Chair’s Corner

Chair’s Message: Challenges and Breakthroughs; A Year in the Life

It is hard to believe that 2012 is already here so let me wish you all a happy and productive New Year.

This past year certainly brought many changes, transitions, challenges, crises, and triumphs. Some of the major events of 2011 included: January 8th - US Representative Gabrielle Gifford was shot; March 11th - Japan was devastated by a massive tsunami and earthquake; April 29th Kate and Prince William were married at a Royal Wedding; May 25th - Scotty McCreery of Garner, NC won American Idol; in October the human population exceeded 7 billion (a 1 billion increase in 12 years); November 17th scientists reported neutrino particles that travel faster than light (sorry Albert!); December 23rd UNC physician Myron Cohen credited with biggest scientific breakthrough in 2011 (clinical trial to stop spread of HIV). Many other tragic, exciting and incredible events occurred in 2011 including the discovery of a potentially habitable planet.

At the UNC School of Dentistry we brought in a new Dean, hired Jina Kang (2011) as a new faculty member in the Department and set the stage for Jessica Lee (2002) to become the Graduate Program Director.

As we ponder the incredible and almost unbelievable events of 2011, one certainly wonders what will 2012

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Lorne Koroluk Achieves Dual Board Status in the US and Canada

Lorne Koroluk recently completed the clinical examination to become a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics. He is also a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. In addition, Lorne has completed the Royal College of Dentists of Canada Fellowship examinations in both Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics.

The only other person who has completed all four of these orthodontics and pediatric dentistry specialty examinations is Dr. David B. Kennedy of Vancouver, BC. "I’ve always been interested in both pediatric dentistry and orthodontics. The two specialties are closely intertwined and allow me to provide comprehensive care to my patients as they progress from childhood to adolescence and into adulthood," said Koroluk.

Dental Care for Patients with ADHD and Autism

Barbara Sheller, DDS, MSD
Seattle Children’s Hospital, University of Washington
Seattle, WA

Friday, March 30, 2012
9:00 am - 4:30 pm
William and Mary Friday Continuing Education Center
Chapel Hill, NC
6 hours of CE credit
Quinonez Receives Teaching Awards

Rocio Quinonez (2000), a Clinical Associate Professor in our department, was the recipient of the prestigious Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU) National Dental Honor Society’s Charles Craig Teaching Award. This was the first time a UNC-Chapel Hill faculty member had received this honor. The award recognizes young dental educators for particularly innovative teaching in dentistry, with emphasis on encouraging students to pursue lifelong learning and exploring dental education as a career. Rocio received a certificate of recognition, a cash award and formal recognition at the OKU Annual Business Meeting.

In addition, Rocio was chosen for the UNC-CH School of Dentistry Research Group Mentor of the Year Award for 2011. This award recognized her dedication to not only mentoring dental student research experience but also providing personal and professional guidance to young dental professionals. Rocio joined the UNC-CH School of Dentistry as a full-time member of the faculty in 2006. In addition to completing her pediatric dentistry residency here, she also received a master’s degree (MPH) in health policy and administration from the UNC-CH Gillings School of Global Public Health.

Jina Kang

Pediatric Dentistry Welcomes New Faculty Member

Jina Kang (2011), a recent graduate of the UNC-CH Department of Pediatric Dentistry residency program, joined the Department of Pediatric Dentistry in August as a Clinical Assistant Professor. She received her Bachelor of Arts from Furman University in Greenville, S.C. where she majored in Asian studies with a concentration in Chinese studies. Upon graduating from Furman University, she spent one year teaching in China.

Since then, Jina has traveled to Asia, Latin America, and Africa and has provided free dental care to various underserved communities. She received her D.M.D. from the Medical University of South Carolina and holds a Masters in Science, Pediatric Dental Certificate and Global Public Health Certificate.

In her current role, Jina will teach pre-doctoral students, develop oral health care programs at the Durham County Health Department and treat pediatric dental patients in the Dental Faculty Practice.

Rocio Quinonez (2000) meets in New York with Abby and the Sesame Street educational group to discuss the group’s national oral health initiative.
News from Alumni and Friends

Martha Hardaway (2005) married Dan Nguyen on May 5, 2011. Martha is in practice with Mike Mayhew (1981) and Stacy Conn in Boone, NC.

The newest member of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry Faculty, Jina Kang (2011), got engaged to Lawrence Yoo. Lawrence received his BA from University of Florida and Masters of Divinity from Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando. He is an Associate Pastor at North Raleigh United Methodist Church. The happy couple will tie the knot in April.

David Olson (DDS 1999) and wife Shelley (DDS 2002) welcomed their first child, Keenan Averi Olson, on August 11, 2011 weighing 6 pounds 2 oz and 19 inches long. Both David and Shelley practice in North Raleigh, NC.

Children of several NCAPD members and alumni started dental school this past Fall. Hannibal Crisp, son of Roslyn Crisp (1986), Burlington, NC joined the ECU Dental Class of 2015. Also, Rob Christensen (yes, remember the Bob rule? He is that Bob!), son of John Christensen (1984), Durham, NC is a member of the UNC 2015 Dental Class. He joins Alex Jiamachello (DDS 2014), son of Phil Jiamachello (DDS 1986), Shelby, NC.

Rhonda Kearney (2008) opened her own pediatric dental practice in Henderson, NC. Henderson Pediatric Dentistry opened in July 2011 to provide dental care to children in a community that did not have a pediatric dentist. Rhonda is a native of Warrenton, NC.

Irv Sherman (DDS 1972) started a new Pedo/Ortho practice at the Jersey Shore in Avon-By-The-Sea, NJ. Irv is a founder of Central New Jersey Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics and served as the Chief of Pediatric Dentistry at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

Bo Parrish (1971) of Raleigh, NC retired from private practice. He helped establish Wake Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry and has been in practice there for over 42 years! Thank you Bo for your many years of service to the children of North Carolina!

Congratulations to the following new Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry: Jose Cangas of Fort Bragg, NC; Katherine Clark of Salisbury, NC; Jennifer Jackson (2007) of Asheville, NC; Amy Kinlaw of Wilkesboro, NC; Elizabeth Prada Da Costa (2009) of Chapel Hill, NC; Greg Reinhold of Wilmington, NC; Laetitia Sery of Gastonia, NC; and Jason Sperati (DDS 2000) of Matthews, NC. Additionally, Laree Johnson (2001), Anne Wilson (1992), Dorothy Pang (1991), Martha Ann Keels (1990) and Theresa White (1986) served as oral examiners for the ABPD in September.

Antonio Braithwaite (2008) and staff celebrated Halloween in style! We always knew Antonio was superman! LaRee Johnson (2001) and spouse James completed the Mesquite Tri State Marathon on November 19 and then the Valley of Fire Marathon on November 20. All in training for the Umstead 100 mile run and working toward completing marathons in all the 50 States. They even managed to get home in time to do the Skinny Turkey Half Marathon and have Thanksgiving at home in Raleigh, NC!

Gina Spangler (1996) and Vic Spangler (DDS 1993) and family joined Lenise Clifton (1997) and Chuck Mauney (2000) and family on a cruise to Alaska in June. The trip was sponsored by the UNC-CH SOD Continuing Education Office. They reported a fantastic time.

Congratulations to Martha Ann Keels (1990) who received the Oral Health Service Award given by the AAP Section on Pediatric Dentistry and Oral Health. It “recognizes an individual who, during the course of his/her career, has made significant contributions to the advancement of pediatric oral health through activities within the Academy.”

NCAPD members and alumni have also been active in the Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentistry (SSPD). Kim Jones (DDS 1991) of Hickory, NC is serving as the President Elect. She follows in the footsteps of Past President Mark Meyer (DDS 1986) of Winston Salem, NC. Skip Tyson (DDS 1995) of Wilmington, NC is serving on the Board of Directors. Thank you Kim and Skip for representing NC well at the
UNC Granted a Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation Grant to develop and test the Prenatal Oral Health Program (pOHP).

In the past decade, North Carolina has been a leader in oral health promotion and disease prevention for vulnerable populations. Among these programs is the Into the Mouths of Babes (IMB) that has focused on physicians delivering preventive oral health services for at risk children 0-3 years. It has been effective at increasing access to care and reducing caries related treatments.

The Baby Oral Health Program (bOHP) was first introduced in 2005 and has focused on provider education to prepare a dental workforce that is capable and willing to receive physician referrals for young children. Most recently, the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of North Carolina granted the Department of Pediatric Dentistry (Rocio Quinonez, 2000) in collaboration with the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, School of Medicine, (Dr. Kim Boggess) funds to expand on bOHP to develop pOHP (Prenatal Oral Health Program).

The goals for pOHP include enhancing existing oral health preventive strategies by focusing on educating primary health care providers to incorporate oral health into prenatal care. Data demonstrating a strong relationship between maternal and child oral health highlights the importance of such initiatives, with this project targeting to increase oral health awareness and access to oral health care to reproductive age women and their children. An additional aim of this initiative will be to develop training materials for the dental team to use in clinical practice to assist in promoting a comprehensive health care system that optimizes oral health during pregnancy and into early childhood. The goal is that these materials will become available in late 2012 or early 2013. Our gratitude to BCBS for this partnership and we look forward to sharing what we learn as this project unfolds!

Francisco Ramos-Gomez
Excellence in Pediatric Dentistry Lecture Series

The UNC Pediatric Dentistry Excellence in Pediatric Dentistry Lecture Series continues to be highly successful and it has been wonderful to see so many pediatric dentists from across the state joining us to take advantage of this opportunity to meet the experts. The Excellence Lectures engaged a variety of speakers including both local experts (Rob Moran, Joe Camp) and national speakers (Ted Croll, Brian Martin, Homa Amini).

Our most recent speaker was Kevin Donley who is Chair of Pediatric Dentistry at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Kevin shared his extensive knowledge and experience using different restorative materials for treating the primary dentition. After the lecture he met with NCAPD members for informal discussion over coffee and refreshments. This is proving to be a wonderful venue for NCAPD members to come to UNC and attend a 2 hour course that provides a great opportunity to directly address questions to the experts.

Our next speaker is Dr. Francisco Ramos-Gomez who will be presenting his pioneering work on caries, prediction, detection and management in infants and children. Francisco is currently Professor of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of California at Los Angeles. He will be here May 4th, 2012 and we hope you will take time from your busy schedule to join us and interact with the expert. Save the date and look for reminders on the Department and NCAPD web sites and
Update on Current Residents and Fellows

Our current residents are:

3rd Year:  Allison Cavenaugh Eggleston- North Carolina DDS-UNC, 2009
           Kerry Dove- North Carolina  
DMD- Boston University, 2009
           Marshall Long-North Carolina 
DDS- UNC, 2009
           Travis Hicks- North Carolina
DDS- UNC, 2009

2nd Year:  Jordan Olsen- California
              DDS- UNC, 2010
           Lauren Sanzone- New York
DMD- UNC, 2010

           Chien Joo Sim- Singapore
BDS-National University of Singapore, 2008

           Jacqueline Hom- Massachusetts
DMD- Harvard, 2010
Enrolled in a combined certificate and PhD program

1st Year:  Maggie Fetner-North Carolina
            DDS- UNC, 2011
Shijia Hu- Singapore
BDS- National University of Singapore, 2008
Enrolled in a combined certificate and PhD program

       Felicia Swinney- Georgia
DMD-University of Pennsylvania, 2006

Currently, our first year residents, Maggie, Shijia and Felicia, are in the process of completing their introductory orthodontic courses. Their clinic schedules are getting busier as they look forward to beginning their anesthesia and pediatric medicine rotations in the spring. In addition, Shijia (who is also enrolled in a PhD program) has begun some of his core course work while gaining some laboratory experience.

Our second year residents, Lauren, Chien and Jordan, are about half way through their CRA and CRH responsibilities. Lauren is also continuing to move forward on her MPH course work, balancing the work load of both programs. Finally, Jackie is completing the second year of course work on her PhD and will soon become more involved in her clinical training.

Our third year residents are enjoying and excelling in their additional responsibilities. Allison, Kerry, Travis and Marshall are now teaching in our predoctoral clinic while continuing to provide patient care both in our graduate clinic and at our off-site rotations at Alamance and Durham County Health Departments and participating in private practice electives.

Our fascinating residents were key in recruiting candidates with just as much character as they have.
Residents’ Corner

Which Resident Am I?

1. I just got married.
2. I am having a baby.
3. I take pictures of everything.
4. I don’t like rice.
5. I love karaoke.
6. I am a choir singer.
7. I just learned to drive on the right side of the road.
8. I love animals.
9. I am a proud new parent.
10. I am an amazing cook.
11. I am the Department Social Chair.
All Alumni CE Course Big Success

Our October 7, 2011, “A Review of Current Practices in Pediatric Dentistry: Practical Solutions from Practicing Pediatric Dentists” continuing education course featuring UNC-CH pediatric residency program graduates, Bobby Elliot (1998), Martha Ann Keels (1990), Dorothy Pang (1991), Frank Courts (1977), Michael Hasty (1989) and Michael Ignelzi (1992). This first ever “Alumni CE course” sponsored by the department attracted over 325 enthusiastic participants. The course received rave reviews and a demand for similar encore courses in the future. We thank all of you who attended and look forward to seeing you again at another of our exciting upcoming scheduled CE offerings. Another “Alumni” course is being planned for the near future. Stay tuned!

Future Continuing Education Courses

Spring 2012

“Dental Care for Patients with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity (AD/HD) and Autism”

Friday, March 30, 2012
9:00 AM-4:30 PM
Registration to begin at 8:30 AM
William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center

Continental breakfast items, fruit, juice, coffee and tea will be available at registration.

The course will be taught by: Barbara Sheller, DDS, MSD Seattle Children’s Hospital, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

Dr. Sheller is dual specialty trained in pediatric dentistry and orthodontics. She practices both specialties and is the Chief of Dental Education and Resident Training at Seattle Children’s Hospital. Her presentation will focus on understanding the unique characteristics of children with AD/HD or autism and on ways to minimize difficulties during dental treatment and enhance communication and outcomes. Highlights of this course will include core features, diagnosis/misdiagnosis, treatment modalities for AD/HD and autism, and implications for cooperation and behavior guidance during dental treatment.

A question and answer period led by Dr. Sheller will permit the course participants to have a dialogue with her at the end of the day.

This course provides 6 hours of CE credit.

The course tuition includes the continental breakfast at registration, two breaks with snacks and liquid refreshments and a full lunch including the famous dessert buffet at the Friday Center!

Tuition:        $275     dentist
$135     dental team member accompanied by their dentist
$150     dental team member not accompanied by their dentist

For registration information call (919)966-2729, or go to the UNC School of Dentistry’s web page at www.dent.unc.edu/ce/cde.
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**Fall 2012**

“New Paradigms in Pediatric Pulp Therapy”
Friday, October 12, 2012
9:00 AM-4:30 PM
Registration to begin at 8:30 AM
William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

This course is going to bring another national and internationally recognized speaker to our Continuing Education series! Dr. N. Sue Seale, is the Regents Professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the Baylor College of Dentistry and Texas A&M University Health Science Center, Dallas, Texas. Her presentation will focus on recent, evidence-based approaches to pulp therapy for cariously involved primary and young permanent teeth. Emphasis will be given to the mounting body of evidence supporting indirect pulp capping in the primary teeth as an alternative to pulpotomy. She will discuss the increasing attention being paid to the technique of indirect pulp capping in permanent teeth called “step-wise” excavation. This course will provide 6 hours of CE credit.

Register early and don’t miss this one as it will be very topical!

Tuition: $275  dentist.
$135  dental/medical team member with their dentist or physician.
$150  dental/medical team member not accompanied by their dentist.
New NCAPD officers for 2011-12 include:

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Secretary/Treasurer  Bill Vann
Parliamentarian   Mike Ignelzi
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bring? Some things we know will occur such as the opening of the new Dental Sciences Building at the School of Dentistry. This will bring our researchers back to Chapel Hill and give UNC an unparalleled oral health campus for education, patient care and research that is second to none in the world.

I look forward to learning of the discoveries that will occur in 2012, overcoming the challenges it will surely bring, and watching the incredible accomplishments of our friends and colleagues that I know will elevate us all during this coming year.
LaRee Johnson (1999)

Seasons of a Pediatric Dentist

It felt like a New Year’s celebration to defend my thesis and complete my residency at UNC in the spring of 1999. Becoming Larry Dempsey’s (1975) associate, the celebration continued. Larry is a great pediatric dentist, teacher and business man. James (my husband) and I were having a simple and amazing life.

Winter…My bitter winter season began when I realized that the juggle of family and profession is not easily balanced. When our daughter, Mia, was born in 2001 with medical issues, for the first time being a pediatric dentist was not the focus of my life. Due to post-op complications from her open heart surgery, we were not sure she would leave the hospital and I was not sure how I could live, not to mention practice pediatric dentistry again. I thank God for healing Mia and I thank Larry Dempsey for standing by me with unlimited time off in 2001, assuring me everything would be okay and that I would be happy once I was able to return to the profession that I loved when Mia was better. The daily visits in the PICU from Mike Roberts and Rocio Quinonez also helped warm the winter in my heart.

Spring…A time of new growth. Many of us start or grow a family the first few years out of residency. After a combination of a daily four hour commute, James and I decided that I should practice in Raleigh. The miracle of starting a new life is an amazing and happy time and the concept of opening an office from scratch seems fun and exciting. Right? No! This is when things changed. On Mia’s 1st birthday the doors opened to the Wakefield office and, “yes,” there was birthday cake…in the office! Mia spent many of her toddler days helping James and I oversee construction, set up computers, stock, decorate and slept many hours in the evening at the office. I think she thought we lived there! After endless hours of hard work, the seeds of success were planted and we were blessed with growth.

Summer…A lot of growth. You cannot learn in school when it is enough. We all have a variety of strengths, stamina and differing intensities in the ability to multitask. With the addition of associates, partner, second location construction and increased business, I felt more like a businesswoman and less like a pediatric dentist. The best part of pediatric dentistry for me is caring for the children. The more complex the business, the more administrative time required and the less time I spent treating children. The practice was not the only thing growing during this time. On Mia’s 3rd birthday, she got a little brother, Jamie, and James and I got initiated into the world of having an active baby.

Fall…Many pediatric dentists downsize at some point and my time had come. Selling half my practice and the second physical location, I found myself with fewer patients, less staff, less overhead and more energy for my family. Thanks to an amazing weekend call program in Wake County (created by Bobby Elliott (1998)) along with Buddy Hollowell (DDS 2004) helping me with call during the week, James and I began doing the things that we always dreamed of doing together (Ironman distance triathlons, ultra marathons) and we had more family time including amazing trips (Northern Europe, Fiji and the Grand Canyon).

Late Fall…The Tree of Life is my favorite painting (Gustav Klimt 1909). We have a large replica painted above our fireplace and it reminds me that loss is a part of life as without it we would be less likely to celebrate life, learn from others while they are with us and be moved to teach. No one is ever truly gone as their insight lives on through those they taught. Such is the case with Jim Bawden and Monty Harrison. My children and the life I share with James are my greatest joys. Daily, we try to teach our children to “drink deeply from the cup” of life, strive to see the best in others and hope they will lead happy productive lives.

(See Johnson on page 13)
Keenan, son of David and Shelley Olson

Proud father Jordan with baby Adelaide

Additions to the Families of Alumni and Friends of Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Lenise Clifton
Dr. Charles Mauney
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Dr. Elliott M. Hester
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#104
Asheville, NC 28803-6304

Dr. Daniel P. Knechtel
218 Elkwood Avenue
Asheville NC 28655

Dr. Amy Davidian
249 NC Hwy 54
Suite 300
Durham, NC 27713
Leora Cherry is the new departmental Administrative Associate. She comes to this position from within the department, having worked for the past three years as OR Scheduling Assistant and Head Start and Developmental Disabilities Coordinator. Prior to that she spent five years in administrative positions where she gained experience working with children and persons with developmental disabilities. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology at UNC-CH and currently is working on a Masters in Counseling. She is from Plymouth, NC. Currently she resides in Durham, NC with her two year-old daughter Jadyn.

Adriana Steinke is our new Administrative Associate at the front desk and is the department interpreter for Spanish. She attended college at the Instituto Tecnológico de Chihuahua in Mexico. She moved from Pennsylvania to Raleigh, NC, just six months ago and started her position immediately after arriving. She loves the weather here and the people. Adriana enjoys talking to all people and helping others whenever possible. She plans to continue her education in the near future.

Angela Mannino-Cooke is our new OR Scheduling Assistant and Head Start and Developmental Disabilities Coordinator. She was born and raised on Long Island, New York. She graduated as a certified Dental Assistant from Seldon Community College in NY, and worked as a dental assistant and office assistant in private practice in NY and North Carolina. She was employed in the UNC-CH Dental Faculty Practice from 1977 to 1979, then left to work as a Dental Assisting Supervisor for the Orange County Health Department. She rose to Dental Division Director. She retired from the health department after 31 years.

Alexa DeAndrea, Dental Assistant, is from Graham, NC. She graduated in September 2011 from Alamance Community College Dental Assisting Program and recently joined our department team. She has a four year-old son, Benjamin.
As for me, I am coming back around to that “New Year Celebration”. I am working with a consultant to fine tune the business side of my practice, an interior designer to revamp practice décor and look forward to having an associate someday when I part the practice and maybe my practice may still be my profession elsewhere.

I wish you the grandest of 2012 and hope you never stop loving, learning, teaching, and challenging yourself. On those long days try to remember that it is the children that make it possible for us to have the best profession in the world.

Development Activities: Supporting Excellence and the UNC Legacy

In October 2011 we celebrated the Diane Dilley Fellowship Fund passing the $100,000 mark that is necessary for establishment as a university endowed fund. This was celebrated with a joint UNC-NCAPD reception the night of our fall CE course. Diane and Gary Dilley were present and joined members of the Pearls Study Club in recognizing Diane’s pioneering role as a woman in dentistry. Pearl member LaRee Johnson (1999) provided a memorable overview of Diane’s legacy. Many friends, family and NCAPD members were present as Diane reflected on her professional life and the road she traveled that helped pave the way for future generations of female professionals.

Interest earned from the Dilley Fellowship Fund will be used to support resident stipends and will continue to honor Diane’s many accomplishments in perpetuity.

The Department of Pediatric Dentistry Development Steering Committee met the night before the Dilley celebration to discuss future initiatives and how best to support the needs of the Department. The Steering Committee developed a plan to raise funds supporting the graduate program, alumni relations and other activities. This endeavor will represent the largest single fund raising project ever undertaken by the Department and will markedly advance the current $4.5 million endowment. Details and naming of this project will be officially announced in the summer newsletter.

My Top 10 Colleagues’ Quotes to Heed:

10. Rob Moran—“You think residency is hard and that you are busy. You will WISH you could be “busy” and “work that hard” like a resident again.”
9. John Christensen—“You run your practice; do not let it run you.”
8. Bill Vann—“Drink deeply from the cup.” & “Staff is the greatest challenge in private practice.” (tie)
7. Larry Dempsey—“Make sure that you raise your children with faith.”
6. Phil Caldwell—“You have been going to school for a long time, now get out there and work and I mean work full time. Put yourself to good use.”
5. Mike Roberts—“Get your Board certification done as soon as possible.”
4. Tom McIver—“Document everything! If it is not written down, it did not happen.”
3. Rocio Quinonez—“Prioritize your stress and then set it aside to spend time with your family. The work will be there when you return to it.”
2. Jim Bawden—“If you are not happy in your personal life; you will not be as productive in your professional life.”
1. Bobby Elliott—“There are no accidents in life.”
Recognizing the Life and Legacy of Diane Dilley!
Eric Everett appointed Director of Research in Pediatric Dentistry

Eric Everett, professor in our department and a member of the Carolina Center of Genome Sciences has been appointed Director of Research in Pediatric Dentistry effective October 1, 2011. Eric has been a member of our department since 2004. He is a molecular geneticist by trade. Eric will monitor and facilitate progress of residents’ MS and PhD projects; organize regular departmental research meetings and research presentations; facilitate and assist faculty and residents with their own research proposals; and assist Tim Wright with maintaining the department’s scholarly activity database.

The Everett laboratory’s research program focuses on the identification of genes and pathways that play key roles during embryonic and postnatal development of craniofacial/oral/dental structures. For the past 15 years he has been interested in how genes and pathways contribute to the pathogenesis of congenital and acquired disorders of craniofacial development. One area of investigation focuses on fluoride’s actions on amelogenesis. Since Journal of Dental Research in 2002, quantitative trait loci (QTLs) in mice fluorosis susceptibility and are now gating a number of candidate genes. The long term goal of this work is to identify the actual genes that directly and/or indirectly contribute to an individual's susceptibility or resistance to develop dental fluorosis and to understand the cellular roles and functions of these genes during the pathogenesis of fluorosis. A molecular understanding of the mechanisms of dental fluorosis will strengthen the scientific base underlying the efforts to improve oral health by maximize the benefits of fluoride while minimizing the risks of excessive fluoride. Fluoride can also have profound effects on bone biology. In some strains of mice fluoride induces the formation of osteoclasts, whereas in other strain fluoride acts as an anabolic agent leading to more bone formation. The Everett lab has NIH grant support to investigate the genetics of physiological responses to fluoride in bone.

Sophia Renee Thompson Receives Staff Employee Excellence Award

We are quite proud of Sophia Renee Thompson, Dental Assistant, in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry for receiving a Staff Employee Excellence Award. This award for School of Dentistry staff employees is given in recognition of their overall excellence in performance and contributions to the School.

The award is given to five employees twice yearly. Sophia received her award in December 2011.

The Awards Committee that determines this honor considers teamwork, creativity/innovation, customer service, positive attitude, productivity and flexibility. Sophia is an outstanding example of the quality and value of our pediatric dentistry team. Congratulations Sophia!!
Jim and Leslee Huggins with Sammy, David, and Emma

Jenny and Rick Jackson with Kate

Lauren Sheroan

Mary and Antonio Braithwaite with Mary Angelica

Julie and Tony Molina with Emily and Casey

Lenise and Chuck Mauney with Anna Claire, Mary Kate, and Ben

David Olson and Santa with Keenan

Cason, Howell, and Turner Pierce

Leora Cherry with Jadyn

Gavin, Wyatt, and Emery Coffield

Scott and Robin Croswell with Parker and Preston
Drs. Mayhew, Conn, Scheffler, Hardaway and Staff

Julie Molina, Bobby Elliot and Staff

Will and Charlotte Cherry

Drs. Mayhew, Conn, Scheffler, and Hardaway

Martha Ann Keels with husband Dennis and family

Diane and Gary Dilley with Porsche

Grant and Pierce Rohlfing

Raymond Tseng

Monique McEachern and staff
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 Paul Gardner or Sarah Andrews at the Dental Foundation at (919) 966-4563 or by email at paul_gardner@dentistry.unc.edu or sarah_andrews@dentistry.unc.edu.
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.

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: Leora Cherry - Dept. of Pediatric Dentistry CB #7450 - Chapel Hill, NC  27599-7450
News of interest:

Thanks!