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DR. PETER FEIBISH

Orthodontics
Dynamic Dental



Dr. Peter Feibish became passionate about orthodontics at an early age after having a very positive experience as an orthodontic patient. He completed his dental training at Temple University in Philadelphia, graduating as one of the most awarded clinical and academic dental students and was recognized nationally for his research. Dr. Feibish completed his orthodontic training at Columbia University, where he earned a Master of Science degree, and has been treating patients in the Greater New York area ever since. He is an avid Yankees and Jets fan and enjoys playing golf, tennis, and basketball. He cherishes his relationships with his family and friends whose support has laid the foundation for his success.

What do you love most about your job?

I love my job because it allows me to make a positive change in my patients' lives every day, whether it is resolving a bite or joint problem that has diminished the quality of life or creating a beautiful healthy smile.

What motivates you?

I am motivated by the desire to deliver the highest quality orthodontic care to a broad range of patients in a caring and professional setting.

If you can have dinner with any person-living, historical or fictitious - who would it be?

Given the opportunity, I would cherish the opportunity to have a dinner conversation with Steve Jobs. I think he was a profound thinker and I appreciate his commitment to pushing the boundaries of innovation and design.



JASON M. HILLIARD

Executive Director
Congressmember Gregory Meeks



Jason M. Hilliard joined Congressmember Gregory W. Meeks' staff on September 17, 2007. Before entering his present post, Hilliard served in the New Jersey Air National Guard as a Public Affairs Specialist with the 108th Air Refueling Wing at McGuire Air Force Base. Prior to assuming a role in a Tanker Unit, he served as a Public Affairs Specialist with the 127th Fighter Wing, a part of the Michigan Air National Guard from 2004 to 2006.

What do you love most about your job?

The opportunity to make a substantially positive impact in the lives of individuals, families and our society on a daily basis.

What motivates you?

Making a difference in someone's life during a time of

need. There is no greater feeling than looking into the appreciative eyes of a constituent who has entrusted you with handling a matter that impacts his/her life. It motivates me to give my all, going above and beyond what is necessary or considered the norm. It is an awesome responsibility and honor.

If you can have dinner with any person-living, historical or fictitious - who would it be?

John Locke. John Locke's foresight in advocating for a republican system of governing was genius. Not only did it lay the foundation for the United States of America, but it informed the world that humankind had advanced to a degree of sophistication where an old idea of self-governing and freedoms were actually possible. To me, John Locke is one of the most important people who ever lived; and I would love to have a chance to pick his mind.



SETH TAYLOR

Executive Director
82nd Street Partnership



Seth Taylor is the Executive Director of the 82nd Street Partnership, a non-profit economic development group that manages commercial corridors in Jackson Heights and Elmhurst. Since joining the organization in 2012, Taylor and his team have led a neighborhood revitalization effort that focuses on public space development, historic preservation, and neighborhood branding.

Prior to his appointment, Taylor worked with other business improvement districts across the city including the Union Square Partnership and the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership. From 2006 to 2008, he trained as a project manager with the 34th Street Partnership and Bryant Park Corporation, where he learned about park management, streetscape design, and downtown development.

What do you love most about your job?

I love neighborhood economic development, especially when the neighborhood you work with is Jackson Heights and Elmhurst. The challenge of enhancing a built environment and improving quality-of-life in a place with as much diversity, dynamism and growth-potential as here is really exciting and inspiring.

What is the single most important thing in my organization?

Vision and communication are keys to our organization's success because as an advocate for the Jackson Heights and Elmhurst community, our priority is to help stakeholders plan and realize a better future for the neighborhood.

What's the best piece of advice you would give to the upcoming Rising Stars?

My advice is to build a meaningful professional network and embrace mentors because as work becomes more complex, having these people to bounce ideas off of, offer you guidance, or motivate you to do better, will be invaluable.