day 3: Friday, July 26

8:30 – 9:15 a.m.  Breakfast

9:15 – 9:45 a.m.  Daily Reflection and Assessment

9:30 – 10:45 a.m.  3.1 Enhancing Leadership Through Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging
Thyagaseely (Sheela) Premaraj, Ph.D., B.D.S.

This session addresses the importance of building diverse and inclusive communities in dental education. This interactive session, through group discussions and sharing personal experiences through storytelling, will explore the effectiveness of diversity, equity and inclusion efforts on an institution’s performance.
Learning Objectives
- Discuss the importance of leadership in building and sustaining diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging.
- Discuss the ways to create opportunities for hidden talents.
- Discuss the role leadership can contribute to making or breaking an organization.

CE Credits: 1.25

10:45 – 11:00 a.m.  
Break

11:00 a.m. – noon  
3.2 Peer Discussion—Peer Coaching Based on Level of Experience

In this interactive small workgroup session, attendees will share and discuss career goals and plans.

Learning Objective
- Discuss individual career plans.

CE Credits: 1.0

Noon – 1:00 p.m.  
Lunch

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.  
3.3 Mentorship and Networking  
Felicia Tucker-Lively, M.P.H., Ph.D.

In this session, attendees will learn strategies for identifying and selecting their team of mentors. The importance of establishing mentoring relationships with students, residents and fellow academic colleagues will be emphasized. Professional networking and techniques to develop networks and the importance of effective networking for faculty recruitment and retention, as well as leadership development, will be discussed. Lecture format will be used in combination with small workgroup and discussion activities.

Learning Objectives
- Describe important traits necessary to becoming an effective mentor to peers and students.
- Identify mentorship skills necessary to help develop leadership abilities.
- Employ techniques to develop one’s professional networks.
- Explain how to build productive relationships that will lead to a healthy institutional culture.
- Apply skills learned to enhance your reputation amongst your peers.
- Discuss how to use networking to improve recruitment and retention strategies.

CE Credits: 1.5

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.  
Break
3.4 Peer Coaching with Advisors

Learning Objectives
- Apply a model for peer feedback.
- Develop action steps to address an important issue at one’s home institution.
- Build peer group communication skills and support.

CE Credits: 1.5

4:15 – 4:30 p.m.  Project Question and Answer
Felicia Tucker-Lively, M.P.H., Ph.D.

4:30 p.m.  Adjourn

5:30 – 8:00 p.m.  Reception and Dinner

Day 4: Saturday, July 27

8:30 – 9:15 a.m.  Breakfast, Daily Reflection and Assessment

9:15 – 10:30 a.m.  4.1 Aligning Scholarship with Professional Development
Felicia Tucker-Lively, M.P.H., Ph.D.
Advisors and Peer Groups

In this session, attendees will explore practical ways to increase their scholarly output and publish their own articles. They will learn strategies to make scholarly activity and publication part of their career plan. Lecture format will be used in combination with individual and small workgroup activities.

Learning Objectives
- Apply strategies for publishing within your discipline and academic dentistry.
- Design a research and publishing strategy as part of your career plan.

CE Credits: 1.25

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.  4.2 Team Project Discussion
Advisors and Peer Groups

In this session, attendees will share and discuss career goals and plans. Peer groups will identify the area of investigation for their project and assign roles of group members for the initial project work. Dates, times and mechanisms for ongoing virtual meetings after the program will be established.
Learning Objectives
• Discuss individual career plans.
• Identify an area of investigation for team project.
• Establish a work plan for the team project.

CE Credits: 1.0

11:30 a.m. – noon  Next Steps and Closing Remarks
Felicia Tucker-Lively, M.P.H., Ph.D.

Noon  Adjourn (Do not depart before noon)

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