THE LUCY HOBBS PROJECT CELEBRATION
September 22, 2016 • 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. • Registration begins at 5:30 p.m.
The Francis Marion Hotel • 387 King Street • Charleston, SC

2016 Industry Icon Award Winner
Theresa Gonzales, DMD, MS, MSS

2015 Woman to Watch Award Winner
Amanda Seay, DDS

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Seating is limited. Cost to attend is FREE! In lieu of registration fee, we ask that you bring healthy snack items to be donated to the National Head Start Program.

Theresa Gonzales, DMD, MS, MSS
Throughout her distinguished career, Col. Theresa Gonzales served 31 years on 17 military bases as a member of the U.S. Army Dental Corps. Following a brief retirement in 2013, Col. Gonzales left the military and became the Director of Orofacial Pain Management and Pathology at the Medical University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine in her childhood home of Charleston, SC. Under Col. Gonzales’ guidance and leadership as Director, test scores have reached an all-time high.

Amanda Seay, DDS
An ardent believer in continuous education, Dr. Amanda Seay has gone above and beyond the call of South Carolina’s required 14 hour continuing education requirement for dentists with 128 hours in 2015. Taking advantage of various educational opportunities, Dr. Seay was nominated as one of the Top 25 Women in Dentistry by Dental Products Report (2012), and earned accreditation as only one of seven dentists in South Carolina in the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. Dr. Seay writes extensively on emerging technology and techniques in the dental industry, and serves as an instructor and mentor at the Kois Center in Seattle. As a practicing cosmetic dentist, Dr. Seay is a groundbreaker in the dental industry through her implementation of videography in her practice to create a thoroughly developed treatment plan to help individuals visualize the desired results of a cosmetic procedure.

Interim Dean, Medical University of South Carolina – James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine; Professor Emeritus, Biomedical Sciences, TAMUS/ Baylor College of Dentistry; practicing periodontist and Consultant in head and neck surgical anatomy. Dr. Blanton earned a BA in Chemistry from Hardin Simmons University, a MS and PhD in Anatomy from Baylor University, and a DDS and Certificate in Periodontics from Baylor College of Dentistry. Dr. Blanton has held numerous state and national offices including past President of the American College of Dentists, Vice President of the American Dental Association, and President of the Dallas County Dental Society. She was the first woman President of the Texas Dental Association (TDA) and received the Gold Medal for Distinguished Service, the highest honor given by the TDA. Dr. Blanton was named Distinguished Alumnus of TAMUS/BCD, Distinguished Alumnus of the Department of Periodontics, Distinguished Alumnus of Hardin Simmons University, and received the Dallas County Dental Society Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2012, she was inducted into the TAMU/BCD Hall of Fame. Dr. Blanton serves on the Baylor Oral Health Foundation Board as well as the Foundation Board of the American College of Dentists. She is a recognized expert in the fields of clinical and surgical anatomy of the head and neck and local anesthesia. She lectures nationally and internationally and has authored more than one hundred articles in peer-reviewed journals.

I could not be more comfortable with the fate of the [dental] profession based on the people who have entered it. They have come into the profession for the right reason – to provide a public service.”

The Lucy Hobbs Award is so great because it celebrates these women—they have families, they have careers, and their passionate about both, showing that it can be done and we can step into power and greatness.”
It was suggested most recently by Susan Blumenthal, former Deputy Assistant for Women's Health, United States Department of Health and Human Services, that increased numbers of women in leadership roles in the healthcare fields has the power to change the current system. This change would be a reorientation of our focus to a “more humanistic” approach to healthcare with a greater emphasis on primary prevention and health promotion. We have the opportunity to deliver on the promise of a healthier America and we will need a legion of women leaders to chart the course.

Leader development is a professional imperative not a personal prerogative. 21st Century leaders need to be armed for the fierce discussions that lie ahead in the ongoing healthcare debate in this country because our response is crucial to healthcare's collective ambition. A recent Wall Street Journal article “A Better World Run By Women” gives us a glimpse into the new world order and reminds us what we have always known—better is possible.

Leadership Talk: Outcomes and Objectives

1. Review the challenges and opportunities facing dentistry today.
2. Examine the role of leadership and ethics in facing these challenges.
3. Review historical precedents in leadership.
4. Acknowledge dentistry's changing demographics.
5. Consider barriers to the advancement of women in the profession.
6. Devise an algorithm to overcome these obstacles.

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