Plenty to smile about!

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- It might be raining outside this week in Boston, but professionals who specialize in cosmetic dentistry have plenty to smile about indoors. That’s because there is a world of opportunity at “The Rise of Collaboration” – the 27th Annual AACD Scientific Session, being held at the Hynes Convention Center.

“This meeting offers endless opportunities for you to learn, grow and be inspired,” said Dr. Hugh Flax.

Alaskan, Hawaiian vacations top silent auction items

- Vacations in Alaska and Hawaii, a four-pack of tickets to Friday evening’s Red Sox game and a Coach purse with accessories are this year’s hot items in two silent auctions and a fund-raiser to benefit the AACD Charitable Foundation’s Give Back A Smile program.

The Gala Silent Auction, an AACD Scientific Session first, will feature two vacations and a Konstantino necklace as prizes.

One of the vacations, an Alaskan getaway, will give the winner and a guest a five-night stay at a cabin on the Kenai River. Included is a glacier cruise and fishing charter. The trip is valued at $4,000 and includes a $1,000 voucher toward airfare.

The winner of the Hawaiian trip will stay for one week at a home in Kailua Beach on the island of Oahu. The home features a heated pool, a private tropical back yard, four bedrooms and three bathrooms. The getaway is valued at $8,500, with a $1,000 voucher toward airfare.

Bidders can also win a $3,855 Konstantino necklace. The necklace is sterling silver and 18-karat gold, with...
Check out 26 new products

The AACD Annual Scientific Session is not just the place for the best in continuing dental education; it’s also a place where the latest and greatest products are unveiled to a discriminating audience of dental professionals. During this year’s session, 26 exhibitors will bring their newest innovations to market in the AACD Product Premiere showcase.

This year’s session, themed “The Rise of Collaboration,” is a great backdrop to launch new and innovative dental products to dental professionals in the exhibit hall, according to the AACD. “AACD exhibitors have always been on the leading edge of innovation and advancements in cosmetic dental materials and solutions,” said Jeff Roach, AACD director of sponsor relations, “and Product Premiere will give them some time in the spotlight.”

A partnership between the AACD and DentalCompare, AACD Product Premiere will feature items ranging from bleaching formulas to specialized handpieces. Product Premiere participants include:

- Axis
- Bisco
- Ceatus
- Cosmedent
- Danville
- Demandforce
- Den-Mat
- Dentsply Caulk
- Discus
- Evolve
- GC America
- Henry Schein
- Heraeus Kulzer
- HuFriedy
- Isolite
- Ivoclar
- Kerr
- Nobel Biocare
- Nu-Life Labs
- Orascopic
- Pulpdent
- SDI
- Septodont
- Shofu
- Ultradent
- Vident

Other happenings in this year’s exhibit hall include the Speaker’s Corner and the Operatory of the Future. Attendees looking for dental advice can receive the answers to their questions by checking out this year’s Speakers’ Corner, which will take place in the exhibit hall through Friday. This year’s corner features eight dental professionals: Sandy Roth, Dr. Ryan Swain, Dr. Bradley Dykstra, Rhonda Mullins, Tina Calloway, Dr. Larry Rosenthal, Dr. Tomoyuki Tsukuki and Jason Kim.

The Speaker’s Corner is an opportunity for attendees to receive advice on dental issues and to network with others. Attendees can also purchase educational references from the speakers.

The Operatory of the Future will give attendees the opportunity to gaze into dentistry’s crystal ball. The dual-chair operatory will feature the latest in state-of-the-art computer-augmented equipment.

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An 18-inch necklace and faceted pink tourmalines. During the silent auction, attendees can bid on signed guitars, sports memorabilia, dental products and more. They can also donate to the foundation for a chance to win a four-pack of tickets to the Boston Red Sox-Chicago Cubs game on Friday night or a Coach purse with accessories.

All proceeds will benefit Give Back A Smile, which works to restore the damaged smiles of domestic abuse survivors. Winners of the Red Sox tickets and the Coach purse will be announced at 1:30 p.m. today in the exhibit hall. Recipients must be present to win.

Give Back A Smile would like to thank Bill Parks of Precision Dental Designs, Dr. John Weston and Konstanciino for their donations to the auction.

The charitable foundation would also like to recognize:

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