Chair’s Message

Tradition and Change: The Ideal Balance

Looking through the newsletter you will read about proud traditions being continued, changing of the resident guard, relocation of our research laboratories, babies being born, new staff joining the ped dent family and numerous other transformations taking place at the UNC Department of Pediatric Dentistry. As the author Gail Sheehy said “If we don't change, we don't grow. If we don't grow, we aren't really living.” Clearly the Department of Pediatric Dentistry shows it is alive and kicking and continuing to grow. The faculty is proud of the many accomplishments of our alumni who set a high standard for community engagement and leadership and our residents who continue to win national awards in a variety of venues. Some of the changes, such as the relocation of our research labs, are somewhat painful. However, our goal is to use the wonderful Research Triangle Park facilities and proximity of outstanding corporate and government research programs as an opportunity to build our research program in preparation to our move back to the UNC campus and a brand new, state-of-the-art research center.

New residents will soon walk the floors of Brauer Hall following in the footsteps of the now over 100 alumni that preceded them. While much has changed, the proud Carolina tradition of an education entrenched in leadership and the goal of producing the very best pediatric dentistry remains unchanged. Change is essential for the creation and sustaining traditions of excellence. The UNC Department of Pediatric Dentistry has masterfully maintained tradition and brought forth change for over 50 years. We look forward to balancing these critical components of excellence as we begin a new academic year and greet the future.

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Lee Receives National Honor

Jessica Y. Lee, an associate professor in the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry’s Department of Pediatric Dentistry, received a national award recognizing her efforts directed to advancing childhood oral health and well-being.

Lee received the 2008 Jerome B. Miller “For the Kids” Award at the 61st American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) Annual Session in May. Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children: the Foundation of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry established the award in 2007 to honor the lifetime achievements of former AAPD and Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children president Jerome B. Miller. Procter & Gamble/Crest/Oral-B sponsors the award.

Lee is the principal investigator for a $1.8-million grant addressing how the oral health literacy of caregivers and parents affects the oral health outcomes of their preschool-aged children. More than 1,000 underserved families in

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**Friends and Alumni Deliver in DC**

Alumni and friends of the Department played a variety of programmatic and leadership roles in the recent AAPD Annual Session in Washington, DC. Another article in this Newsletter chronicles the pre-annual session involvement of the Congleton Leadership Fellows, Participation of our residents and NCAPD members in the Lobby Day visits to Capitol Hill.

Program participants included a Breakfast Rounds Session by **LaRee Johnson (1999)** of Wake Forest entitled “Do I expand my practice?” And another entitled “Tips to increase your operating room efficiency.” **Rocio Quinonez (2000)** of Durham gave the keynote address at a featured session called “The age one dental visit in private practice: embrace it and make it work for you.”

Presenting as two of eight national 2008 Graduate Student Research Award Finalists in the Research Session were **Antonio Braithwaite (2008)** of Chapel Hill and **Julie Robinson Molina (2008)** of Chapel Hill. In the same session, **Ray Tseng (2010)** of Chapel Hill presented as one of three nation-wide winners of the 2007 OMNI Research Fellowships. All were recognized at the Awards and Recognition Luncheon on Sunday as was **Stephanie Blumenshine (2010)**, who was named as one of three 2008-09 OMNI Fellowship Award Winners for her MS research proposal.

**Special kudos to Buddy Hollowell (DDS 2004)** of Wake Forest, who was recognized as a Pugh Awardee for the top performers (TOP 3 %!!!) on the qualifying examination of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. Buddy was also recognized at the Awards and Recognition Luncheon. **Mike Roberts** of Chapel Hill and **Mike Rossitch (2004)** of Atlanta served as moderators for the Graduate Student Lunch and Learn Session.

**John Christensen (1984)** of Durham and **Sonny Long (1978)** of Charlotte delivered a superb Mini-Clinic Session on the “Orthodontic management of impacted maxillary incisors.” **Kavita Mathu-Muju (2006)** of Lexington, KY, presented a Breakfast Rounds session on “How to talk so children will listen.” In the Poster Clinic Session, the graduate students and residents of alumni **Tegwyn Brickhouse (2002)** of Richmond, **Lina Cardenas (2002)** of San Antonio, **Kavita Mathu-Muju (2006)** of Lexington, KY and **Anne Simon Wilson (1992)** of Denver, CO had fine showing, presenting some 10 research presentations. **Michael Ignelzi (1992)** of Greensboro finished his third and final year as the Annual Session Program Chair and what a fine overall program it was!

Congrats to **Jessica Lee (2002)** of Chapel Hill who was the winner of the 2008 Jerome B. Miller "For the Kids" Award, given by Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children: the Foundation of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. This was the inaugural FTK Award, which will be presented annually to an up-and-coming clinician, researcher or academician in pediatric dentistry for their outstanding efforts directed to children's oral health and welfare. Jessica received a cash award and plaque at the AAPD Annual Session President's Farewell Dinner on Sunday May 25, 2008.

**Mike Roberts** was elected as a Director by the Foundation of the College of Diplomates of the ABPD in May. The College supports the activities of the American Board of Pediatrics Dentistry.

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**AAPD Master Clinician Fellowship**

Two UNC Alumni Selected

Congrats to **Elliot Shulman (1980)** of Morgantown, WV and **Leslee Lancaster Huggins (2003)** of Providence, RI! They will be among five individuals nationally selected for the first class of the AAPD Master Clinicians’ Fellowship Program. The AAPD and the Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children (Jerome B. Miller Fund) has announced the five scholarships. Elliot is head of pediatric dentistry at WVU and Leslee is a new faculty member at the Saint Joseph Hospital in Providence. This year’s scholarship applicants represent a diverse field of expertise, from seasoned pediatric dentists having been in practice for a number of years to newly-appointed dental school or residency faculty.

The new Fellows will attend the Academy for Academic Leadership’s Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL) in the Health Professions Program and will have an opportunity to attend the AAPD Comprehensive Review of Pediatric Dentistry course. ITL scholars benefit from a hands-on experience with key teaching tasks such as evaluations, lecture presentation skills, test construction, small group learning and working with difficult students. Additionally, ITL scholars learn cognitive theory, motivation strategies, learning styles, education best practices and a host of other skills. Sessions on research, finding an academic position, strategies for getting published and work-life issues are also offered.

Further information on the Institute for Teaching and Learning, may be found at their website: http://www.academicleaders.org.
North Carolina Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

The NCAPD annual meeting will be held Saturday, October 4, 2008 at the Radisson Hotel, Research Triangle Park. Our business breakfast meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the entire morning will be reserved for NCAPD business with adjournment by noon. The hotel is located at the intersection of Highway 54 and Davis Drive. A block of rooms has been reserved and reservations can be made by calling (919) 549-8631 and ask for the North Carolina Academy of Pediatric Dentistry room block.

Our UNC/NCAPD reception will be held on Friday, October 3, 2008 starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Kenan Center.

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- Jessica Lee (3 year term)

Engaged to Make a Difference

Carolina has a long and proud tradition of leadership in pediatric dentistry and an extensive history of community engagement. This legacy is clearly visible when one looks at the number of North Carolinians and UNC graduates serving as community and organized dentistry leaders. Similarly, our alumni, friends and advocates for the oral health of children continue to step up and financially support the pediatric educational and patient care programs at UNC. You can be assured that this support provides essential funding necessary to continue our outstanding leadership and community engagement programs. For example, UNC pediatric dentistry residents were funded by the Jim Congleton (1977) Leadership Fellowship to attend the annual AAPD meeting in Washington where they joined the lobby day on Capitol Hill and had the wonderful experience of meeting the NC congressional members.

Despite downward trends in the economy the generosity of our alumni and friends continues to be outstanding. Your steadfast support is ensuring that the Caldwell-Christensen Fund will reach the $100,000 in the very near future. We are still about $16,000 shy of our goal so please keep those donations coming in. This fund was established by Rob Moran (1998) and Richard Brooks (DDS 1995) to honor two outstanding UNC faculty members Phil Caldwell (1974) and John Christensen (1982).

College of Diplomates Corner

We are pleased to announce that a total of 368 new diplomates were introduced at the College of Diplomates annual breakfast meeting in Washington, DC on May 24, 2008. Seven alumni and NCAPD members were certified. We congratulate all of these pediatric dentists on their achievements and encourage all UNC graduates and NCAPD members to promote the pursuit of excellence in pediatric dentistry and achieve Diplomate status from the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

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2008 Spring CE Course Creates Excitement

Continuing Education

Marvin Berman was the featured speaker at our department sponsored March 28, 2008, continuing education course titled “The Dental Team Versus the Reluctant Dragon.” One hundred and seventy-three participants from three states were in their seats early as they anticipated Berman’s engaging, entertaining, and insightful approach to managing reluctant and apprehensive children in the dental office. He did not disappoint and there were few who left before the course concluded at 4:30 p.m. In fact, he continued to answer questions long after the course ended and we had to whisk him away in order to make his return flight to Chicago.

The Department continues to identify topics of topical interest to pediatric dentists, generalists and their staff who treat children. If you have a topic of special interest or a particular speaker, let us know and we will see what we can do to schedule the topic and/or speaker.

Coming Continuing Education Courses

The Department has planned two outstanding continuing education courses for this fall and the spring of 2009. We believe you and your staff will not want to miss either offering. So, please put these on your office and personal calendars now!

Fall 2008

“This Incorporating an Infant and Early Childhood Dental Program into Practice: Why, Who and How”
William Vann, DMD, MS, PhD
Rocio Quinonez, DMD, MS, MPH
Gary Rozier, DDS, MPH
Kelly Close, BS, MHA, RDH
Eugene Howden, DDS, MS
Nancy Peterson, RDH
Angela Baechtold, DDS, MPH
Roberta Osborn, DDS

Friday, October 3, 2008
9:00-4:30 p.m.
Registration & continental breakfast will begin at 8:30 am.
William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

There has been a call that all children have an initial oral examination and dental home established by age 1 year. This course will explore the value for early intervention in this state and region, and describe various successful models to provide infant and early childhood oral health. The cooperative effort between the NC Office of Medial Assistance and the medical community, known as “Into the Mouths of Babes”, will be highlighted and results of that program will be described. Successful infant dental programs in private and community settings will be presented by several practitioners. The new and exciting “Baby Oral Health Program (BOHP)” developed by faculty in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, UNC-CH School of Dentistry will be highlighted and made available. A panel discussion by presenters will conclude the program. This course is designed for all members of the dental office team, not just the doctor, hygienist and chair-side dental assistant.

The course includes an expanded continental breakfast, two breaks with snacks and liquid refreshment, and a fabulous lunch with their famous array of desserts to make you want to eat them first!
Tuition: $265 Dentist
$135 Team members accompanied by the dentist
$150 Team members/spouses not accompanied by the dentist

The course provides 6 hours of CE credit.

This course is being held in conjunction with the Friday evening, October 2, NC Academy of Pediatric Dentistry reception and Annual Session the following Saturday morning. The Friday evening reception is to begin at 5:30 pm and will be held in the Kenan-Flagler Business School

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(McColl Building) located up and behind the Dean Smith Activities Center (Dean Dome). The 18th Annual “Grip-it and Rip-It” golf event is planned for Saturday following the NCAPD Annual Session.

Spring 2009
“Ready, Set, Grow: Pathways for Healthy Living for Toddlers, Adolescents and Adults”
Ronda Gates, BS (Pharmacy), MS

Friday, March 27, 2009

Long before Jane Fonda worked out, years before spot reducing outlived its usefulness, way before most dietitians understood the relationship between exercise, food, weight and disease there was Ronda Gates. She has written 5 best selling books including “Smart Eating” and has appeared on numerous radio and television shows. Once described as the “Erma Bombeck of Fitness”, she made more than 200 presentations last year! Ronda, a fitness buff with a B.S. in pharmacy and a M.S. in clinical nutrition enjoyed the changes she saw as a result of the fitness classes she was teaching more than pushing pills. So, in 1978 she traded her white coat for a pair of athletic shoes and has never looked back. Within three years she had a successful corporate fitness program but was frustrated by her inability to find educators who shared her perspective. In 1982, she reluctantly attended a lecture by “Fit or Fat” author Covert Bailey, because others had said he “talks like you.” Soon Bailey and Gates were forging programs that made words like mesomorphs, triglycerides and glycemic index easy to understand. She later broadened her studies to include a certificate in counseling from Yale University and the Cooper Institute to focus on weight management and lifestyle change.

Since then she’s created TRANSFORMATIONS, a series of successful evidence-based weight management programs. These programs focus on reversing metabolic syndrome, the life-challenging precursor to heart disease and type 2 diabetes. Type 2 diabetes is increasingly more common in children and teens.

Eighty-five percent of children with type 2 diabetes are overweight—primarily because they do not get enough physical activity to support a lifestyle that includes drinking large amounts of sodas, skipping meals, eating larger portions, and eating out more often. Early signs of periodontal disease have been found in nearly 60% of diabetic children in the 6-11 year-old group. That is twice the percentage found in non-diabetic children in the same age range. In the 12-18 year-old group, nearly 80% of patients with diabetes had early periodontal changes.

This course will be of interest to all members of the dental office team and their spouses! As usual, a continental breakfast, two breaks with snacks and liquid refreshments, and a fabulous lunch are included in the tuition.

Tuition: $275 Dentist
$135 Team members accompanied by the dentist
$175 Team members not accompanied by the dentist

Registration or additional information for both of these excellent courses can be obtained by calling the UNC School of Dentistry’s Office of Continuing Education at (919)966-2729, or on-line at www.dent.unc.edu/ce.ced. If you have questions you can also get additional information by emailing the CE office at CDE@dentistry.unc.edu.

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Pediatric Dentistry Welcomes New Team Members

Tina Schatz joined us in a newly created position of Patient Coordinator and Operating Room Scheduling Assistant. Her responsibilities include coordinating the Monday Morning Clinic for Persons with Disabilities and Head Start Programs.

Tina comes from upstate New York, but has been a Tar Heel for nearly ten years. She most recently worked with Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center where she was an administrator with the Child/Adolescent Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine program and resident training coordinator.

Lisa Mauldin joined us as our Pediatric Predoctoral Program Coordinator. This position was previously held by Christie Whitaker who has moved to Advanced Education in General Dentistry.

Lisa is a Tar Heel now but was born a Virginian. Lisa has a long history of working with children as teacher assistant and as director of a childcare program. Lisa moved to Pediatric Dentistry after working with Academic Affairs in the School of Dentistry.

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seven N.C. counties – Buncombe, Burke, New Hanover, Wake, Orange, Brunswick and Robeson will be interviewed about oral health literacy and possible challenges that may prevent them from accessing oral health care.

This study, funded by the National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research, is in collaboration with the College of Arts and Sciences’ Department of Psychology and the School of Public Health’s Department of Health Policy and Administration. The study is believed to be the first RO1 grant on health literacy funded by the NIDCR.

Lee has been a member of the Orange County Board of Health since 2002 and serves on Healthy Carolinians and Head Start advisory committees. Nationally, she serves on several AAPD councils and committees.

Founded in 1947, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry is a not-for-profit membership association representing pediatric dentistry and with an estimated 7,300 members.

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Jessica Lee, second from the left, was presented the 2008 Jerome B. Miller “For the Kids” Award at the AAPD Annual Session. Pictured with her are Cindy Sensabaugh, manager of professional and scientific relations with Procter & Gamble; Jerome B. Miller and Paul A. Kennedy Jr., president of Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children: the Foundation of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.
News from Alumni and Friends


Harvey Hill (1970) has been lured out of retirement to serve as an adjunct faculty member at NOVA Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Harvey can be reached at 3703 Mykonos Court in Boca Raton, FL 33487. Many of you know Monty Harrison of Shreveport, LA as long time friend and generous supporter of the department. Be on the lookout for the upcoming movie “W”, an Oliver Stone production about the life of President Bush. Monty’s home in Shreveport is used for the movie version of elder Bush’s Georgetown home, a centerpiece in the movie. Monty and wife Susan have some funny tales about the filming of the movie!

Roslyn Crisp (1982) of Burlington was featured in the February 18th edition of the ADA News for her role as a leader in Alamance County “Give Kids a Smile Community Outreach Program.”

Gene Howden (1971) and Linda have moved to Southern Pines where they’re now permanent residents at the residential golf community at the County Club of North Carolina. We hear that Linda has taken control of the women’s tennis circuit in the Sand Hills Region! We are thrilled to have Gene helping us on a part-time basis with our DDS teaching program, a passion he left nearly 30 years ago. We’re excited to have him come full circle and it’s nice to have him back with us on a regular rotation.

Jenny Jackson (2007) opened a new practice in January, 2008: “Asheville Pediatric Dentistry.” Jenny is located at Nettlewood Professional Park off Hendersonville Road, near ABC Pediatrics at 76 Peachtree Road, Suite 100, Asheville, NC 28803. She can be reached at drjackson@ashevillepedo.com.

Some of us had a chance recently to visit with George Vadiakas (1991) of Athens, Greece, at the European Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Congress in Dubrovnik, Croatia. George is married with a three year old son Clonis; his mom and twin sisters are all doing well. He completed a doctoral degree in epidemiology a few years ago and currently is a faculty member in the Department of

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Three New Alumni
Class of 2008 Join the Real World

Baby Oral Health Program

This spring was a period of exciting growth for our Baby Oral Health Program, (bOHP). We continue to improve upon students’ experiences by adding a bOHP rotation for senior dental students this summer at Lincoln Health Community Center in Durham. This is our primary rotation site because we have developed a highly collaborative relationship with the pediatricians in providing preventive oral health services for infants and toddlers.

Equally exciting has been the dissemination of the bOHP© kits. In April, we launched this “how to” concept through an announcement in the ADA News and through a special website at www.bohp.unc.edu. The site provides information on our mission, the bOHP© kit and how to obtain it. With generous support from the NC Academy of Pediatric Dentists, NC Academy of General Dentists, the NC Dental Society and the National Children’s Oral Health Foundation, all UNC- DDS graduates and pediatric dental residents in the Class of 2008 received a complimentary bOHP© kit. The students and faculty are very grateful for these gifts.

As we transition into the fall, we look forward to our CE on October 3rd at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill on “Incorporating an Infant and Early Childhood Dental Program into Your Practice: Why? Who? and How?” We anticipate a great turnout and ask that you share this information and the bOHP concept with your dental colleagues and friends. We also ask that you consider embracing the concept in your practices because your support and assistance in helping move this project forward will be critical to its long term success and improving the oral health of children.

J.C. and Brandy Underwood announce the birth of their daughter, Riley Dawson, born May 7th and she weighed 8lbs and 3oz. J.C. is our Front Desk Receptionist.

Congratulations to Jay and Rayhanah Shahangian, they are the proud parents of a baby girl. Roya was born June 21. She weighs 8lbs 1oz. Jay is a first year resident.

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Pediatric Dentistry at his alma mater the University of Athens, while continuing to practice part-time in the private practice he joined in 1991. George played a prominent role on the program at the EAPD Congress, giving two presentations and collaborating on several others.

The Ron Hsu (2007) family of Vancouver, WA is thriving in the far west. Ethan (age 2) and Mei-Ling (almost 4) are doing great and Misty is doing well and is expecting a third child in November. For his other passion, Ron has done fundraising bike rides in the past for Habitat for Humanity and the Lance Armstrong Foundation, but this year he is challenging himself to raise funds and awareness on the topic of child abuse. Please check out www.firstgiving.com/ronhsu to read about this event aptly named Courage Classic.

Roy Green (1975) of Fort Myers, FL has retired from the Barkley Circle Dental Center that he founded in 1975, leaving his practice to his three partners. Roy was the first Morehead Dental Fellow at Carolina 1975-77. He has served as President of the Virgin Islands Dental Society, the Florida Society of Dentistry for Children and the Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Roy and Nancy celebrated their 41st Wedding Anniversary and in retirement they’re enjoying traveling and volunteer work while planning daughter Laura’s wedding.

It was great seeing Sigurdur Saemundsson (1996) and his wife, Anna Maria, at the AAPD annual session. Siggi is the Chair of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Iceland in Reykjavik.
PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY LABORATORIES MOVE TO RTP

May 2008 hallmarked a notable change for pediatric dentistry researchers at UNC-CH. In order to make way for a new Dental Sciences Building, the Dental Research Center and adjacent Dental Office Building were decommissioned. Pediatric dentistry faculty, Eric Everett, Yuki Mochida, Maria Wang (2005) and Tim Wright, relocated their research laboratories and offices from the Dental Research Center to the North Carolina Oral Health Institute established in Research Triangle Park (RTP).

It is anticipated that the pediatric dentistry researchers will return to campus in approximately 40 months to occupy new laboratory space in the Dental Sciences Building. The RTP facility offers state-of-the-art laboratory facilities and an increase in space for the researchers. An open laboratory design will facilitate communication and collaboration between the researchers and will lead to an improved pediatric dentistry research program.

North Carolina Oral Health Institute established in Research Triangle Park (RTP) This facility is located near the intersection of I-40 and Durham Freeway (NC 147).

The open laboratory design features state-of-the-art facilities. This configuration fosters communication, collaboration and enhanced research.
Since the inception of the Omni awards program in 1999, UNC has received 11 awards in the 10 year time period. The OMNI Pediatric Dentistry Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program (OMNI Fellowship) was established for the purpose of promoting and supporting prospective research by postdoctoral students and residents in pediatric dentistry. The OMNI Fellowships are possible through the generous support of OMNI Oral Pharmaceuticals. Up to three (3) pediatric dentistry postdoctoral students/residents are selected each year to receive a yearlong research fellowship. The Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children Committee on Scientific Affairs selects the recipients on a competitive basis from eligible submissions.

Previous winners include: Rocio Quinonez (2000), mentor Martha Ann Keels (1990); Jessica Lee (2002), mentor Bill Vann (1976); Kate Pierce (2002), mentor Bill Vann (1976) and Gary Rozier; Matt Savage (2004), mentor Jessica Lee (2002); Marianne Sheroan (2003), mentor Diane Dilley; Michael Rossitch (2004), mentor Rocio Quinonez (2000); Elizabeth Shick (2005), mentor Jessica Lee (2002); Halley White (2006), mentor Jessica Lee (2002); Julia Molina (2008), mentor Bill Vann (1976); Ray Tseng (3rd year resident), mentor Tim Wright; and Stephanie Blumenshine (2nd year resident), mentor Bill Vann (1976).

### Department of Pediatric Dentistry Graduate Student Awards 2007

**Antonio Braithwaite (2008)** was named a finalist for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry’s 2008 Graduate Student Research Award. His research project, “Nutritional Counseling Practices: How Do North Carolina Pediatric Dentists Weigh In” was accepted for publication by Pediatric Dentistry. Antonio also successfully defended his MPH thesis. **Rhonda Kearney (2008)** successfully defended her MS thesis. Rhonda was also the recipient of the prestigious Leverett Award for Research in Public Health Dentistry. **Julie Molina (2008)** successfully defended her MS thesis. Julie was also named as a finalist for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry’s 2008 Graduate Student Research Award. In addition, Julie was the recipient of an Elise and Baxter Sapp Fellowship, the 2007 Spurgeon Graduate Student Table Clinic Award and the 2008 Research in Review Day Oral Presentation Award. Finally, Julie’s research “Root Fractures in Children and Adolescents: Diagnostic Considerations and Recommendations”, has been accepted for publication by the journal Dental Traumatology. **Jonelle Grant (2009)** was appointed as the inaugural Chair of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry’s Residents’ Committee. Jonelle was also the recipient of a 2008 Center for Global Health Initiatives Fellowship and the John and Sallie Shuping Ruselle Scholarship in Global Health.

**Elizabeth Prada (2009)** was a recipient of a Certificate of Appreciation from “Nuestros Ahijados” Medical/Dental Charity in Guatemala. **Ray Tseng (2010)** com-
Welcome To The Class Of 2011

Although this is only the second year of our expanded class of four incoming residents, we have continued the long standing tradition of having a group of outstanding individuals for the Class of 2011. Our four new residents are: Shannitta Bridgers (DDS 2008), Bob Cherry (DDS 2008), Jina Kang and Bien Lai.

Shannitta was born in Greenville, North Carolina and received both her undergraduate and dental degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Shannitta comes to us with an extensive list of leadership and volunteer experiences, along with a record of award winning research activities and strong academic achievements.

Bob was born in Wilmington, North Carolina and received his BA and dental degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Bob has conducted research with members of our department and was a volunteer at the Student Health Action Coalition, along with many other community and volunteer activities.

Jina was born in South Korea and received her BA from Furman University in South Carolina. She attended the Medical University of South Carolina and received her DMD in 2008. Jina’s academic achievements have been recognized both at Furman University and MUSC. She has taken part in multiple international mission trips and speaks four different languages.

Bien was born in Hong Kong and received her dental degree from the National University of Singapore. While in dental school Bien was the recipient of many honors and awards for both her academic and research accomplishments. Since receiving her degree, Bien has been practicing as a Dental Officer in the School Dental Health Service in Singapore.

Bien Lai is from Hong Kong and studied dentistry at the National University of Singapore.

Jina Kang is from Columbia, SC. She studied dentistry at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Bob Cherry is from Wilmington, NC and studied dentistry at the University of North Carolina.

Shannitta Bridgers is from Hobgood, NC and studied dentistry at the University of North Carolina.
Golf Event to Happen

Return of the “GRIP-IT & RIP-IT”

The “Grip-it and Rip-It” golf event will happen this year on Saturday, October 4. This past year was a bummer for the event. Unfortunately complicated schedules and assorted other problems led to suspension of the event last fall. This was certainly a sad situation for pediatric dentistry in North Carolina. We hope this year’s event will make us forget about the sadness of the past. This year we are expecting to improve the purse (we are negotiating with some potential sponsors) and we are looking toward a large turnout of those seeking the honor of being called a Champion of the “Grip-it and Rip-It.” A partial listing of previous champions illustrates just how prestigious this event has become.

Some of the Previous Champions
Mark Meyer, John Christensen, Evan Long, Dennis Clements
Tom Bouwens, Bryan Cobb, Ron Venezie, Tom McIver
Alan Babigan, Scott Goodman, Gary Dilley, Lorne Koroluk

Bring yourself, co-worker, office staff, friends, significant other or pet to participate in this fun event. A “Captain’s Choice” format is used that allows golfers at all levels to enjoy playing a competitive round. See you there!

Congleton Fellows Serve as Leaders-in-Training

First-year residents Stephanie Blumenshine (2010), Kimon Divaris (2011), Liz Miller (2010) and Jay Shahangian (2010) became the fourth group of Congleton Advocacy/Leadership Trainees during the recent AAPD Annual Session in Washington, DC. They attended the AAPD Board of Trustee Meeting prior to the meeting, shadowing Scott Cashion (1997) of Greensboro, who joins the AAPD Board of Directors this year for a three-year term.

The Fellows also participated in the Academy’s Lobby Day, along with fellow residents Jonelle Grant (2009) and Liz Prada (2009). Lobby Day participants included NCAPD members Scott Cashion (1997) of Greensboro, Scott Goodman of Charlotte, Jessica Lee (2002) of Chapel Hill, Jasper Lewis (1973) of Greenville, David Moore (DDS 1986) of Charlotte and Joy Ware of High Point. The NC delegation visited Congressmen Butterfield, Coble, Hayes, Price and Senators Burr and Doyle. The Congleton Fellows capped-off their externship by shadowing Council and Committee activities at the AAPD Annual Session under Jessica’s leadership. Thanks to all alumni and Friends who served as mentors this year to help make the Congleton Fellowship Program ’08 such a big success.
Residents’ Appreciation Banquet

Saying goodbye is never easy but that is what we had to do for our graduating residents at this year’s Annual Residents’ Appreciation Banquet. In addition to honoring the achievements of all of our current residents, this Banquet is our opportunity to say farewell to our graduating residents, Antonio Braithwaite, Rhonda Kearney and Julie Molina. Residents, parents, spouses, faculty, staff and special guests gathered at the Kenan Center for this celebration.

Julie Molina’s family came to honor her.

Receive all praises thine.

Rhonda Kearney’s family turned out to celebrate the occasion.

Four generations of his family came from points north to participate in honoring Antonio Braithwaite.

And Sarah Howard arranged it all.

Sonny Long and daughter Marshall (3rd year dental student) join the celebration.

Jack Menius and John Christensen hardly ever miss a soirée of this magnitude.
Despite our busy schedules, the 2007-08 residents have managed to make an impact around the country and world. In the past year, we have traveled to Mexico, Moldova and Guatemala to expand our language repertoire and provide dental treatment for the underserved. At the AAPD meeting in Washington, DC, we lobbied on Capitol Hill to expand Federal funding for Title VII and improve the state of dental education. Domestically, we’ve earned a reputation for our stellar representation among the brightest and best resident researchers. Enjoy our photos!

Graduate Student Research Award Finalists.
Julie Molina and Antonio Braithwaite.

NCAPD Dinner in Washington, DC. Pictured from Left to right: Rhonda Kearney, Kimon Divaris, Antonio Braithwaite, Julie Molina, Liz Miller, Jim Congleton and Stephanie Blumenshine.

AAPD Lobby Day in Washington, DC. Pictured from left to right: Stephanie Blumenshine, Kimon Divaris, Liz Miller, Jossein Shahangian, Jonelle Grant and Liz Prada.

Second from right: Jonelle Grant doing dental volunteer work in Chisinau, Moldova.

Ray Tseng and Julie Molina visiting the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum while attending the AAPD meeting.

Second from right: Liz Prada doing dental volunteer work in Guatemala with Asociación Nuestros Ahijados.
This is the Holiday Card that is being made available to all who wish to purchase them. The card will make a very nice greeting card for your patients and their families. Profits from the sale of the cards will be used for the “UNC Children’s Dental Treatment Fund.” This fund provides financial assistance to children that are financially disadvantaged but are not eligible for public assistance and do not have dental insurance.

Nick O’Daniel Receives Award

We are proud indeed of Nick O’Daniel, dental assistant in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. Nick was one of five recipients of the School of Dentistry’s Staff Employee Excellence Awards. The Awards Committee that determines this honor considers teamwork, creativity/innovation, customer service, positive attitude, productivity and flexibility. Nick is an example of the quality and value of our pediatric dentistry team. Congratulations!
Generosity of Alumni and Friends

Your gifts to the UNC-CH Department of Pediatric Dentistry’s development funds are acknowledged below and include only those received and credited by the Dental Foundation of North Carolina in the calendar year of 2007. We express our most sincere “thank you” for your continued generosity. Your gifts support our residents’ training, improve our graduate student library, acquire new technology and provide additional opportunities to enrich the residents’ educational experience. State and university support continues to dwindle and loss of the MCH grant has made your support ever more critical.

Gifts received are invested and the interest from the funds is used to meet our graduate program needs described throughout this Newsletter. Your commitment to improve the program is not lost on our residents, and it continues to cement the bonds among our past, present and future alumni and friends.

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Student Awards (from page 10)

 UNC Department of Pediatric Dentistry Publications

**Journal Articles**


Abstracts


Everett ET, Yan D, Weaver M, Liu L, Foroud T. Detection of dental fluorosis associated QTL on mouse chromosomes 2 and 11. 9th International Conference on the Chemistry & Biology of Mineralized Tissues Nov 4-8, 2007 The Lakeway Inn, Austin TX.


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 below. 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 Brad Bodager at the Dental Foundation at (919) 966-2731 or brad_bodager@dentistry.unc.edu.

DENTAL FOUNDATION 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.”

GIFT AND PLEDGE CARD

- New address?

Name:___________________________
Class Year:________________________
Address: _________________________
City:____________________________
State:________________ Zip:________
E-mail:___________________________

- 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)
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- Caldwell/Christensen Fund (4335) □ Ted Oldenburg Fund (2043)
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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.

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WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH YOU?

This *Newsletter* goes to more than 250 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!

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