Chair’s Corner: The UNC Pediatric Dentistry Legacy

“If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants”
Sir Isaac Newton

When I stepped into the Chair’s office on July 1, 2014, I could feel the legacy of those who came before me and it made me reflect. What is UNC Pediatric Dentistry all about? Yes, we have a written mission statement “to improve the oral health care of infants and children through adolescence, including those with special health care needs.” This mission is accomplished by providing excellence in oral health education and service for patients, caregivers, dentists and primary care providers and by engaging in research directed at advancing our knowledge of oral health. What is not stated in the mission statement is our fundamental belief. We believe that UNC is a special place and that we have a very unique role in not only improving children’s oral health, but also in shaping, defining and leading the way. This belief is the common bond that ties all of you, our alumni, faculty, staff and friends, to the UNC Pediatric Dentistry family. Like any family, we often reflect on our roots.

During the October 2014 Alumni Weekend reception, we were very fortunate to have present (or represented) all the previous Chairs of our Department. Present were Tina Demeritt Bell (representing her father William Demeritt who served as the first Chair from 1951-1955), Roy Lindhal (Chair from 1955-1968), Ted Oldenburg (Chair from 1969-1985), Bill Vann (Chair from 1985-1994), Mike Roberts (Chair from 1994-2004), and Tim Wright (Chair from 2004-2014). Sir Issac Newton stated “If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants.” This, a very fitting quote. Today, we are able to see further than the ones that came before us. This is not because we have better ideas or better clarity in sight, but rather we stand on the shoulders of our leaders who had the vision to create such a special place. For me, it is a tremendous honor to take over the position as Chair and with it the responsibility to carry on the legacy.

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This is a shared responsibility that we all should embrace. We need to think about who will be standing on our shoulders? As a Department we were very busy treating patients, conducting research, publishing manuscripts, taking on leadership roles, and developing clinical and educational initiatives. Our alumni and friends were also busy winning awards, starting practices, running and more running! As you read the sections about what we are all up to, I hope you can also reflect on why we do them. We do them because we believe in the Carolina Way. This term was coined by Dean Smith who believed that UNC was about “excellence with integrity and heart.” I can’t think of a better fitting description for the UNC Pediatric Dentistry family. We hope to see many of you in the next year during your visits to CE courses, helping us with our teaching programs or just dropping by to say hello. I wish everyone a happy and healthy new year. Stand tall on the shoulders of giants!

Eric Everett honored by Jacksonville University
Congratulations to Eric Everett! The Department of Pediatric Dentistry is the department home of Eric Everett, PhD, Professor and Associate Dean for Research. He was recently honored by his alma mater, Jacksonville University, as one of “80 Dolphins You Ought to Know”. The selection criteria are based on the alumnus achievements after graduation based upon their professional, civic and life achievements.

The VEF went public in May of 2012 at the Alumni/NCAPD Reception at the Academy Annual Session in San Diego. Since then, we have received over $350,000 to honor Bill’s legacy and pledges are in place to take us to our goal of $500,000. In keeping with Bill’s wishes, our primary goal is to endow the Alumni/NCAPD Annual Reception at the AAPD Annual Session. Other goals are to support the Department’s Annual Resident’s Appreciation Banquet, and to provide an endowment to support long-term training for those residents whose program extend beyond 36 months in pursuit of dual degrees and/or post-doc training. As you’ll read in this Newsletter, Shijia Hu, a resident pursing a doctoral degree in oral biology, has been named our first beneficiary of the VEF’s support for extended training. Thanks to all of our generous supporters, we are well on our way to achieve all the goals of the VEF but we’re not home-free! We need all of you to honor your pledges to help us finish the VEF initiative. We’re on track to celebrate the VEF-crowning event in the fall of 2016. Our plan is to do so in conjunction with the Department’s Fall CE offering and the NCAPD Annual Meeting, so please mark your calendars now! The date will be October 7, 2016, and the celebration will follow an all-day CE offering dedicated to Dental Office Emergency Preparedness/Responsiveness, to be given by Dr. Stanley Malamud of USC. For those who’ve not contributed to the VEF and would like to be counted, please flag your checks to the Dental Foundation of North Carolina for the VEF. We’re still hopeful of achieving a minimum participation rate of 100 alumni as VEF-supporters. So, please join us in this worthy endeavor. Thanks for your help!

Michael Hasty (DDS86; MS89) Michael Ignelzi (DDS87; PhD92)
Alumni Achieve New Heights in Leadership

We have 132 living alumni of our graduate program in Pediatric Dentistry here at UNC. This group of individuals have achieved many high leadership accomplishments, but never has one of our graduates served as President of the North Carolina Dental Society—until now—and lightning will strike twice! On January 1st, Scott Cashion (1997) of Greensboro assumed the NCDS presidential reigns, and he’ll be followed in January 2016 by Ron Venezie (1994) of Apex. Scott, who is in private practice in Greensboro, has been involved with organized dentistry in the state since he completed his residency program. He served the officer chain for the Third District Dental Society, ascending to the Presidency in 2003. Simultaneously, he was involved as committee chairperson and officer positions in the Guildford County Dental Society, serving as its President in 2006. He has served on the Board of Trustees of the NCDS since 2008, as state-wide Chair of NC’s Give Kids a Smile since 2009, and as an NC-ADA delegate since 2009. His service to our specialty had been no less impressive. Scott served three years on the North Carolina Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (NCAPD) Board of Directors and as President in 2006. He served as a member of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) Board of Trustees 2008-11 and as Parliamentarian in 2011. Scott has chaired several major AAPD Committees and remains actively involved currently on several fronts, including the Governmental Affairs Committee. As a Board-Certified pediatric dentist, Scott has prepared well to serve as the President of the NCDS and we are proud to see him earn this honor and challenge. We are confident he will serve with distinction!

Ron will come to the table as President of the NCDS with a different leadership trajectory. During his first several years after program completion, he served as a faculty member in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Florida. In building on his residency training, during this stage of his career he developed a penchant for access to care and dental workforce issues and related research. He was Chair of the AAPD’s prestigious Dental Care Council quite early in his career. He returned to NC in 1998 to become a Public Health Dentist Supervisor for the NC DHHS’s Oral Health Section in Raleigh. Ron’s expertise and reputation in this arena led to his being named Dental Director of the DHHS’s Division of Medical Assistance (Dental Medicaid Director) in 2003, a position he held until he opened a private practice in Apex in 2005. On the national level, he has served as a member of the ADA House of Delegate since 2009 and was a member of its Dental Workforce Reference Committee in the 2010. Having served on the ADA’s Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL) for a four-year term, he was CDEL Chair for 2012-13. Ron has a long record of service to organized dentistry in NC. He served on the Board and the officer chain of the NCAPD and as President in 2004. He serves currently as the Vice Chair of the Carolinas Section of the American College of Dentists. Ron has been active in NCDS since 2002, having served on the Board since 2012. He has worked up the office chain and is currently President-Elect and will become President in January of 2016, to continue in Scott’s footsteps and making it two-in-a-row for our having Board-Certified pediatric dentists to serve as President of the NCDS. We congratulate Scott and Ron for their leadership commitment and express our appreciation for the combined years of service they have given the specialty and the wider profession. We are thrilled to see their dedication and hard work recognized by the pinnacle of leadership in organized dentistry in our state and wish them Godspeed as they move the NCDS forward.

Scott Cashion

Ron Venezie
News from Alumni and Friends

Chien Yoo Sim (2013) has announced her upcoming marriage to her fiancé, Varian, on March 14, 2015. The wedding will occur at the Shangri-La’s Rasa Sentosa Resort, Singapore. Best wishes to Chien and Varian for a life time of happiness.

Pictured above are (L to R) Bill Vann (1976) of Chapel Hill, LaRee Johnson (1999) of Wake Forest, and LaRee's spouse, James Gerds. They’re at the starting line for the Third Annual Gerds Fat Ass-40 mile Run, held in early December at Falls Lake in Durham/Wake Counties. Everyone finished injury-free!

Cap’n Ed Miller (1973) reports it was all smooth sailing when he and three others left Hampton, Virginia this fall for Puerto Rico and 15 days at sea. We will forgive him for missing three teaching days at UNC-CH!

Pictured here is the Johnson/Gerds Family (LaRee/1999, James, Mia and Jamie) before their first family adventure race.

On November 14, 2014 Frank Courts (1977) presented an outstanding lecture titled “Underserved Populations: Improving Pediatric Oral Health”. Frank completed Pediatric Dentistry Graduate Program and his PhD degree at UNC Chapel Hill and is a North Carolina native. He spent a good part of his professional career as an academician rising to Chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Florida before returning to North Carolina to take over Larry Dempsey’s (1975) practice in Rocky Mount. Frank has been heavily involved in leadership roles with North Carolina Medicaid and led a very enlightening seminar on changes in Medicaid and how the Affordable Care Act might impact dentistry in North Carolina and the United States. Not surprisingly the topic generated much discussion. The next speaker in our Excellence in Pediatric Dentistry Lecture Series will be Martha Ann Keels (1990) who will talk about taking care of children with special needs and medical conditions in a private practice setting. Martha Ann graduated from the UNC Graduate Pediatric Dentistry program and completed her PhD in Epidemiology and serves as the Division Chief of Pediatric Dentistry at Duke Children’s Hospital. We hope you will be able to join us for what will be an informative Excellence Lecture May 15, 2015 at the UNC School of Dentistry.
Update on Residents and Fellows

Our current residents are:

**Fellow:**
Shijia Hu BDS-Singapore
BDS, National University, 2008

**3rd Year:**
Jacqueline Burgette-Massachusetts
DMD- Harvard, 2010

Kevin Ricker-North Carolina
DDS-UNC, 2012

Alex Boudreau-North Carolina
DDS-UNC, 2010

**2nd Year:**
Jenna Alvey-North Carolina
DDS-UNC, 2010

Erica Stutius Brecher- Massachusetts
DMD-Tufts, 2013

Scott Schwartz-Illinois
DDS-University of Illinois -Chicago, 2012

**1st Year:**
Jami Ballantine—California
DDS- University of Michigan, 2014

Beau Meyer-Ohio
DDS-The Ohio State University, 2014

Bhavna Pahel—North Carolina
DDS- University of North Carolina, 2014

Once again it seems that time has flown by and we completed the fall semester. Our first year residents, Beau, Jami and Bhavna are off to a great start wrapping up coursework and spending more time providing care in our graduate clinic. Our second year residents are now fully immersed in all aspects of our clinical program and are excelling in all aspects of it. Erica, Jenna and Scott have begun their Chief Resident responsibilities and are treating patients in the operating room, the Hospital Dental Clinic and our graduate clinic. Scott is also immersed in his MPH coursework and had a stellar semester. Our third and fourth year residents continue to serve as role models for their fellow residents and outstanding ambassadors for our program. Jackie, Alex and Kevin are serving as Graduate Teaching Assistants in our predoctoral clinics while spending the majority of their clinic time providing patient care through their rotations at both Alamance and Durham County Health Departments. In addition to the activities mentioned above, Jackie and Shijia also continue to work towards the completion of their PhD programs.
Residents’ Corner

What better way to get to know the current crop of residents than by rummaging through their desks while they’re not here? Let’s go!

FIRST YEAR RESIDENTS

Jami Ballantine’s desk is dominated by photos of this child. We can assume she must know him in some fashion.

Beau Meyer believes in not only keeping a stuffed turkey on his desk, but also in using it as an opportunity to rub his athletic superiority in our collective faces.

Bhavna Pahel has a desk featuring artwork that demonstrates a level of artistic skill that she’s able to routinely apply in complex restorative cases. She completed this drawing in her third week of residency.

SECOND YEAR RESIDENTS

Jenna Alvey’s desk features a black rubber rat dressed in bows and bibs and is presented without further comment.

Erica Brecher is an insufferable romantic who is so feminine that she requires a pink bow affixed to her wedding photos.

Scott Schwartz is the only resident to have a bobblehead of himself on his desk. The bobblehead has just completed the process of extracting a tooth, which is emblematic of Scott’s radical and aggressive treatment philosophy. However, the pink bib and attached “Frozen” sticker is also emblematic of Scott’s radical and aggressive commitment to being able to communicate effectively with children.

THIRD YEAR RESIDENTS

Alex Boudreau shows a continued commitment to humility and the wisdom of fortune cookies.

Jackie Burgette is willing to look past hyponasal phonation in order to enjoy an oratorio which is evidently about women who were born without noses.

Kevin Ricker has a desk, but it cannot be found beneath the piles of extremely important work which is even now spilling over and devouring adjacent desks.

SEVENTY-FOURTH YEAR RESIDENTS

Shijia Hu is certainly not afraid to die in the service of pediatric dentistry.
Continuing Education

Our October 10, 2014, “A Review of Oral Sedation of Children for Dental Procedures: Its Current Status” continuing education course featuring Dr. Stephen Wilson from Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center and Drs. Jessica Lee and Michael Milano from the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, UNC-CH provided an outstanding presentation. This department sponsored course was attended by 194 participants, and received glowing reviews from the course participants. We thank all of you who attended and look forward to seeing you again at another of our exciting upcoming scheduled CE offerings.

Future Continuing Education Courses

Spring 2015

“Management of Permanent Tooth Dental Trauma in Children: Fundamentals and Emerging Concepts”

Friday, April 10, 2015
9:00 AM-4:30 PM
Registration begins at 8:30 AM

William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center
Continental breakfast items, fruit and juice, coffee and tea will be available at registration.

The course will be taught by:
Asgeir Sigurdsson, DDS, MS, Jessica Lee, DDS, MPH, PhD, and John Christensen, DDS, MS, MS

Dr. Sigurdsson graduated with a DDS from the University of Iceland and completed his residency in endodontics and received an MS at the University of North Carolina (UNC-CH) School of Dentistry. He is currently the Chair, Department of Endodontics, New York University College of Dentistry. Dr. Lee is a dental and public health graduate of Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery and the School of Public Health. She completed her training in pediatric dentistry at the UNC-CH School of Dentistry and earned a PhD from the UNC-CH Gillings School of Global Public Health. Jessica is currently the Chair and Graduate Program Director, Department of Pediatric Dentistry, UNC-CH School of Dentistry. Dr. Christensen received his DDS from the University of Iowa, earned a MS in pediatric dentistry and a MS degree in orthodontics from the UNC-CH School of Dentistry. He has a private practice of both specialties and also is an Adjunct Associate Professor at UNC-CH School of Dentistry.

Several question and answer periods will permit the course participants to have a dialogue with the speakers. This course provides 6 hours of CE credit.

The course tuition includes the continental breakfast at registration, two breaks with snacks and liquid refreshments, a full lunch including the famous dessert buffet and parking at the Friday Center!
Tuition: $285  dentist
$150  dental team members

For registration information call (919)537-3400, or go to the UNC School of Dentistry’s web page at www.dentistry.unc.edu/cde.

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**Fall 2015**

“Changing the Paradigm for Preventing and Managing Dental Caries: Using Everything We Know”

Friday, October 23, 2015
9:00 AM-4:30 PM
**Registration begins at 8:30 AM**
William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

This course is going to bring two nationally and internationally recognized speakers to our Continuing Education series! Dr. Peter Milgrom is Professor, Oral Health Sciences, University of Washington (Seattle), and Dr. Timothy Wright is the Bawden Distinguished Professor, University of North Carolina (UNC-CH) School of Dentistry. Dr. Milgrom received his DDS from the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Wright earned his DDS from West Virginia University School of Dentistry and a MS in pediatric dentistry from the University of Alabama-Birmingham. Dr. Milgrom has published over 160 papers and Dr. Wright has published over 170 papers in the referred literature. Both are active investigators and speakers on the subject of new dynamics in caries management.

Register early and do not miss this excellent course with two engaging speakers!

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

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**News from the North Carolina Academy of Pediatric Dentistry**

The Annual Meeting of the NCAPD was held on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at the Sienna Hotel in Chapel Hill. President Richard Brooks presided over a busy agenda before a big turnout of active, retired, and student members. A draft of the meeting minutes has been sent electronically to all members. If not received, this suggests that we do not have an up-to-date email address for you, so please send your current email address to Ms. Sarah Howard, NCAPD Executive Director, PO Box 33, Bear Creek, NC 27207.

NCAPD Officers for 2014-15 were elected as follows: President—Kate Pierce of Greensboro; Vice-President—Kim Jones of Hickory; Secretary/Treasurer—Bill Vann of Chapel Hill; Parliamentarian—Michael Ignelzi of Greensboro; Board of Directors—Mike Roberts of Chapel Hill; Julie Dimock of Wilmington, and Frank Courts of Rocky Mount; SSPD Director—Skip Tyson of Wilmington; Medicaid Liaison—Bryan Cobb of Greensboro; NC-AAP Liaison—Martha Ann Keels of Durham and Public Policy Advocate—Kerry Dove of Concord.

Please mark your calendars to save the date for the 2015 Annual Meeting. It will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2015 (location TBD).
Theodore R. Oldenburg Receives Prestigious Award

The North Carolina Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (NCAPD) is a group of 165 pediatric dentists and 15 affiliate-member general dentists committed to the oral health care of children, adolescents, and special needs patients in the state through patient care, education, research, and advocacy. Recently, Theodore R. (“Ted”) Oldenburg, DDS, MS (1962), of Chapel Hill was presented the NCAPD’s Oral Health Service Award for 2014, recognizing his lifetime contributions in professional leadership, and support of the oral health of North Carolina’s children. This prestigious award was created to acknowledge outstanding achievements in pediatric oral health in North Carolina, including exceptional individuals who have a strong record of advocacy for children’s oral health in the state. Ted’s legacy includes scores of pediatric dentists who trained under his mentorship, hundreds of general dentists who benefited from his teaching and clinical directions, and countless children he provided care. A native of Michigan who spent his formative years in Chattanooga, he graduated from Davidson College and the UNC School of Dentistry. After a stent in the Air Force, he completed a master’s degree and residency in the specialty at Carolina and joined the faculty for a full-time career in teaching, scholarship, clinical practice, and leadership that spanned 52 years. He served 16 years as the Chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at UNC, overseeing a department that achieved national recognition under his leadership. After a Kenan Scholarly Leave at the University of Zurich in 1985-86, he returned to Chapel Hill and continued to teach and serve with distinction as a dental school-wide leader. Among many other posts, he served as the school’s Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs and as Acting Dean. In his final institution-wide assignment, he was Assistant Dean for Administration, a role he held for over a decade during a time-frame when he also oversaw a major building initiative by the dental school—Tarrson Hall. Ted was a prodigious leader for the specialty of pediatric dentistry, serving the chairs of officer-ship in our state, regional and national specialty organizations. In the early 1980s, he held the unusual distinction of serving as President of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, and as President of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, the examining body for board-certification in the specialty. The award was presented at the UNC Alumni/NCAPD Fall Gala Event at the Kenan Center on the Carolina campus, with many alumni, friends, and family present for the occasion.
Development Activities:

**Elliott and Robinson/Molina Fellowships**

support the Department’s 2014 Recruitment/Interview Weekend

Over the past two decades our Annual Recruitment/Interview Weekend has become one of the highlights of our departmental life. Rather than hold multiple interview sessions during the fall, we set aside one long weekend for the formal interview process, accompanied by a variety of meet and greet occasions that help the interviewees get to know us better, and vice-versa. The guests arrive on Thursday and are hosted for dinner by the residents. Interviews commence on Friday, with the interviewees meeting with all faculty members on an individual basis, complimented by resident-led tours of the School of Dentistry (SOD) and Children’s Hospital, with an opportunity to meet many staff. Lunch is catered in the SOD allowing the interviewees to spend more time with the residents. The weekend’s activities close out with a Friday evening that includes faculty, residents, and interviewees at the home of the Department Chair. This recruitment strategy receives high marks by our guest-interviewees for the richness of the interview experience. For the first time ever, the 2014 Recruitment/Interview Weekend was the beneficiary of sponsorship by alumni **Bobby Elliott (1998)** of Cary and his professional partner, **Julie Molina (DDS 2004, MS 2008)** of Chapel Hill. Bobby, a Kentucky native and DDS alumnus of the University of Louisville, was inspired by the example of **Jim Congleton (DDS 1975, MS 1977)** of New Bern. Having been a direct beneficiary of the Dental Foundation of North Carolina’s Congleton Fund during his training, soon after his program completion Bobby began the Elliott Fund to give back to the Department in similar fashion as modeled by Jim. Soon after she finished the program in 2008, in like fashion, Julie started the Robinson/Molina Fund to honor the memory of her deceased dad. In another demonstration of the strength of endowment funds, the Elliott Fund will soon reach the $100,000 mark and be christened as a Named-University Fund, with its annual endowment dedicated exclusively for residents’ stipend-supplements. The Robinson/Molina fund is off to a great start on the same trajectory. Bobby’s and Julie’s show of support for the Interview Weekend was intended to underscore alumni support now, even prior to the fulfillment of their endowment funds. This special gift of $5,000 helped us showcase a classy Tar Heel Recruitment/Interview experience this year, and they will also support the 2015 Recruitment/Interview Weekend experience. Our appreciation to Bobby and Julie! Their generosity stands out as a strong testimony of alumni support for alma mater.
Hu Named First Vann Endowment Fund Awardee

Shijia Hu (2016) has been named the first Vann Endowment Fund (VEF) Fellow and will serve in this role for 2014-15, receiving a $5,000 stipend supplement. Shijia, in his fourth year of training, is pursuing a dual-training program that will culminate in a certificate in pediatric dentistry and a PhD degree in oral biology. He is a 2008 graduate of the National University of Singapore where he earned a Bachelor of Dental Surgery. From 2008-11, he served as a Singapore Dental Officer in the National Dental Centre and National University Health Services. Shijia also served as a Dental Instructor in the Department of Preventive Dentistry at the National University of Singapore in 2010-11 assisting in the teaching of the specialty to dental students. He is the recipient of numerous awards and medals for his scholastic accomplishments in the areas of physiology, biochemistry, medicine, pathology/microbiology, surgery, and pediatric dentistry. Shijia was the valedictorian of his dental school class. Here at Carolina, Shijia received a UNC-CH Graduate School Doctoral Merit Assistantship, which is awarded for strong academic achievements. In recognition of his intellect, capabilities, and enormous potential for a successful career in academics and research, he has also received the Freedland Advanced Dental Education Fellowship. At the annual UNC Dental Research and Review Day 2014, Shijia received a Turner Award for his research with Tim Wright. In addition, at the 2014 AAPD Annual Session in Boston, he was one of eight national recipients of AAPD’s Graduate Student Research Award, which recognized his research on the human dentome. In preparation for his return to the faculty at his alma mater in Singapore, Shijia will utilize his Vann Fellowship year as a Teaching Fellow. He will gain more instructor experience in the Dental Anatomy and Conservative Operative Dentistry courses, and serve as a Teaching Assistant for the Dentistry for the Handicapped Clinical Course. The resident Fellowship dimension of the VEF came on-line in September, and is referenced in this Newsletter in a separate article. When the VEF goal is fully realized, it will include an endowment in perpetuity for as many as three Fellowships, dedicated to enhance stipend support for residents in the department.

State Employees Combined Campaign
The annual State Employees Combined Campaign encourages state employees to consider contributing to one or more of the many approved charities. The Department of Pediatric Dentistry has once again achieved 100% participation by our faculty, staff and residents. We were only one of two departments or groups in the School of Dentistry to achieve this goal this year. But, that is no fluke; the Department has done so for more than 25 straight years!! As a reward, Dean Jane Weintraub will be sponsoring a “bagel breakfast” for the Department in the near future. We know that it makes everyone proud that there is so much compassion and willingness to share.
Department Research Activities

The Department of Pediatric Dentistry has a long history of conducting impactful research in a wide range of fields aimed to improve children’s oral health. The department is currently involved in research in the areas of genetics, behavioral and health services research, education, and clinical studies. Faculty, residents, PhD students and dental students are all actively involved in interdisciplinary research projects.

Our first year residents, **Jami Ballantine, Beau Meyer, and Bhavna Pahel**, have already identified their research projects: Jami will be studying the “Genetic basis of early childhood caries” (mentor: Kimon Divaris), Beau will be examining “Factors influencing children's entry into the dental system: Elucidating reasons care-takers seek emergency versus preventive care for their children” (mentor: Jessica Lee), and Bhavna will investigate “Permanent molar morbidity and disparities in the receipt of dental sealants” (mentor: Bill Vann). Our second year residents, **Jenna Alvey, Erica Brecher, and Scott Schwartz** have all made great progress on their research projects, and have presented their research protocols and update, at school-wide and department events. Third-year residents **Alex Boudreau** and **Kevin Ricker** are in the final stretch and wrapping-up their theses, and are planning to defend in the spring semester.

Katie Doswell, for the second year in a row (!), received an **AADR Bloc Travel Award** for her research. Her current work is a study of “Clinical Predictors of Traumatic Dental Injuries in Preschool Children.” We are happy that Katie will be staying at UNC after graduation, for a residency in the Department of Orthodontics.

**Deah’s work “High-Density Genotyping Using Saliva Obtained during Preschool Children’s Dental Examinations”** focused on an examination using saliva samples, obtained during dental examinations of preschool children under field conditions for next-generation, high-density genetic epidemiologic studies. Deah and his co-authors concluded that saliva samples collected from 213 young preschool children during dental examinations in the field could be used reliably for high-density genotyping and downstream genetic epidemiologic studies.

**Jessica Lee selected to serve as Associate Editor of the Journal of Dental Research**

We are happy to inform you that **Jessica Lee**, Demeritt Distinguished Professor, Chair, and Graduate Program Director was named Associate Editor of the *Journal of Dental Research* (JDR), which is the publication disseminated by the International Association of Dental Research (IADR) and the American Association of Dental Research (AADR). In this role, Jessica will seek out content for *The Discovery!* section of the JDR which now encompasses a broader range of content includes oral health research policy, cutting edge advances, and unique summaries in alignment with the spirit of the section.

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A recent study led by Ashley Kranz (former Post-doctoral Trainee and currently Adjunct Assistant professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry) found that physician-based preventive oral health services can improve access to oral care in areas with few dental providers and especially in young Medicaid enrollees. The study was published in the December issue of Health Affairs, and received notable publicity in a press briefing that the journal held in the National Press Club in Washington, DC. Kranz's paper was co-authored by Jessica Lee, Kimon Divaris, Diane Baker, and Bill Vann. The study was funded by the NIH/NIDCR. Nearly all state Medicaid programs reimburse fluoride varnish applied by non-dental primary care providers in medical settings. Kranz and her co-authors sought to examine how the North Carolina Into the Mouths of Babes program has helped to improve access to preventive oral health services for infants and toddlers enrolled in North Carolina Medicaid.

Welcome to the Department of Pediatric Dentistry

We are pleased to introduce Naquan Hill as our Department Business Manager. Naquan is a native of Brooklyn, New York and holds a degree in Business Administration and a BS in Business Information Systems. He was a combat medic in the army and comes to the department after serving for two years as a division manager in OB/GYN. Naquan lives in Sanford with his wife of seven years and four children.

Welcome to Laura Griffin, our latest addition to our great dental assisting team! Laura has a background in veterinary medicine, nursing and elementary school education. She was a substitute teacher with Lee County Schools for five years and has worked as a Veterinary Assistant and Nursing Assistant. Laura completed her Dental Assisting Diploma at Central Carolina Community College in Sanford in 2014 with honors. Laura has a 12 year old daughter, Kailey and enjoys staying busy.

Welcome to Jessica Stratmon. Jessica was raised in Atlanta GA. She moved to North Carolina when she was 16 years old, and is a college graduate of North Carolina A&T State University. She has been with UNC School of Dentistry Pediatric Department since August 2014. Jessica is an administrative support associate for the front desk. She says the best part about her job is getting to work hands on with the children and their families. It warms her heart to know that we are truly helping those in need of dental care and are making a difference in others lives.
Generosity of Alumni and Friends

Gifts and Development Funds

Our error, folks! The calendar year 2013 gift information should have been published in our Summer 2014 Newsletter but was omitted by error. The calendar year 2014 gift information will be included in the Summer 2015 Newsletter. Your gifts to the UNC-CH Department of Pediatric Dentistry’s development funds are gratefully acknowledged below and include only those received and credited by the Dental Foundation of North Carolina in the calendar year of 2013. The Dental Foundation has provided the information that follows. We express our most sincere “thank you” for your continued generosity. Your gifts support our residents’ training, improve our graduate student learning center, acquire new technology and provide additional opportunities to enrich the residents’ educational experience. State and university support continues to dwindle and 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 improving the graduate 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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