Chairs Corner

Building on Excellence

The Department continues to build on the outstanding traditions of the past and 2006 was certainly no exception. On October 13th we gathered at a festive gala event to celebrate the Jim Bawden Distinguished Professorship and honor Jim through recognition of his many diverse accomplishments and contributions to the Department, the School of Dentistry, organized dentistry and children’s oral health.

Jim had an incredible academic career serving in numerous leadership roles (Dean of UNC School of Dentistry, President of American Association of Dental Research), working as an superb teacher in both the clinical, classroom settings and being an outstanding research mentor to students at many different levels of education. In addition to these accomplishments Jim advanced our knowledge in a variety of areas that ultimately helped improve our ability to enhance the oral health of children.

The Jim Bawden Distinguished Professorship was established through a grass roots fund raising effort that generated over $333,000 and was supported by $167,000 from the state to make this a permanently endowed professorship. It was indeed a tremendous honor when Dean John Williams made the announcement that I would be named the first Jim Bawden Distinguished Professor. I had the good fortune of working with Jim on a variety of projects when I first came to the UNC School of Dentistry.

The Department has continued to build excellence on the successes of Jim and those who preceded and followed him. The Department has a robust research program investigating mineralized tissues, health policy, outstanding clinical programs at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, and a faculty that is heavily involved in leadership at virtually all levels of dentistry. Building the (See Excellence on page 2)
best is made possible by visionaries like Jim Bawden and the generosity of all our supporters who have made it possible for the Department to have three endowed professorships valued at $1.8 million and five endowed resident fellowships valued at nearly $2.0 million. These resources are critical for the Department to recruit and retain an outstanding faculty and to compete for the very best residents in the country. Our two newest resident fellowships, the Phil Caldwell-John Christensen Fund and the Tom McIver Fund, are growing rapidly through your charitable donations. These funds are the beginning of a larger effort that will allow us to realize our vision of a sustained graduate program that produces the very best leaders and oral health care providers for infants, children and adolescents including those with special needs. We plan to unveil this major initiative in the fall of 2007.

Through your support we continue to build on the outstanding accomplishments of our distinguished predecessors to make our graduate program the very best. It is a pleasure to have such dedicated supporters and we all look forward to working with you during 2007.

Jim and former resident Sonny Long.

Jim explains it to Antonio Braithwaite, Pediatric Dentistry resident.

Jim with his children. Left to right top row: David, Michael, Steve and Tim. Next to Jim is Becky.

Jim Bawden Distinguished Professorship Gala

Jim and his laboratory staff Blanche Edwards and Tom Deaton.
## Wang Joins Faculty

It is a pleasure to welcome Zhengyan “Maria” Wang, Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of North Carolina. She completed her specialty training in pediatric dentistry in our department and is now recognized as Board Certified by the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

Maria has been involved in post-doctoral training via the Clinical Research Scholars Program since 2005. Prior to that, she earned her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina in Oral Biology. Her Ph.D. work studied signal transduction of collagen receptors under the guidance of Dr. Leslie Parise, Professor of Pharmacology UNC School of Medicine. Maria’s thesis research has been published in a variety of high quality journals such as Blood and the Journal of Cell Biology.

Since completing her Ph.D., she has continued to work with Dr. Parise as a Postdoctoral Fellow. In addition to her basic science research publications, she has published and presented on a variety of clinical topics related to pediatric dentistry. Maria is a talented and well-trained pediatric dentist who is uniquely positioned to bridge her basic science and clinical expertise. Her research interests include development of novel therapeutic pulp treatments, based on her knowledge of stem cells and hematology. Maria’s promising treatment approach using platelet derived growth factors to stimulate pulp stem cells for wound healing is innovative and has tremendous potential for success.

## NC Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

The NCAPD held its annual breakfast meeting on Saturday, October 14, 2006 at the Radisson Hotel Research Triangle Park. Officers elected for 2006-07 are:

- President: Scott Cashion
- President-Elect: Lenise Clifton
- Secretary/Treasurer: Diane Dilley
- Board of Directors: Rob Moran (1 year term), Lee Lewis (2 year term), Angie Baechtold (3 year term)
- SSPD Liaison: Scott Goodman
- Medicaid Liaison: Bryan Cobb
- NC-AAP Liaison: Martha Ann Keels
- NCAPD Editor: Mike Roberts

The following 11 new members were approved for NCAPD membership at the October 14 business meeting: Matthew Applebaum of Greensboro, Bryan Dunston of Fayetteville, Annelise Hardin of Chapel Hill, Bevin Malley of Greensboro, Elizabeth Peckham of Gastonia, Chuck Roberts of Mooresville, Tiarra Rorie of Greensboro, Mindy Turner of Albemarle, Halley White of Raleigh and Emily Dunlap of Charlotte.

The NCAPD and UNC Pediatric Dentistry Alumni are planning a reception and dinner during the 2007 AAPD Annual Meeting in San Antonio. It will take place Saturday evening, May 26th. More information will be sent out this spring, so mark your calendar now.

Next year’s meeting is scheduled on Saturday morning, October 13, 2007 at the Radisson Hotel Research Triangle Park. The meeting follows the Department’s sponsored CE course on Friday, October 12, featuring Dr. Stanley Malamed.

## Profession Loses a Legend—Department Loses a Good Friend

Alston Jones "Jay" McCaslin V (UNC DDS, 1961) died in Savannah on November 24, 2006, at home under Hospice care. He practiced pediatric dentistry in Savannah since 1970 with his twin brother, Silas, and more recently with his son, Jay VI.

Jay leaves an unselfish record of leadership for the specialty. He served as President, American College of Dentists (1989-90); President, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (1987-88); President, Georgia Dental Association (1984-85); Chairman, ADA Fifth Trustee District (1994-95); President, Southeastern District Dental Society (1982-83); President, Georgia Society of Dentistry for Children (1980-81); President, American College of Dentists Foundation (1999-2000); President-Elect, Pierre Fauchard Academy (1994); President, Georgia Dental Education Foundation (1994); President American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Education Foundation (1988-89); and Board of Directors, Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentistry (1989-92).

Jay completed his advanced training in pediatric dentistry at Emory but was a life-long and staunchly loyal Tar Heel alumni and a generous friend of our department and graduate program. We extend our condolences to his wife, Pam, and Jay’s family. We will miss you Jay!
Continuing Education

Our October 13, 2006, continuing education course featuring nationally known syndicated child psychologist, John Rosemond, was a big hit. Two hundred and eighty three participants attended this offering which was co-sponsored by the Departments of Orthodontic and Pediatric Dentistry. We thank all of you who attended and look forward to seeing you again at another of our exciting upcoming scheduled courses.

Future Continuing Education Courses

Spring 2007

“Oral Conscious Sedation of Children: Critical Issues for Success and Safety”
Friday, March 30, 2007
9:00 AM-4:30 PM
Registration to begin at 8:30 AM
William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center-Chapel Hill, NC
Continental breakfast items, fruit and juice, coffee and tea will be available at registration.

Speakers:
Stephen Wilson, DMD, MA, PhD
Professor and Director of the Division of Dentistry, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center and Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry.

Diane C. Dilley, DDS
Associate Professor
William F. Vann, Jr., DMD, MS, PhD
Distinguished Demeritt Professor
Co-Directors of the Pediatric Dentistry Sedation Clinic
Department of Pediatric Dentistry, University of North Carolina School of Dentistry

Angela P. Baechtold, DDS, MS
Mark L. Meyer, DDS
Judy S. Laxer, DDS
Drs. Baechtold, Meyer and Laxer are private practicing pediatric dentists in North Carolina

The course tuition includes a buffet lunch and two breaks with snacks and beverages included.
Tuition: $265 dentist*
$135 team members*

This course provides 6 hours of CE credit.

Dr. Wilson is a recognized authority on the conscious sedation of children for dental care. Information on the most popular oral sedation agents for dental procedures including their characteristics, pharmacology, and indications for children of different temperaments and dental needs will be discussed. He will review the current guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry associated with pediatric oral sedation, and the recommended monitoring of sedated children in order to maximize patient safety. Dr. Wilson will also offer a protocol for the safe, efficient delivery of sedation, and emergency preparedness as it relates to sedative agents and children.

Drs. Dilley and Vann will make brief statements and moderate a panel discussion regarding oral sedation of children following presentations by private practicing North Carolina pediatric dentists, Drs. Baechtold, Meyer and Laxer. This forum will offer an opportunity for personal questions, sharing of experiences, and discussion of recent sedation incidents elsewhere in the country. For registration call (919)966-2729, or go to the UNC School of Dentistry’s web page at www.dent.unc.edu/ce/cde.

Fall 2007

By popular demand, Dr. Stanley Malamed is returning to Chapel Hill this fall! Dr. Malamed is an internationally acknowledged expert in the prevention and management of medical emergencies in the dental office. This course has “sold out” the past two times in 2001 and 2004 here in Chapel Hill. Don’t be disappointed; register early!

“Prevention and Management of Medical Emergencies in Dental Practice”
Friday, October 12, 2007
William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Life threatening emergencies can occur anytime, anywhere and to anyone. Such situations are more likely to occur within the confines of the dental office due to the increased level of stress/anxiety which is often present in patients. The successful management of such situations is a direct result of proper training, preparation, and implementation by the entire dental team.

(See CE on page 5)
In this course Dr. Malamed will discuss the areas that are considered vital to understanding emergency medicine: prevention, preparation, recognition and management. Training will be provided to enable the office staff to more effectively evaluate each patient to prevent an office medical emergency.

The first part of the course will include information to prepare you and your staff for a medical emergency. A review of the office medical kit (drugs and equipment) will be included including practical recommendations.

The second part will cover recognition and management of specific emergency situations such as sudden unconsciousness, respiratory distress seizures, drug-related emergencies and chest pain.

Tuition: $265 dentist
$135 staff accompanied by their dentist
$150 staff not accompanied by their dentist

The course will provide 6 hours of CE credit. And, as is customary for our courses, a continental breakfast, a buffet lunch and two breaks with snacks and beverages are included in the tuition.
Dr. Yoshiyuki “Yuki” Mochida joined our department in 2005. He completed his DDS degree at the School of Dentistry, Tokyo Medical and Dental University (Japan) in 1996 and his oral surgery specialty training and PhD program in cell biology in 2000. He has served as Instructor in the Department of Oral Surgery, School of Medicine, Chiba University (Japan) and was appointed as a Postdoctoral Fellow in Dr. Mitsuo Yamauchi’s laboratory (Dept of Periodontology) at the University of North Carolina, School of Dentistry in 2001. Since arriving on the University of North Carolina campus Yuki has had the benefit of being under the excellent guidance of Dr. Yamauchi.

Yuki has made significant advances toward understanding the mechanisms involved in extracellular matrix interactions with growth factors. Indeed, his research interest is directed at gathering new information on this topic by evaluating novel genes that he identified through a bioinformatics approach and their interactions with bone morphogenetic proteins (BMPs).

Yuki was appointed as a Research Assistant Professor in the School of Dentistry in August of 2005. During his academic career he has been productive generating high quality publications related primarily to extracellular matrix and mineralized tissues. One of his major research projects is centered on the facilitation of bone formation by a combinational use of BMP and novel genes, which will advance our understanding in the bioengineering/regenerative dentistry.

Forty years ago Urist published the results of experiment that was to mark a turning point in experimental bone bioengineering, demonstrating the ability of decalcified bone matrix (DBM) to induce ectopic bone/cartilage formation. The morphogens in DBM that induce such skeletogenesis were named as BMPs. Since then, more than 20 members of BMPs have been identified and it has been demonstrated that they are potent effectors in almost all crucial biological events, e.g. development, maintenance and regeneration of organs/tissues, e.g. bone, cartilage, periodontium, kidney, heart, etc. Recombinant human BMP-2 (rhBMP-2) is now FDA approved and has been applied to various clinical settings including craniofacial reconstruction, bone/cartilage repair and periodontal regeneration. However, there are still several problems for the clinical use of BMPs; poor expression control of BMP genes when administered by vector transfer systems, poor control of retention and release of BMPs upon its transplantation, inefficient control of broad biological functions of BMPs, etc. Thus, a clear understanding as to how BMP functions are controlled in vivo is crucial for the development of efficient BMP-based treatments. It has become clear that the functions of BMPs are controlled at several levels, i.e. extracellular, cell surface and intracellular levels. There are a number of extracellular modulators identified as BMP antagonists, which exert inhibitory effects on BMP functions. However, at present, little is known about the extracellular modulators that promote BMP functions. Such positive BMP regulators could be useful to develop a more efficient local BMP transfer system.

Very recently, in an effort to identify BMP-binding proteins, Yuki has taken a bioinformatics approach, and identified two different novel genes that possess a similar motif to known BMP antagonists. Neither genes have ever been characterized. He has found that they are expressed in osteoblasts and, more importantly, that both of them appear to be novel positive modulators of BMP-2 functions. Since the functions of both proteins to BMP-2 are similar, Yuki has compared two proteins, and found that there is highly homologous domain among them. He then demonstrated that the conserved domain directly binds and modulates BMP-2 function, thus it is named “BMP-2 binding domain (BBD)”. Yuki’s data strongly indicates that lesser amount of BMP-2 together with BBD is more functional compared to BMP-2 alone. Important future studies will include determination of the mechanistic insights of BBD functions and the effects of BMP2-BBD complex in vivo mineralization.

Members of the BMP family are potentially useful for regenerative dentistry. BMP-2 has been shown in clinical studies to be of use in the treatment of a variety of bone-related conditions, and has received FDA approval for human clinical uses. However, one BMP-2’s obstacle is its very high cost, which can be ~$10,000 for a typical treatment. Thus, Yuki’s findings will provide insights into a new molecular design for therapies of bone formation and healing.
Update on Residents and Fellows

Our current nine residents are as follows:

3rd Year Residents: **Tom Bouwens**, Holland, MI  
DDS University of Michigan, 2004

**Matthew Goslee**, Falmouth, MA  
DMD University of Connecticut, 2004

**Jennifer Jackson**, Raleigh, NC  
DMD Harvard University, 2004

2nd Year Residents: **Antonio Braithwaite**, Brooklyn, NY  
DDS University of North Carolina, 2005

**Rhonda Kearney**, Warrington, NC  
DDS University of North Carolina, 2005

**Julie Molina**, Aurora, NC  
DDS University of North Carolina, 2005

1st Year Residents: **Jonelle Grant**, Rembert, SC  
DDS University of North Carolina, 2006

**Elizabeth Prada**, Rochester, MI  
DMD University of Pennsylvania, 2006

**Raymond Tseng**, Ann Arbor, MI  
DDS and PhD Ohio State University, 2006

As the fall semester comes to an end, our first year residents are completing the courses and seminars designed to introduce them to the fundamentals of biomechanics, orthodontic diagnosis and treatment planning, orthodontic technique and pediatric dentistry. In addition, **Jonelle**, **Liz** and **Ray** have been busy providing care to patients in our Graduate Clinic.

Our second year residents, **Rhonda**, **Julie** and **Antonio**, are continuing to work on their research projects. **Antonio** is pursuing an MPH under the guidance of **Bill Vann (1976)** while **Rhonda** and **Julie** are both working toward MS degrees under the mentorship of **Jessica Lee (2002)** and **Bill Vann (1976)** respectively. In addition, all three residents are now very involved with their hospital duties both in the operating room and at the Hospital Dental Clinic.

**Jenny**, **Tom** and **Matt**, our third year residents, are on schedule to complete their program commitments. **Jenny** and **Matt** are both completing their MPH projects with **Jessica Lee (2002)** and **Gary Rozier** while **Tom** is finishing course work for his MBA. All three residents are teaching at the School of Dentistry and providing patient care in the Graduate Clinic and the Durham County Health Department.

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**COLLEGE of DIPLOMATES CORNER**

The 22nd Annual Symposium sponsored by the Foundation of the College of Diplomates will be held at 8:00 A.M. Saturday, May 26, 2007 following the College of Diplomates annual breakfast meeting in San Antonio. This year’s speaker will be Joel A. Brochstein, MD and he will present “Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation: The Role of the Dentist”. Dr. Brochstein is the Director of the Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant Program at Hackensack University Medical Center in Hackensack, New Jersey.

The College acknowledges the success of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry (ABPD) certification utilizing an Oral Clinical Examination. This exam is composed of two 1 hour sessions during which a total of eight clinical vignettes are presented and discussed. This format allows the candidates to demonstrate their knowledge and ability to solve clinical cases. For more information please visit the ABPD web site; www.ABPD.org.

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**Prevention and Management of Medical Emergencies in Dental Practice**

Dr. Stanley Malamed

Friday, October 12, 2007  
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday Continuing Education Center  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

6 hours of CE credit  
See page 4 for details
RESIDENT’S CORNER

The residents have just returned from the holiday break, so this space provides an update as to what everyone has been doing.

First years — Jonelle, Liz and Ray have survived the first 6 months of the program and are off to a good start. I think they would all tell you it’s great, overwhelming at times, but that they have learned a lot if they only had a few minutes to stop and reflect. Besides school they have had a chance to have a little fun. Ray has enjoyed Ohio State’s football success and his first year of marriage, while Liz and Jonelle seem to be breaking the hearts of men all over Chapel Hill.

Second years — Antonio, Rhonda and Julie are all ahead of pace with their research and are preparing to get their master’s done on time, if not early. Antonio and Julie both recently had their 1st year wedding anniversaries. Antonio waits to learn where wife, Mary, will end up for residency so he can prepare for post-graduation plans. Julie works hard and plays hard while spending time with Tony and the children. Rhonda’s keeping her future plans a mystery thus far.

Third years — Tom, Matt and Jenny are approaching the end. All three are preparing for what lies ahead. Tom will return to Michigan to join a practice in his home town. Jenny is still evaluating her options, and is looking to western North Carolina. Her decision is coming soon. Matt has been busy with his new baby and plans to return to Connecticut this summer.

Out Reach Clinics
Providing Access and Education

Currently the Department of Pediatric Dentistry uses multiple off site locations for the clinical training of both dental and graduate students. These off site clinics provide diverse treatment experiences and expose the students to a variety of oral health care delivery models. In addition to providing an excellent educational opportunity, these clinics provide oral health care to populations that are very diverse in their cultural representation and oral health needs.

Recently, the Graduate Program has explored the expansion of these programs as a means of providing increased experiences for the residents and to provide additional access to underserved populations. Currently, the pediatric dentistry residents spend one day per week in their third year providing dental care to inner city children at a local county health department. Plans are underway to expand these services to additional health department locations with the next site coming on-line in March of 2007. These partnerships between community dental clinics and the department’s residency program provide an invaluable restorative intensive educational experience while delivering critical dental care to the children of North Carolina with the greatest need.
New Staff with Pediatric Dentistry

We have had two new members join the Pediatric Dentistry staff. These positions resulted from a retirement, people moving on in their education and the creation of a new position.

Angie Lewis from Fayetteville, NC joins us as our person at the reception desk. She replaces Judy Tuck who retired after 11 years at that position. We are grateful for Judy’s years of service and wish her a pleasant retirement. Angie was trained as a dental assistant in the U. S. Army and as a part of her duties administered dental clinics. After serving our country for six years she returned from Germany to begin work with UNC Hospitals.

A new position was recently created in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry to help better serve the growing Hispanic community. Lilibet (Lili) Elling, originally from Panama City, Panama, is working in that position as Spanish Translator, Community Relations Specialist and Processing Assistant.

Lili graduated from the University of Panama with a BA degree in Public Relations. She has experience working in Hispanic health education and community outreach for the National Institute on Aging, specifically providing information on Alzheimer’s disease. In addition, she worked with the National Institute on Dental and Craniofacial Research contributing to a qualitative study on sealant use and pediatric dental care habits.

We are pleased to welcome these new employees as members of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry.

FACTOIDS

MCH Program Trainee Alumni

We received our first of three five-year grants from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau in 1992 and when the 2002-2007 grant cycle ends in June, 2007, we will have received over three million dollars in MCH support for our MCH Center for Leadership in Pediatric Dentistry. The lion’s share of this support has gone to pay for recruitment of residents, residents’ stipends, tuition support, travel and research mentor support. A major goal of the MCH Training concept is to develop future professional leaders who see the world through the MCH-prism. One aspect of our training program since 1992 has been formal leadership training for residents.

In the late spring of 2006 we surveyed MCH Trainee Alumni from 1992-2005; some of you have asked for us to share the findings, so here goes:

Number of MCH Training Program Alumni since 1992-2005: 36

Advanced Degrees Earned by Cohort:
- PhDs earned—6
- MPHs earned—6
- Masters earned—28

Number of Alumni Surveys Returned: 35/36
Number of Alumni we’d like to “shoot” for not responding to the one-page survey and two follow-up attempts: only one!

Number Who Completed Formal Leadership Training: 31/34
Number Who Ranked their Leadership Training as Valuable or Highly Valuable: 30/31

We are currently developing a proposal for a new five-year cycle of MCH support for 2007-2012. Remember us in your prayers!
October 14, 2006

16th Annual Golf Tournament

The Golf Club at Chapel Ridge was the venue for the 16th annual “Grip It and Rip It” tournament on Saturday October 14, 2006 following the NCAPD meeting.

The team of Ron Venezie, Randy Beaman, and Jim Casey posted a score of 7 under par to take top honors. Bryan Cobb continued to dominate the longest drive competition with a booming drive on the 11th hole. Mike Rossitch beat out Gary Dilley to win the closest to the pin award on the challenging uphill 6th hole.

The 2007 tournament will be held on October 13th in conjunction with the annual NCAPD meeting. Everyone is welcome to come out next year for a fun-filled afternoon of golf with colleagues and friends.

See at NCAPD 2006 Annual Meeting

NCAPD President Scott Cashion accepts gavel for 2007.

Some of the 2007 officers of NCAPD. Left to right: Mike Roberts, Rob Moran, Diane Dilley, Scott Cashion, Angie Baechtold, Martha Ann Keels and Lenise Clifton.

“Grip It and Rip It” 2006 Champs receive trophies. Left to right: Lorne Koroluk, tourney coordinator; Randy Beaman and Ron Venezie. Also on the winning team but not pictured is Jim Casey.

Oh well! It was a driving range ball anyhow.

They enjoyed the “Grip It and Rip It.” Left to right: Mike Rossitch, Tom Bouwens, Gary Dilley, Randy Beaman, Evan Long and Ron Venezie.

Closest to pin winner, Mike Rossitch on right.
The Children of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry

Jack celebrating his first Christmas son of Dave Beebe and Elizabeth Shick

Lauren daughter of Ryan & Marianne (Mills) Sheroan

Gavin son of Neil & Krissy Coffield

Cason, Howell and baby Turner Pierce

The Gerdts Family
Jamie, LaRee (Johnson), James and Mia


Joel Liam Tapper, new born son of Rocio Quinonez and Michael Tapper.

Tom McIver’s ninth grandchild, Thomas.
The Children of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry

Daughters of Marilyn Murphy

The Rohlfing Elves
Grant and Pierce

The Mauney Children
Anna Claire, Mary Kate and Ben

Children of Ryan Haldeman

The Dentichev Family
Iliana, Dimitar, Lina (Cardenas), and
Alexander

Alan and Lucy Dimock

Hudson, Sophie and Avery Spangler

Lili Elling’s new baby son Conner

Ethan and Anna Kate Baechtold
Children & Pets from the Department of Pediatric Dentistry

The Dilley’s with their hunting dogs and Thanksgiving prey.

Reed and Donna (Bryan) Spears with Tarheel.

George, Carrie, Katherine and Ansley Arquitt

Allison and Carly Margolis

Cara daughter of Todd & Teg Brickhouse

The Huggins Family
Jim, David, Emma, Samuel and Leslee

Charlie and Matt Rossitch with Pebbles
News of Friends and Alumni

Michael Hasty (1989) of Virginia Beach has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the UNC Dental Alumni Association.

Leslee S. Huggins (2003) has moved “home” to Texas where she has relocated her practice of orthodontics and pediatric dentistry to Mineola, TX. She can be reached at 2642 S. State Highway 37, Mineola, TX 75773 (903.638.1547).


Jessica Lee (2002) of Chapel Hill has recently completed a two-year term as Chair of the Orange County Board of Health.

Congratulations to Mark Meyer (DDS 1986) who is serving this year as Vice-President of the Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentistry. Mark continues to find time for exercise! He was the second place winner in his age group in the Duke Half Iron Man competition and won his age group in the Angels’ Sprint Triathlon, finishing 14th overall of 443 participants. Way to go Mark!

Although we have not been able to re-establish contact with George Vadiakas (1991) of Athens, Greece, we have learned that George has completed a PhD Degree and has joined the faculty in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at his alma mater at the University of Athens. Kudos to George!

Congratulations to Bobby Elliot (1998) and staff for having recently been named as one of the Triangle’s Best Family Dentists”.

For those of you headed to the Southwestern Society of Pediatric Dentistry’s Annual Session in Snowmass from February 10-17, be on the look out for Rob Moran (1997) of Cary and Tim Wright of Chapel Hill on the slopes and in the seminar room. Rob is a featured speaker on “Practical Business Considerations for the Pediatric Practice” and Tim will lecture on “Diagnosis and Management of Developmental Defects of Teeth”.


Congratulations to several alumni on the additions to their families! Halley White (2006) and husband John Grooman have a new daughter, Bennett Katherine, born March 29th, 2006. She weighed 7 lbs and 2.5 ozs. Elizabeth Shick (2005) and Dave Beebe are proud to announce their newest family member Jack Christopher Beebe, born July 11, 2006. He weighed 7 lbs and 14 ozs. Kate Pierce (2002) and husband Brian are thrilled to announce the birth of Brian “Turner” Pierce, born on September 14, 2006. Turner weighed 8 lbs and 14 ozs. Marianne Sheroan (2003) and husband Ryan have a new addition born on July 12, 2006. Their new baby girl is Lauren Marie. She weighed 4 lbs and 11 ozs. Rocio Quinonez (2000) and husband Michael Tapper announce the birth of their new son, Joel Liam Tapper born January 7th, 2007. Joel weighed 7 lbs and 13 ozs. Congratulations!!
Gifts Support Excellence in Pediatric Dentistry

You can support the future of Pediatric Dentistry in North Carolina and the nation by supporting the different professorships and resident fellowships in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of North Carolina. Donations can be directed to your favorite fund listed on the Pledge Card. If you are interested in establishing a new fellowship fund and naming it in honor or memory of an individual, your donations can be directed to this named fund through the Dental Foundation of North Carolina, Inc., the UNC School of Dentistry’s nonprofit foundation.

Many individuals would like to make major gifts to UNC but cannot commit current assets for this purpose. Through a will you can make a more significant gift than you might have ever thought possible by designating a specific sum, a percentage or the residue of your estate to the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. There are many options for providing a bequest that will leave a legacy of support for excellence in Pediatric Dentistry. To learn more about starting a new fellowship or making a bequest, please contact Jim Ervin at the Dental Foundation at (919) 966-2731 or Jim_Ervin@dentistry.unc.edu.

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**DENTAL FOUNDATION OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**ESTATE PLANNING LANGUAGE**

I give, devise and bequeath _____ percent ( ___%) of my residuary estate [or, the sum of__________ Dollars ($_____)] to The Dental Foundation of North Carolina, Inc. (the "Foundation"), located in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, for the unrestricted needs of the UNC Department of Pediatric Dentistry, or to establish 'The ____________________________ Fellowship Fund in Pediatric Dentistry.' The Board of Directors of the Foundation shall treat this bequest as part of its endowment, and the income paid out of the Fund shall provide fellowship funding to the department’s residents.

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**GIFT AND PLEDGE CARD**

- Yes! I want to make a gift of $_____ to the Dental Foundation of North Carolina to support graduate education in pediatric dentistry at UNC.
- I prefer to make my gift in payments of $_______  monthly  quarterly annually for ____ years.
- Please use my gift for the:
  - Pediatric Graduate Program Endowment Fund (2188)
  - Sandy Marks Fund (2133)
  - Jack Menius Fund (2132)
  - Caldwell/Christensen Fund (4335)
  - Ted Oldenburg Fund (2043)
  - Tom McIver Fund (4373)
- Payment by:
  - Check made payable to the Dental Foundation of NC  Visa  MasterCard
- Account #:______________________________ Exp. Date:______________
- Signature:__________________________________________
- Additionally, my company or my spouse’s company will match this gift. Enclosed is the company’s matching gift form.

For more information on the Dental Foundation of North Carolina or giving to the UNC School of Dentistry, please call 919-966-2731.
WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH YOU?

This Newsletter goes to more than 200 of our Department alumni and friends. We get many comments on how much everyone enjoys keeping up with friends and events through the Newsletter grapevine. But we need you to let us know what is going on in your lives so we can share. Please use this page to pass on news to us that we can include in our next publication! Also, pictures are greatly appreciated.

Please send us personal or professional news that may be of interest to alumni and friends of the Department.

Name______________________________________________  
Year of program completion_______________________  
E-Mail Address _________________________________  

Send to:  Sarah Howard - Dept. of Pediatric Dentistry CB #7450 - Chapel Hill, NC  27599-7450

News of interest:

Thanks!