Endowing the Graduate Program - Chair’s Corner

My Child’s Smile Campaign

On March 13th, 2009 the Department, members of the Champions for Children Advisory Board and friends met to celebrate a major donation and officially open the public phase of the “My Child’s Smile” fund raising campaign. Dr. Mike and Sandra Roberts were honored for their contribution of $500,000 to the Department to establish a professorship in their names. The event was capped off by the unveiling of our donor recognition wall that acknowledges donors for the current campaign. It gives special recognition to those giving above the $100,000 level, at the $25,000 to $99,999 and $1,000 to $24,999. Mike and Sandra placed the first name plate on the wall. Others who’s nameplate has been placed on the wall are Jim Congleton, Sonny Long, Stephanie Chen and Thomas Arkle III, Franklin and Sandra Brooks, Richard Brooks, John Christensen, Antonio Braithwaite, Bryan Cobb, Robert Elliott, Kimberly Jones, Edward Miller, Robert and Jennifer Moran, Kate Pierce and James Stone recognizing their generous donations since the inception of this fund raising campaign (October 2006).

Despite the negative economy, the Department has a total endowment of over $4 million. The goal of the “My Child’s Smile Campaign” is to raise $5.5 million over the next 5 years which will provide endowment for the entire graduate program. This means that stipends at the level of $25,000 would be available for 12 residents using only the interest earned on the invested $5.5 million dollars. While this may seem a bold endeavor, it is critical in these challenging fiscal times and diminishing state dollars to ensure excellence in our Graduate Pediatric Dentistry Education Program.

Enclosed with the newsletter is the new brochure and pledge card for the “My Child’s Smile Campaign” and I hope you will continue the generosity so many have shown or decide to become committed to sustaining the excellence in UNC Pediatric Dentistry Graduate Education. You can visit the campaign web site at: (http://www.dent.unc.edu/depts/academic/ped/my childs smile/) and please come by the school and see where your name is on the wall!!

An Update on Dental Trauma Management for Children and Young Adolescents

Friday, October 16th, 2009
9:00 am - 4:30 pm
William and Mary Friday Continuing Education Center
Chapel Hill, NC
See page 3 for details - 6 hours of CE credit
First Year Residents Research in Review

The current first year residents have been very busy not only with their coursework, clinics, call and leadership training but all have very well established research projects underway. The current four traditional residents include Shannitta Bridgers (DDS 2008), Bob Cherry (DDS 2008), Jina Kang and Bien Lai. Additionally Kimon Divaris is a second year resident who spent his first year primarily working on his PhD coursework in Epidemiology in the School of Public Health and is now back in the Department full time. The residents’ research projects include investigations examining BMI and sedation, parenting styles, autism, antibiotics prescription use and oral cancer. Jina Kang’s project is titled “Conscious sedation for overweight and obese children: Is it time to rethink our protocol?” The purpose of her study is to examine childhood overweight and obesity as a predictive factor for adverse events and sedation outcomes during pediatric conscious sedation dental procedures. Her results will help us understand risk factors for overweight/obese children undergoing conscious sedation for dental procedures, with the goal of increasing both the efficacy and safety of conscious sedation procedures in the dental setting. Jina is being mentored by Bill Vann (1976).

Shannitta Bridgers’ project is titled “Caregivers’ parenting styles: Impact on pediatric dental behavior.” The goal of her research is to examine the relationship between parenting styles and children’s behavior in a pediatric dental setting. Her study may lead to the development of more effective behavior management strategies according to caregiver-child interactions ultimately delivering the optimal pediatric dental care. Shannitta is being mentored by Mike Milano.

Bien Lai is working on examining “Oral health status of autistic children and their access to care.” Her research will be conducted in collaboration with the Clinical Center of Development and Learning (CDL), and the Autism Registry of North Carolina. Her work will identify barriers to dental care for this population. It will highlight areas where health care policies, practice and family-level intervention can be improved to address these barriers to care. Bien is being mentored by Mike Milano.

Bob Cherry’s project is titled “Antibiotic use for treating dental infections in children: Survey of dentists’ practices.” The purpose of his study is to examine the antibiotic prescribing practices of general and pediatric dentists in North Carolina in their management of dental infections in children. He will examine dentists’ adherence to the professional guidelines outlined by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) and the American Dental Association (ADA). Once the results are gathered, his project will be able to assess if general and pediatric dentists in North Carolina are contributing to the growing problem of antibiotic resistance that we are dealing with worldwide. Bob is being mentored by Jessica Lee (2002).

Kimon Divaris is working on many different research projects, but recently completed an examination of risk factors for oral/oropharyngeal cancer. The results of his work provided support for a possible modest association of periodontal disease and increase risk of oral cancer, as evidenced by self-reported tooth loss indicators. Additionally, preventive dental visits were associated with a marked risk decrease in oral cancer. This adds to the oral-systemic health interaction hypothesis and underlines the importance of oral disease prevention from a public health perspective.

Omni Award

Award Streak Continues

Once again one of our residents has won an Omni award (now known as the 3M ESPE Post Doctoral Fellowship Award). We are quite proud of Jossein Shahangian (2010) who has continued our long streak of success in this competition. Since the inception of the Omni awards program in 1999, UNC residents have received 12 awards — at least one award each year and two awards in 2002. Up to three pediatric dentistry postdoctoral students/residents are selected each year to receive a year long research fellowship. The Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children Committee on Scientific Affairs of the AAPD selects the recipients on a competitive basis.

Previous winners from UNC are:

Jessica Lee (2002), mentor Bill Vann (1976)
Kate Pierce (2002), mentors Bill Vann (1976) and Gary Rozier
Marianne Sheroan (2003), mentor Diane Dilley
Michael Rossitch (2004), mentor Rocio Quinonez (2000)

Elizabeth Shick (2005), mentor Jessica Lee (2002)
Julia Molina (2008), mentor Bill Vann (1976)
Ray Tseng (2010), mentor Tim Wright
Stephanie Blumenshine (2010), mentor Bill Vann (1976)
Jossein Shahangian (2010), mentor Tim Wright
Ms. Ronda Gates was the featured speaker at our department sponsored March 27, 2009, continuing education course titled “Ready, Set, Grow: Pathways for Healthy Living for Toddlers, Children, Adolescents and Adults”. Seventy-five participants enjoyed the theater design of the Sunflower Room at the Friday Continuing Education Center in Chapel Hill. Ms. Gates was engaging, entertaining and was able to get the participants actively involved in the discussions that she generated. Her manner of presentation and insight into encouraging a healthy lifestyle as it relates to dental and general health made it all fun! Few left before the course concluded at 4:30 PM.

The Department continues to seek identification of topics of interest to pediatric dentists, generalists and their staff who treat children. If you have a subject 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 the fall of 2009 and the spring of 2010. 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 2009

“An Update on Dental Trauma Management for Children and Young Adolescents”
Featured speaker: Asgeir Sigurdsson, DDS, MS
Other speakers: Jessica Lee, DDS, MPH, PhD and William Vann, DMD, MS, PhD

Friday, October 16, 2009
9:00-4:30 PM
Registration & continental breakfast will begin at 8:30 AM.
William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The recommended management of dental trauma in children and young adolescents has been rapidly evolving due to ongoing research. What was once taught empirically is now based in science. This course will serve as a contemporary update for all busy clinicians by featuring a comprehensive update in the diagnosis and management of permanent tooth trauma. The format will feature a review of up-to-date fundamentals, many of which will be illustrated by case reviews. Participants will also learn about emerging treatment modalities that are finding their place in everyday practice. Avulsion therapy will be examined from the standpoint of replantation with reliance on best evidence. Revascularization and decoronation will be discussed as emerging treatment strategies to consider following permanent tooth trauma. This course is designed for all members of the dental office team.

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 NC Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Annual Session scheduled for the following Saturday morning.

Spring 2010

“Pediatric and Adolescent Oral Pathology”
Featured speakers: Valerie A. Murrah, DMD, MS and J. Timothy Wright, DDS, MS

Friday, March 26, 2009

The diagnosis and management of oral pathology and oral systemic disorders with associated oral pathologies can often be challenging in children and adolescents. Dr. Murrah, Chair of the Department of Diagnostic Sciences and General Dentistry and a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral pathology will focus on soft tissue pathologies and Dr. Wright will address the oral hard tissue pathologies. Dr. Wright, Chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, is recognized as an authority on oral hard tissue pathology.

(See CE on page 4)
especially those associated with genetic disorders and has published widely in this area.

Those who have heard Drs. Murrah and Wright speak know that they are highly energized, knowledgeable and fun. Their engaging manner of presentation will keep you focused and provide a super review of the “lumps and bumps” inside the oral cavity. They will also present a thoughtful way to develop a differential diagnosis.

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

Tuition: $265 Dentist
$135 Team members accompanied by the dentist
$150 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.

North Carolina Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

The NCAPD annual meeting will be held Saturday, October 17, 2009 at the Radisson Hotel, Research Triangle Park. Our business breakfast meeting will begin at 8:00 AM 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.

There will be no UNC/NCAPD reception this year following the Friday, October 16, 2009 CE course. NCAPD President Lee Lewis will select a gathering place for those who want to meet informally and socialize after the course.

NCAPD Officers and Directors 2007-2008

President: Lee Lewis
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Secretary/Treasurer: Diane Dilley
SSPD Director: Martha Hardaway
Medicaid Liaison: Bryan Cobb
NC-AAP Liaison: Martha Ann Keels
NCAPD Editor: Michael Roberts

Board of Directors
LaRee Johnson (1 year term)
Jessica Lee (2 year term)
Skip Tyson (3 year term)

College of Diplomates Corner

We are pleased to announce that a total of 360 new diplomates were introduced at the College of Diplomates annual breakfast meeting in Honolulu, HI on May 3, 2009. Twenty-one alumni and NCAPD members were certified. (See News of Alumni and Friends section). We congratulately 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.
News of Alumni and Friends

As announced in a previous Alumni Newsletter, Mike Rossitch (2004) opened a practice January ’08 in Marietta, GA, working three days/week and filling-in for other offices on his off days. One of those offices was in Smyrna, GA (12 miles away) in a 30+ year old established practice, previously the pediatric dental home of Julia Roberts. In a totally unexpected turn-of-events, the Smyrna practice owner was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor and Mike has bought the practice to go along with his new Marietta practice. He has also hired an associate to join him in July.

In service to the Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentistry for 2008-09: President—Mark Meyer (DDS 1986) of Winston Salem; Secretary—Kim Jones (DDS 1991) of Hickory; Board of Directors—Martha Hardaway (2005) of Boone; Editorial Board—Martha Ann Keels (1990) of Durham, Mike Roberts and Tim Wright of Chapel Hill. Thanks for all you do. We’re grateful for your service!

Kudos to Lina Cardenas (2002)! Currently a faculty member in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Texas at San Antonio, Lina has been named as Department Chair at the University of Tennessee.

Congratulations to Antonio Braithwaite (2008) who has opened his new practice: “Sanford Pediatric Dentistry”. Antonio is the only pediatric dentist in Lee County, offering easier access to families in the pediatric dentistry-less neighboring counties of Chatham, Moore and Randolph.

We are sad to lose Elizabeth Schick (2005) of Raleigh from the ranks of NC pediatric dentists but wish her all the best in her new role as a faculty member at Children’s Hospital of Denver and the University of Colorado School of Dentistry.

Happy beginnings to Nikki G. Tucker and C. Allen-Johnson, who have opened “Smile Junction,” a new pediatric dental practice in Burlington.

Retired Clinical Professor Jack Menius of Raleigh is doing well after an unexpected bout of acute appendicitis that required surgery late in ’08. Jack reports that spouse Kay is still working most of the time after having retired but they still find a lot of time to enjoy their grandchildren.

Carlton (“CV”) Winter (1959) of Charlotte has retired from full-time practice. CONGRATS!

Gene Sandler, retired Clinical Professor of Dental Ecology and Pediatric Dentistry, and spouse Gail have had a fun year following Gene’s first year of retirement last winter. In addition to two adventurous eco-travel outings one to Antarctica to see the penguins and seals and another to northern Canada to see polar bears, they wintered in the town of Cabo San Lucas, MX on the southern tip of the California Baja Peninsula. Gene reports that he and Gail still find plenty for time for their two grandchildren.

Mark Meyer (DDS 1986) of Winston-Salem has retired from full-time practice, having sold his practice to Gina Spangler (1996), who is ably assisted by Gail Rohlfling (1996) of Greensboro, Gina’s resident-mate while in the program here.

Rolando Prado (1972) of Wilson got engaged during a Christmas-time trip to Nicaragua and was married recently in a private ceremony in Honolulu. CONGRATS!


Special kudos to our Alumni Class of 2008, the first wherein all graduates achieved Board Certification within one year after their graduation. Way to go Antonio, Julie and Rhonda!

Running Times

LaRee Johnson (1999) of Wakefield and spouse James continue to put up some impressive running numbers. Since the last newsletter, they’ve run the Myrtle Beach Marathon and Durham’s Coach Bubba 20K. Currently, they are training for a full-length Ironman event to be staged in Idaho in June.

Scott Cashion (1994) recently ran the Carolina Marathon in High Point, setting a new PR in his forth marathon to date. Keep it up Scott!

Jessica Lee (2002) and Bill Vann (1976) of Chapel Hill recently completed the Black Mountain Marathon/Mt. Mitchell Challenge-his 11th consecutive and her 8th consecutive running of the BMM.
**Class of 1981**

**Spotlight on Alumni**

In this edition of the *Newsletter*, we are introducing a new feature—an in-depth look at an Alumni Cohort. We’re featuring the Class of ’81 in this issue, a cohort that included Marilyn Goodwin Murphy, Mike Mayhew and Bob Steele. Marilyn and Bob were Oklahoma natives who came to us from the University of Oklahoma, School of Dentistry, while Mike was a NC native who completed dental school here at UNC-CH. At press time, we had not received an update on Marilyn but we know she’s alive, well and practicing pediatric dentistry in Macon, GA.

Mike Mayhew (1981) went to Boone after graduation and purchased the pediatric dental practice of the late Bill Craig. After five years in Boone, Mike returned to UNC-CH and completed a residency program in Orthodontics. He has a long-time pediatric associate, Stacey Conn who trained at Kentucky. Recently Martha Har-daway (2007) joined the practice as another pediatric associate. She is a native of Conover who attend college at UNC-CH, dental school at the University of South Carolina and is a UNC-CH pediatric dentistry alumni. Michelle Scheffler (DDS 2002 and Ortho Alum) joined the orthodontic practice four years ago and is currently becoming a partner.

A few years ago Mike became an early implementer of self ligation orthodontic appliances, specifically the Damon System from Ormco. What started out as cameo appearances at Damon meetings later became one and two-day appearances at conferences touting this method of orthodontic treatment. He has served on the Ormco Advisory Board for product development for 12 years.

In addition to the efforts with Ormco, he became involved with Ortho-CAD, a company providing digital study models and virtual orthodontic alignment as well as indirect bonding services. He assisted this company in developing a clinical method to best use their computer technology in accurate bracket placement via indirect bonding and became their spokesperson. In that capacity, he has completed research projects and published material on their prod-

Marilyn Goodwin Murphy circa 1981

uts. He serves on their advisory board and participates in conferences to promote their product.

The Ormco and Ortho-CAD connections have taken the Mayhews all over the US as well as Canada, Mexico, France, Monte Carlo, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and Thailand. During his free time, Mike continues to attempt to perfect his golf game and has also taken up fly fishing.

Mike’s wife of 30 years is Sara, who is always busy with multiple community activities. She currently serves as President of the Hospitality House, and recently began an on-call RN position at the Appalachian State University (ASU) Student Infirmary. She enjoys following daughter Kat to the games, exercising, and last year began biking with plenty of scenic areas to enjoy in the mountains. She is the co-author of a book on biking trails in the Boone area.

The Mayhew’s have two daughters and a son, daughter Kelly will be married on May 9th in Hilton Head. She had an art scholarship at Meredith and transferred to ASU where she obtained her degree in interior design and is certified as an interior designer. She lives in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. Her fiancé Nate is a realtor for a golf development group. Nate once played golf professionally on Mini -Tours. Their son, John, lives in Murfreesboro, TN, where he works for an orthodontic consulting and computer support firm, designing and providing installation of hardware systems and network support for orthodontic offices using OrthoTrac and Dolphin Management Systems. He began his college career at Elon University and transferred to ASU due to his interest in computer information systems. Their youngest daughter, Katherine, is a great student/
athlete having obviously inherited her talents from her cheerleader mom! Kat’s interest in colleges is just developing and while she is considering a nursing career, she doesn’t exclude the possibility of looking at dental school one day.

Bob Steele (1981) has practiced in Edmond, OK, since 1981. He also teaches in the Oklahoma University Department of Pediatric Dentistry one day/month. In his spare time he served as the head volleyball coach for Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School for seven years. He had a special group of players in 2003 that won the OK 5A (largest class at the time) state championship. After a couple of state runner-up teams, he retired from high school coaching in 2007. He enjoys biking, running, fishing, backpacking, and elk-chasing in Colorado, in addition to making traditional/primitive archery equipment.

Bob’s spouse Marilyn volunteers at Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City and fills her other time with gardening, long distance running and planning her next trip to see the Steele daughters, who are spread across the country. She manages to find a full or half marathon wherever she is visiting. Marilyn remains a very loyal Carolina basketball fan. With one of her running friends (a Carolina alum), she has been able to attend many ACC tournaments, the ‘08 Final Four, and ’09 Final Four and Championships Games.

There are four Steele daughters: Allison is married and living in Port Charlotte, FL. She works for Charlotte County as the coordinator for the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods program that deals with environmental issues regarding horticulture. She graduated from Florida Institute of Technology with a degree in marine biology. Caitlin just returned from two years in the Peace Corps in Macedonia/Albania. She graduated from Texas Christian University (BS) and the University of Texas-Arlington (MS in Social Work). She is currently a residence manager of a homeless shelter for girls (age 16-21) in Plano, TX. Hayley is an environmental specialist with American Structurepoint in Indianapolis, an engineering and consulting firm for big projects like buildings, bridges and interstate interchanges. She graduated with a degree in Agriculture-Agronomy from Purdue University. Muriel is a junior at Arizona State University studying civil engineering. She has been working part-time in Chandler, AZ in the city's public works department.

As is evident in the photo taken during his residency, Mike Mayhew has had aspirations to be involved with the circus. His ride with his wife Sara in Bangkok indicates he is about to get his circus act together.
Alumni and Friends Make Waves in Honolulu

Alumni and friends of the department again were active in the leadership and programmatic aspects of the AAPD Annual Session held recently in Honolulu, Hawaii. Mike Ignelzi (1992) of Greensboro, who chairs the AAPD Scientific Program Committee, played a pivotal role in the overall planning for the scientific program. In his first full year of service as a member of the Board of Trustee (BOT), Scott Cashion (1997) of Greensboro was also instrumental in behind-the-scenes staging for this 62nd Annual Session of the Academy.

Program participants included LaRee Johnson (1999) of Wakefield who presented on distal shoe space maintainers in the String of Pearls session. Resident Ray Tseng (2010) presented his research on obesity as one of eight finalists in the Graduate Student Research Award Competition. He was awarded the Ralph McDonald Award for the nation’s top graduate student research submission for 2009! CONGRATS to Ray and his mentors, Tim Wright and Melinda Beck in the School of Public Health.

As a 2008-09 3M ESPE Post Doctoral Fellow, resident Stephanie Blumenshine (2010) of Chapel Hill presented her preliminary findings on the relationship between oral health and school performance.


We will have a full report in the Winter Newsletter to highlight alumni and friends who will be serving on AAPD Councils and Subcommittees for 2009-10 when the Academy makes these announcements. For now, we do know that Scott Cashion (1997) will continue to serve on the BOT. Mike Ignelzi (1992) finished his term as Chair of the AAPD Scientific Program Committee but has been named to chair the Council on Continuing Education for 2009-10.

Jessica Lee (2002) of Chapel Hill has been named to chair the Council on Scientific Affairs for 2009-10.

Special kudos to Mike Ignelzi (1992) for having been honored with the 2009 Merle Hunter Award. Established in 1998, this annual award honors the memory of Ms. Merle C. Hunter, AAPD executive director from 1968-1986. The Hunter Award is presented to an AAPD volunteer who has provided exemplary leadership service in the volunteer structure of the organization over the past year. The recipient is selected by the AAPD Executive Committee from nominees proposed by the membership.

Congrats are also to resident Josseim Shahangian (2010) who was named one of three 2009-10 winners of the 3M ESPE Post Doctoral Fellowship Award (formerly OMNI Award). Thanks to “J” and his mentor Tim Wright for carrying on our tradition of bringing this Fellowship to UNC-CH. It’s now 12 Fellowships in 11 consecutive years!
In what has become a summer tradition, faculty, staff, residents, family and friends gathered on June 5th, 2009 at the Kenan Center to say goodbye to our graduating residents and to honor the achievements of all of our residents. This year our two third year residents will be following two very different paths. Elizabeth Prada (2009) leaves our program for private practice, Ray Tseng (2009) continues at UNC, expanding his research program as part of his fourth postdoctoral year. We all wish them both all possible success.

Elizabeth Prada (2009) will be joining Avni Rampersaud (DDS 2002) in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Ray Tseng (2009) will be continuing at UNC as he completes his postdoctoral work with Dr. Melinda Beck in the Department of Nutrition.
Residents tell us their favorite joke....

Patient to Orthodontist: “How much to get my teeth straightened? “Twenty thousand bucks” Patient heads for the door... Orthodontist to patient: “Where are you going?” “To a plastic surgeon to get my mouth bent.”

A woman phoned her dentist when she received a huge bill. “I'm shocked!” she complained. “This is three times what you normally charge.” “Yes, I know,” said the dentist. “But you yelled so loud, you scared away two other patients.”

Why didn’t the maxillary first premolar answer the phone? Because he was off on furcation.

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The tooth fairy asks “What kind of tooth is worth a dollar?” A buck tooth.

When a new pediatric dentist set up in a small town, he quickly acquired a reputation of being the latest kind of “Painless” kid dentist. But a local kid quickly disputed this. “He's a fake!” he told his friends. “He's not painless at all. When he stuck his finger in my mouth I bit him - and he yelled like anyone else!”

Resident’s Corner

The residents enjoyed their Spring semester, particularly their trip to Hawaii for the AAPD meeting. The Hawaii trip was filled with sunshine and fun times as well as some honorable professional highlights. Ray Tseng was honored with the prestigious Ralph E. McDonald award for his research on childhood obesity. Jossein Shahan-gian was also recognized for receiving one of three national 2009/2010 3MESPE awards for his research on dentinogenesis imperfecta. Jina Kang, rising second year resident, will be travelling to Guatemala this summer for a language immersion program to better serve our large Hispanic patient population.

We look forward to welcoming our incoming first year residents this July and we wish Liz Prada all the best as she will be practicing locally at Chapel Hill Pediatric Dentistry.

We’re also thrilled about the upcoming weddings (Stephanie Blumenshine & Liz Prada) this summer and we also congratulate the newest mommy to be, Liz Miller. Congratulations!

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What does the pediatric dentist of the year get? A little plaque.
WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF 2012

For the third year in a row our program has four incoming residents, each of them highly qualified and a welcome addition to our program. Our new residents are: Kerry Anzenberger, Allison Cavenaugh (DDS 2009), Travis Hicks (DDS 2008) and Marshall Long (DDS 2009).

Kerry was born in Cleveland, Ohio but came to North Carolina earning her BS from Duke University. Kerry received her DMD from Boston University where she worked on many community service projects and excelled academically, being named to the Dean’s List multiple semesters. As a dental student she was also the recipient of the Pierre Fauchard Foundation Dental Student Scholarship Award.

Allison was born in Wilmington, North Carolina. She earned her BS from UNC-Wilmington and her DDS from the UNC School of Dentistry. Allison has been involved with many local service activities. She has, for example, been active in the “Miles for Smiles” program, which is affiliated with our Craniofacial Team, throughout her four years of dental school.

Travis was born in Salisbury, North Carolina and earned his BS from Wake Forest. He earned his DDS from UNC School of Dentistry where he was named to the Dean’s List multiple times and graduated with Honors. Since graduating in 2008, Travis has been working in the Gaston County Health Department Dental Clinic where he has provided care to children and young adolescents.

Marshall was born in Burlington, North Carolina and earned both her BS and DDS at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. As a dental student, Marshall was known for her volunteer and community work while also standing out academically. She was frequently named to the Dean’s List and graduated with Distinction. Marshall was also named the recipient of the Brauer Research Fellowship.

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Excellence in Pediatric Dentistry Lecture Series

The department has established the “Excellence in Pediatric Dentistry Lecture Series” as a mechanism to bring outstanding clinicians and researchers to present the latest information in their areas of expertise. This provides a wonderful opportunity for scholarly exchange and provides a venue for the pediatric dentistry residents to meet and talk with experts from outside UNC. Our first lecture titled “Pulp Therapy in the 21st Century” was given by Dr. Stephen C. Mitchell on October 17th, 2008. Dr. Mitchell is an Associate Professor at UAB School of Dentistry and is the Director of Predoctoral Pediatric Dentistry. He gave an excellent overview of the different therapeutic approaches and clinical evidence for success of different pulp medicaments and treatments. This very interesting seminar was followed by Dr. Joe Camp, who presented “Pulpal Management of Primary and Young Permanent Teeth” on April 8th, 2009. Dr. Camp is an internationally known expert and lecturer on this topic and is a dual trained endodontist and pediatric dentist who is in private practice in Charlotte, NC.

Our next invited lecturer will be Dr. Homa Amini who is the Pediatric Dentistry Graduate Program Director at The Ohio State University. On November 13th, 2009 she will presenting a seminar titled “Developing, Sustaining, and Benefiting from Prenatal and Infant Oral Health Programs: the Ohio Experience”. Our goal is to have two Excellence in Pediatric Dentistry Lectures a year and continue this wonderful exchange of scholarly ideas. If you would like to attend one of our seminars please contact our office as space is limited. We will continue to get the word out as they are scheduled and you can get the latest updates on the Department’s web site at:(http://www.dent.unc.edu/depts/academic/ped/dept/).
Residents Awards, Honors and Publications

Awards, honors and publications achieved by our residents during the past year:

Elizabeth Prada (2009):
Recipient of the Freeland Fellowship, a competitive Dental School Fellowship

Raymond Tseng (2010):
2009 American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Graduate Student Research Award Competition Finalist
Recipient of the 2009 Ralph E. McDonald Award which is given to the winner of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry’s Graduate Student Research Award Competition.
Published in *Immunology*, “Selective impairment in dendritic cell function and altered antigen-specific CD8 (+) T-cell responses in diet-induced obese mice infected with influenza virus.” August 2008.
Invited speaker at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry Oral Biology Seminar, May 2009.

Stephanie Blumenshine (2010):
Recipient of a 2009 NCAADR Derek Turner Award at Research in Review Day in the MS Category.
Presented at the 3M ESPE Postdoctoral Fellows Research Session during the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry 2009 Annual Session.

Kimon Divaris (2010):
Recipient of a 2009 NCAADR Derek Turner Award at Research in Review Day in the PhD Category.
Appointed as an Expert Consultant to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry’s Council on Scientific Affairs.
Appointed as a member to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry’s Committee of Residents.
Successful completion of the methods component of the doctoral qualifying examination for the Oral Epidemiology PhD Program.

Elizabeth Miller (2010):
Recipient of a 2009 NCAADR Derek Turner Award at Research in Review Day in the MS Category.
Presented a poster entitled “Emerging Therapies for the Management of Traumatized Immature Permanent Incisors” at the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry 2009 Annual Session.

Jossein Shahangian (2011):
Recipient of a 2009-2010 American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry 3M ESPE Preventative Pediatric Dentistry Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (formally the OMNI Pediatric Dentistry Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Award).

**WANTED!! STAINLESS STEEL ANTERIOR CROWNS**
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Like father, Like daughter...Like father, Like son!

When our new residents arrive on July 1st, we’ll have our first-ever intra-departmental Alumni parent/child connection. Marshall Long (DDS 2009) of Charlotte will follow in the footsteps of her dad, Linwood “Sonny” Long (DDS 1974 and MS 1978) of Charlotte. This lining-up of the stars is all the more special because Sonny met Marshall’s mom, Cathy, here in the Department where she was working temporarily while a senior student here at UNC-CH.

Although Marshall and dad Sonny will be our first intra-departmental alumni family team, the honor of our first family-team of pediatric dentists with departmental ties goes to Jasper Lewis (DDS 1969 and MS 1973) of Greenville and son Lee Lewis, also of Greenville. Lee completed his dental school and pediatric dental residency training at the University of Tennessee in 1995 and 1997 respectively. He also completed a certificate in orthodontics at the University of Pennsylvania in 1999.

And more! Elizabeth Kelly Miller (DDS 2007 and MS 2010) is the daughter of Robert Kelly of Wilmington. Bob finished his DDS degree at Emory in 1978 and his pediatric dental residency in 1980 at Emory as well.
Babies, Babies And More Babies !!!!


Also welcoming babies were two Department of Pediatric Dentistry staff members. Julie Smith greeted Bailey Grace Blalock and Leora Cherry welcomed Jadyn Elise Cherry.

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Accolades for the Pediatric Dentistry Staff

Congratulations to Lisa Mauldin for receiving the 2009 Staff Award from the Class of 2011. Lisa has been the Pediatric DDS Patient Care Coordinator since the summer of 2008. She was previously in the office of Academic Affairs and we are delighted to have her as part of our department. Bravo Lisa!”

We are very pleased to report that another of our staff, Terry Hurdle, has been awarded a School of Dentistry Staff Employee Excellence Award. Terry earned this recognition for her outstanding service to the School and in particular for her efforts as a dental assistant in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. Terry provides support for our entire program, but has specific responsibility for the pediatric hospital dental service. We are proud of you Terry!

Congratulations to Clark Morris! Clark will be joining the Class of 2013 at the UNC School of Dentistry. For the past several years he has been ably serving on the pediatric dentistry assistant staff, but has decided to move on and make dentistry his career. Best wishes to Clark.
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 2008. 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 grade 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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WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH YOU?

This Newsletter goes to more than 350 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.

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