Obituaries/Biography of NSOMS 2014 Dedicatees

Roscoe Franklin Lee, DDS (unknown – 1956)
- Born in the foggy bottom section of Tennessee
- Classical pianist and a classmate of Duke Ellington, the famous jazz musician
- Graduated from Howard University School of Dentistry
- Additional postgraduates course at the University of Michigan and the Mayo Clinic
- First African American to be certified by the American Board of Oral Surgery in April, 1947

John Turner, DDS, MA (unknown – 1958)
- Undergraduate and dental degrees from Howard University in 1926
- Dental internship at Freedman’s Hospital, Washington, D.C.
- M.A. degree from New York University, concurrently with training in oral surgery at Columbia University Graduate School of Oral Surgery and additional training at Presbyterian Hospital, New York City
- Chairman, Department of Oral Surgery, Howard University and Chief of Oral Surgery, Freedman’s Hospital, Washington, D.C.
- Dr. Turner and Dr. Russell Dixon, Dean of Howard University School of Dentistry, were the first African Americans admitted to the Washington, D.C. Dental Society in April, 1957
- Second African American to be certified by the American Board of Oral Surgery in 1949

Frank M. Laparolyrie, DDS (1929 – 1992)
- 1929 – graduate of Howard University School of Dentistry
- 1956 - 1957 – internship in oral surgery, Harlem Hospital, NYC
- 1957 – 1958 – Graduate School of Oral Surgery, University of Pennsylvania
- 1960 – 1965 – full-time attending Oral Surgery and Anesthesia, Harlem Hospital, NYC
- 1965 – 1976 – Chairman and Professor of Oral Surgery and Anesthesiology, New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry
- 1976 – 1979 – Acting Chairman, Department of Oral Surgery, Anesthesia and Hospital Dental Services, New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry
- 1979 – Acting Dean, New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry
- 1980 – unknown – Dean (first African American Dean in a major non-minority dental school)
- Diplomat of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Founding member of the American College of Oral Surgery
- Fellow of the American Academy of Oral Pathology, Fellow American Society of Anesthesiology, Fellow American Society of Oral Surgeons, Fellow American College of Dentists