

A Note from the 2016 Chair of the Academy of Distinguished Educators

This year marks five years since the inception of the Academy of Distinguished Educators at the NYU College of Dentistry (NYUCD). There are several reasons for considering this a “special” issue of the *Journal of the Academy of Distinguished Educators (JADE)*. First is the content of this edition. Dental education, with new technologies emerging, will have a profound impact on all us. This issue looks at how the blending of these two worlds may have an impact both on learning for our students and teaching for our faculty. Included in the *Journal* are the viewpoints of experts on the challenges ahead.

The second reason the Academy considers this a special issue is because of the transition that is taking place with this edition and that I feel is most important to mention.

JADE would not have been published if it were not for the expertise and knowledge of Dr. Mary Northridge, the inaugural chair of the *JADE* Editorial Board. Mary, along with Elyse Bloom, the Executive Editor, has been responsible for all the innovative editions that have preceded this issue. It is with this issue that Mary took the time to train and support Dr. Silvia Spivakovsky, the incoming Editorial Board chair, in preparation for her new role.

I will take this opportunity, in the name of the Academy, to congratulate Silvia on her new position and to extend our gratitude to Mary. The Academy is very grateful for all she has accomplished in bringing the Academy to its current level.

Thank you and enjoy the new edition.



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