



## A Note from the Alliance Chair



Mrs. Stacy Erickson  
Alliance Committee Chair

In these ever-changing times, building bridges between new OMS families and our AAOMS community is so important. I am honored to be the chair of the OMS Alliance 2022 Committee, whose mission has focused on creating those bridges for 28 years.

I can't wait to experience New Orleans with you!

Even if you've NEVER attended an Alliance event, I hope you'll make an exception this year. [GW Fins](#) is one of New Orleans' top dining destinations (their chef is a 2022 James Beard Best Chef nominee), and they have reserved the entire restaurant for our 2022 Luncheon and FUNraiser for GIVE. Bob Breck, NOLA's favorite meteorologist and hurricane expert for 30-plus years, will share his best stories from the (literal) front. And Dr. Adam Abel, a recent GIVE participant, has an inspiring story of his own to share. Everyone is welcome, and we expect a full house of OMSs, spouses and friends of the OMS community.

[Reserve your tickets NOW](#) for this event (**early-bird pricing expires Aug. 19, and we can't accommodate same-day registrants**) and help us welcome our Kelly Scholarship families to the AAOMS Community with more than our usual flair. It is New Orleans, after all!

Everyone is welcome at our daily [Health Walks](#), too, which offer a scenic, social stroll (and breakfast) with AAOMS friends and colleagues. If you are unable to join us in New Orleans, walk with us virtually at a time and place of your choosing. Registration is free, but please do register! Your donations directly support the Global Initiative for Volunteerism and Education (GIVE) and are deeply appreciated.

Cheers to building bridges within our community and expanding horizons for

our OMS residents. And thank you to the Alliance donors and partners who support our mission so generously. Stay well! I hope to see you soon.

*Stay Erickson*

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## Register today for our 2021 Alliance events!

### [Alliance Luncheon and FUNraiser for GIVE](#)

Thursday, Sept. 15, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
GW Fins 808 Bienville St., New Orleans  
\$135 until Aug. 19, \$150 Aug. 20 – Sept. 11  
No on-site registration available

### [New Orleans and off-site Health Walks for GIVE](#)

**New Orleans:** Sept. 14-16 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.  
Departs from the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel lobby.

Complimentary networking breakfast to follow at Meals from the Heart, 1100 N Peters St #13, New Orleans.

**Off-site:** Walk with the Alliance in spirit at the time/location of your choosing and send a photo to [athomas@omsfoundation.org](mailto:athomas@omsfoundation.org) from your off-site walk for our Health Walk gallery!

**Registration is free; donations will benefit GIVE (Global Initiative for Volunteerism and Education)**

Visit the [Alliance Events](#) page to learn more.

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## Introducing Page Gamble Rollert

### Alliance Committee Member



Mrs. Page Gamble Rollert  
Alliance Committee Member

Page Gamble Rollert grew up in Kansas City, Mo. A business degree from the University of Missouri prepared her for a successful career in equipment and pharmaceuticals sales to medical, dental and surgical specialists. One of her proudest achievements was coordinating a campaign for St. John's Medical system which brought fluoride to three out of four counties in rural Missouri. [Read more.](#)

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## Introducing Kos Lugakingira

### Alliance Committee Member

Kos Lugakingira was raised in Nashville, Tenn. and has had a passion for dentistry since her days as a young pediatric dental assistant in the operating room. Her current role is public relations, marketing and promotions at Fort Wayne Oral Maxillofacial Surgery and Implant Center. Since 2013, she has owned Kos Marketing Inc., in Fort Wayne, Ind. [Read more.](#)



Mrs. Kos Lugakingira  
Alliance Committee Member

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## GIVE inspires a humanitarian mindset: 'I would go back tomorrow'



Dr. Adam Abel  
GIVE Recipient

Dr. Adam Abel has been determined since dental school to take a surgical service trip. When an opportunity to serve with Smile Bangladesh emerged in February, there was a catch: the team was set to depart in less than a month. Undeterred, Dr. Abel pulled together a visa, flights, time off, vaccinations and a GIVE travel stipend from the OMS Foundation in time to join Dr. Shahid Aziz' Smile Bangladesh team. [Read more.](#)

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## Alliance events turn a big meeting into a small world

For Dr. Erin Gunderson, attending the 2021 AAOMS Annual Meeting with her husband, OMS Senior Resident Dr. Aaron Altman, seemed unattainable. The young couple was desperately in need of a few days away together, but the expense of taking time away from her dental practice, traveling to Nashville and paying for care for their dogs while away was daunting.



Dr. Erin Gunderson  
2021 Kelly Scholarship Recipient

The Alliance Committee's [Norma L. Kelly Resident Spouse Scholarships](#) were created with this scenario in mind, offering reimbursement of travel expenses for resident spouses who wish to attend the AAOMS Annual Meeting. Dr. Gunderson's 2021 Kelly Scholarship made it possible for her and Dr. Altman to experience Nashville together. [Read more.](#)

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