



Dr. Aruna Rao

Aruna Rao, is a pediatric dentist currently practicing full time at her practice, K.O.A.L.A Dental Care, Dr. Rao absolutely loves teaching students, she works part time at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry as a clinical adjunct faculty member. She is a member of the West Central District Dental Society, of which she is a past president and for which she serves as a delegate to the MDA annual House of Delegates meeting. Dr. Rao is a Board-Certified Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric dentistry, earning her specialty certificate from the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Rao was selected for the 2018-19 class of the American Dental Association's Institute of Diversity in Leadership, where she further honed her leadership skills. She sits on several committees at the MDA - the New Dentist Committee, Membership committee, previously Scientific Sessions as a dental student and the ADPAC Board. She is active in the MDA and has represented the state as an alternate delegate and delegate at the ADA annual meeting. Recently at the 2021 Star of the North meeting she was honored for everything she has accomplished as a new dentist and received the 2020 New Dentist Leadership Award. Aruna and her husband, Brian, became first-time parents this year to their happy little boy, Kai, born 2-2-21 at 2:01 a.m. and they could not be happier to have him in their lives.