



Meet OUR Panelists

Recognizing, Cultivating, and Connecting the Next Generation of Oral Healthcare Entrepreneurs to Advance Oral Health.



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Dr. Ashley Lerman, Founder and CEO, Firstgrin, Board Certified Pediatric Dentist

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Keith is a consultant to the oral health industry. He has lectured at dental schools globally and is an active contributor to industry and philanthropic groups holding several elected and appointed leadership positions. In addition to serving as President of the Shils Fund, he serves on the Boards and elected positions of several NGOs, academic institutions as well as leading Dental Schools.

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