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Dear friends,

I write this letter from a bittersweet place. As you all know by now, my term as dean of this wonderful School of Dentistry is coming to a close. On June 30, 2016, my appointment in this role will conclude, and I’ll rejoin my colleagues in the Department of Dental Ecology as a professor.

My plans after July 1 include a fall semester research leave, after which I will return to my truest loves: mentoring and teaching students and dental public health research. My appointment as an Alumni Distinguished Professor will continue, as will my joint adjunct appointment at the Gillings School of Global Public Health. As difficult as this decision was, there is great comfort in knowing that I’ll continue to be a part of this fabulous UNC School of Dentistry family.

As it is with any reflection, when I look back over my time here I can identify highs and lows. I’m grateful to have many, many more highs here than lows.

When I returned to UNC in 2011, I had memories of what a special place this is, and it didn’t take long for me to remember exactly how special it truly is. With each warm welcome, each open house, each meet and greet with local dental societies, I came to feel more enveloped in the community here. Each and every one of you welcomed my husband, Chris, and me with open arms and an incredible amount of that signature Southern hospitality.

Then, it was time to get to work. So, we did.

I will return to my truest loves: mentoring and teaching students and dental public health research.

We worked diligently through budget cuts, with the generous support of so many of you who gave your money to support the school or gave your time as adjunct faculty or board members. In fact, our fundraising numbers included one record-setting year of $8.4 million in private contributions.

We looked for innovative ways to move the school forward: the development of a cloud-based electronic patient record, which is still in process; the creation of an annual staff retreat; the institution of Dean’s Research Awards for DDS students.

We focused on our research and made gains. Our research ranking by NIDCR funding rose to second in the nation. We have total awards of more than $11 million for 2015-16. Our student research group is growing.

We put more emphasis on developing our current employees. We started a faculty mentoring program which has become a model across campus. We hosted countless annual internal events, open to all employees: a Halloween party, a holiday party, ice cream parties, a March Madness lunch with hot dogs and popcorn, an outing to Boshamer Field to watch the Tar Heels.

We celebrated the opening of Koury Oral Health Sciences Building in 2012. This is a fabulous new building with wonderful educational and research space, and communal atrium space that greatly improved our ability for daily interactions. The UNC Craniofacial Center was honored with the prestigious ADEA William J. Gies Award in 2012. Two new professorships were established. Our students won a second ADEA Gies Award in 2015 for their DENTAL DAY efforts. Countless students, faculty and staff were recognized with honors and awards.

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I am grateful for each day I spent as your dean.

We served the community and beyond. Our students and faculty attended NC MOMs clinics, SHAC clinics, SNDA CAARE’s clinics, and others. Students hosted three interprofessional Give Kids a Smile Days. Prosthodontics residents provided dentures free of charge during Denture Week. ENNED and HDA and ASDA and so many other student groups gave of their time and energy whenever and wherever needed. Student groups traveled to Mexico, Moldova, the Philippines and other places around the globe. Last year (2014-15) our students provided more than $4.3 million worth of in-kind care to those in need.

We worked through the challenges brought on by budget cuts and ice storms. While Koury Oral Health Sciences Building was designed for an increased class size, we did not receive funds for additional faculty, staff or clinic space, so I put a moratorium on class expansion. We grieved current and former faculty losses together: James Bawden, Jack Shankle, Walter McFall, James Crawford, Phil Webster, Stephen Matteson, Roy Lindahl, Robert Wright. We also grieved the loss of two current students, one future student, and one former student: Sergio Acero (DDS Candidate 2016), Steve Bridges (DDS Candidate 2014), Deah Barakat (DDS Candidate 2017), Vassos Abu-Salha (original member of the DDS Class of 2019).

So, not all days were good days. But I’m grateful for each day I spent as your dean.

As always, I hope you enjoy this issue of our magazine. Inside you’ll find stories about the wonderful service our students provide through the DISC program and important notes about faculty transitions.

Thank you for giving me the honor and privilege of serving the UNC School of Dentistry in this capacity, and thank you in advance for welcoming my return to the faculty in the coming months.

With sincerest gratitude,

Jane A. Weintraub, DDS, MPH
Dean and Alumni Distinguished Professor
Continuing Dental Education

Update in General Practice 2016: Techniques to Diagnose and Manage Various Clinical Problems

DATE: Thursday and Friday, June 2-3, 2016
SPEAKERS: Dr. Simutha Ahmed, Dr. Vandal K. Baginski, Dr. George Bogen, Dr. Lee Boushead, Dr. Ryan Cook, Dr. Terry Donovan, Dr. George Hall, Dr. André Ritter and Dr. Taiseer Sulaiman
LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, N.C.

OSHA, TB, Bloodborne Pathogens and Infection Control: Annual Update (Morning)
DATE: June 10, 2016
SPEAKERS: Dr. Valeria Murrah
LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Practical Strategies for Coping with Infectious Pathogens in Daily Practice (Afternoon)
DATE: June 10, 2016
SPEAKERS: Dr. Valeria Murrah
LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, N.C.

How to Achieve Excellent Long-term Results with Dental Implants in Partially Edentulous Patients
DATE: June 11, 2016
SPEAKER: Dr. Daniel Busser
LOCATION: UNC School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, N.C.

33rd Annual Dental Review
DATE: June 16-18, 2016
SPEAKERS: Dr. Dennis Fastenbro, Dr. Gavin Heymann, Dr. Terry Donovan, Dr. Harald Heymann, Dr. André Ritter, Dr. Taiseer Sulaiman and Dr. Ed Swift
LOCATION: Kingston Plantation Embassy Suites Resort, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Concepts and Educational Strategies for the Radiology Educator
DATE: July 3-4, 2016
SPEAKERS: Dr. Sally Murros, Dr. Angela Broome, Mr. K. Brandon Johnson, Ms. Vickie Gurney, Dr. Enriqueta Pliain and Dr. Donald Tyndall
LOCATION: UNC School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Eighth Annual Oral Pathology Institute for Educators
DATE: July 14, 2016
SPEAKER: Dr. Alice E. Cunnion
LOCATION: UNC School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, N.C.

32nd Annual Prosthodontics Dental Implants and Orthodontics for General Practitioners
DATE: July 20-22, 2016
SPEAKERS: Dr. Ariel J. Raigrodski, Dr. Ibrahim Duqum, Dr. Tate Jackson and Dr. Taiseer Sulaiman
LOCATION: The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort and Spa, Hilton Head, S.C.

12th Annual Distinguished Lecture in Restorative and Esthetic Dentistry
DATE: September 9, 2016
SPEAKER: Dr. Lee Ann Brady
LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, N.C.

3D Imaging: The Path to the Future of Dentistry
DATE: September 16, 2016
SPEAKER: Dr. Donald Tyndall
LOCATION: UNC School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, N.C.

OSHA, TB, Bloodborne Pathogens and Infection Control: Annual Update
DATE: September 19, 2016
SPEAKERS: Dr. Ralph Leonard and Dr. Valeria Murrah
LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Pediatric Dentistry
DATE: October 7, 2016
SPEAKER: Dr. Stanley Malamed
LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, N.C.

THEA Meeting — From the Small Pulp Tissue to Other Big Issues: Management of Acute and Chronic Pain
DATE: October 14, 2016
SPEAKERS: Dr. Asma Khan, Dr. Alan Law and Dr. William Maxner
LOCATION: UNC School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, N.C.

OSHA, TB, Bloodborne Pathogens and Infection Control: Annual Update
DATE: October 14, 2016
SPEAKERS: Dr. Ralph Leonard and Dr. Valeria Murrah
LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Advanced Cone Beam CT Interpretation
DATE: November 4, 2016
SPEAKERS: Dr. Donald Tyndall
LOCATION: UNC School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, N.C.

The Roy B. Harrell 62nd Annual Dental Seminar Day
DATE: November 18, 2016
SPEAKER: Dr. Harold Crosseley
LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, N.C.

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A Time for Reflection
A look back at Dean Weintraub’s five years

After beginning her appointment as dean of our School of Dentistry in July 2011, Dean Jane Weintraub authored her first letter to the alumni and friends of the school. She wrote, "The UNC School of Dentistry is certainly proving to be exactly as I remembered: a wonderful place of constant growth that transforms the brightest students into some of the country’s best dental professionals." And now, five years later?

“I still feel the same way,” she said. “This is a wonderful place that produces the best dental professionals in so many ways. But being dean has given me a number of other things that I appreciate. The dedication of the faculty and staff. The involvement of the alumni. The passion and enthusiasm of the students. The quality, breadth and depth of the research. The engagement in community service. The large number of prestigious awards and honors faculty and students receive. This is an incredibly special place, and I’m fortunate to have been dean of this school for five years.”

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Looking back, her tenure hasn’t been all roses. There have been no shortages of challenges over the last five years. By the same token, there have been countless successes and celebrations in that same time. As fortunate as she feels to have been dean here, consensus is that we’ve been equally fortunate to have Dean Weintraub at the helm.

Navigating through Tough Times

There are some predictable challenges at any state-supported university. In these economic times, deans can anticipate the state budget allocation to stay flat or decrease. Retaining the best faculty is a known issue as competition for top faculty at higher paying institutions heats up across the country. Keeping things running smoothly in such a complex organization is something for which a dean can try to plan. But that doesn’t mean it’s easy.

The budget cuts faced under Dean Weintraub’s tenure have been steep. In 2011, the state was supplying 17.3 percent of the school’s annual budget. Now that percentage is down to approximately 12 percent, and additional cuts are expected for the coming year. (Comparatively, in 2001 the state provided 28.1 percent of the school’s operating budget.)

“I’m incredibly proud that we’ve been able to navigate the decreasing state support by other means than layoffs,” said Weintraub. “It was important to me to find ways to cut our spending without cutting our people since everyone is already working very hard.”

As challenging as even predictable issues can be to navigate, things become much more challenging when there are curve balls involved. Like the unexpected passing of former and current faculty:

“Recently losing department chair Robert Wright was tough,” Weintraub recalled.

Tougher still: losing students. The memories still bring tears to her eyes on some days.

“Sergio Acero. Deah Barakat. Yusor Abu-Salha. Those names always bring a lot of emotions,” she said. “It was hard to lose these promising young individuals, and hard to see their classmates and friends mourn them over the following days, weeks … years.”

Weintraub was a strong leader in these incredibly rough waters. She ensured that students were taken care of and that those lost were remembered at the school. Acero’s class dedicated a bench to his memory. Barakat and Abu-Salha have a memorial white coat display in the hall of Koury Oral Health Sciences, and a room in the student lounge named for them.

Fortunately, not every day was like any of those days.

Receiving High Marks

During her five years at the helm, Dean Weintraub directed our school to quite a few notable achievements. Since 2011, the school has won two prestigious ADEA William J. Gies awards—one for the UNC Craniofacial Center, and one for our student’s community service efforts on DEAH DAY (read more on page 17). Under her leadership, the school’s national NIH/NICD Dr research funding ranking among dental institutions has improved from seventh to second in the country. Applications for the DDS program increased each year under Weintraub, this year.

“...I’m fortunate to have been dean of this school for five years.”
Dr. John W. Stam m, former University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry dean and professor in the Department of Dental Ecology, announced his plans to retire at the conclusion of the academic year, June 30. Stam m served as the school's dean from 1989 to 2004. He also served as interim dean during the 2010-11 academic year.

“I served as associate dean for administration and planning for six years when Dr. Stam m was dean. During that time period, he was both an excellent mentor and close friend,” said Ken May, DDS ’73, adjunct faculty member in the Department of Operative Dentistry. “He not only provided guidance and advice as needed but also allowed me the independence to make decisions when appropriate. I was always impressed with his knowledge of the English language when we prepared written administrative documents. Meetings with Dr. Stam m were never excessively long. Those who met with him needed only to be prepared, concise and brief. His sense of administering the school as a business that also educated students, not as a sideline but as one of its primary missions, served the school well.”

Stam m was recruited to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1984, joining the University as full professor in the School of Dentistry, with an appointment as dean of the School of Public Health and Epidemiology. He served as dean of the UNC School of Dentistry, a position he held until 2004.

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During his 31 years of service at the UNC School of Dentistry, Stam m devoted much time and effort to strengthening the school's reputation as a global leader in dental education, research and patient care. Under Stam m’s watch, the school constructed a new clinical teaching facility, Tarroon Hall, completely renovated Brauer Hall, and started the planning and fundraising process for the 216,000 square foot Koury Oral Health Sciences Building, which opened in April 2012.

“Dean John Stam m is a great person in knowing what was needed for the future of dental education,” said Dr. James A. Harrell, Sr., a past president of the UNC General Alumni Association and close friend of the school. “He had done a marvelous job”

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“As I embark on my retirement, I once again want to express my thanks to the school’s faculty members, past and present, whose efforts ... were essential to meeting the school’s mission ...”

— Dr. John Stamm

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Robert F. Wright

Dr. Robert F. Wright, chair of the Department of Prosthodontics, passed away suddenly at his Chapel Hill home in April 2016. He was 60 years old.

“We’re shocked and saddened to learn of Dr. Wright’s passing,” said School Dean Jane Weintraub. “He was dedicated to continuing the strong legacy of our prosthodontics program, advancing the specialty of prosthodontics and engaging dental students’ interest in it. He will be missed at UNC and his previous academic homes as a colleague, a mentor to many dental students and residents, a collaborator across medical and dental disciplines, and a friend.”

Since joining UNC in 2013, he began several new projects, including the Pros Interest Group, for students wanting to learn about the specialty, and a department newsletter, “Pro News,” to keep program alumni connected with the department. Recently, Wright had received grant funding to start a clinical trial to compare conventional removable dentures to digital dentures. He was a frequent contributor to general and other journals, authored many book chapters, and was an early innovator in video instruction and web-based education in prosthodontics.

Before coming to UNC, Wright served as the director of advanced graduate prosthodontics at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, and also was on faculty at Columbia University as the director of the Division of Prosthodontics. He earned his Bachelor of Science with honors at the University of Memphis and his DDS at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis. He completed his GPR training at the V.A. Hospital/LSU in New Orleans, La. His specialty training in prosthodontics, maxillofacial prosthetics and his implant fellowship were completed at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, N.Y. Wright was a diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics, and fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists, the Academy of Prosthodontics and the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics. He served as a site visitor for the Commission on Dental Accreditation and on the Prosthodontics Review Committee for CODA. He also sat on the editorial review boards of the Journal of Prosthodontics, Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry and the Journal of Dental Education.

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— Dean Jane Weintraub
Hall Begins Appointment as Chair of Endodontics

Dr. Ashraf Fouad began his appointment as chair of the school’s Department of Endodontics effective January 1, 2016. “I am truly excited about joining the faculty at UNC and wish to thank everyone for being so helpful and welcoming!” said Fouad.

In his new role, Fouad will oversee and guide the Department of Endodontics’s dental and advanced dental education programs, community service efforts, faculty practice and research components, including the Center for Pain Research and Innovation. In addition to the pre-doctoral education efforts of the department, Fouad will also oversee the administration of the advanced education endodontic master’s program and the residency program in orofacial pain.

Fouad most recently served as the chair of the Department of Endodontics, Prosthodontics and Operative Dentistry at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. Prior to that appointment, Fouad was the director of the Division of Endodontics at the University of Maryland (2004-05) and an associate professor of endodontology at the University of Connecticut Health Center (1992-2004). He earned his master’s degree and certificate of endodontics in 1990 and his DDS in 1992, all from the University of Iowa. Fouad is a diplomate of the American Board of Endodontists.

“We are thrilled to have someone of Dr. Fouad’s stature as an experienced educator and administrator, an internationally recognized scientist, and an expert clinician join our school’s leadership,” said Weintraub. “We’re also grateful to the interim leadership of Dr. Tim Wright, our school’s director of strategic initiatives.”

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Hall Begins Appointment as Director for Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program

Dr. George Hall recently began his appointment as director of the UNC School of Dentistry Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Program and also a clinical associate professor in the Department of Operative Dentistry. “It is a privilege to have the opportunity to teach residents at UNC Chapel Hill,” said Hall. “The excellent reputation of the UNC School of Dentistry is internationally known and I am thankful to be here.”

As the AEGD Program director, Hall’s primary responsibility will be to provide leadership and directorship for the AEGD program, including but not limited to instruction, clinical supervision, mentorship of residents, supervision of staff, as well as overall program development, coordination and compliance with CODA standards. Hall will also practice in the Dental Faculty Practice.

“Dr. Hall brings much enthusiasm, energy and significant clinical and administrative experience to our AEGD program,” said Dr. André Ritter, chair of the Department of Operative Dentistry. “We are confident he will also have a positive impact on other areas of our mission.”

Hall received his DMD from the Medical College of Georgia (MCG) School of Dentistry, which is now known as the Georgia Regents University College of Dental Medicine, in 1993. From 1993-2003, he served two communities in Georgia in private practice: Riverdale and Lawrenceville. Hall then completed his prosthodontics residency and a GPR program at MCG and was subsequently appointed to the faculty as an assistant professor in that institution from 2003-06. In 2006, he began an appointment at the VA Medical Center in Augusta, Ga., where he established an AEGD program while running a private practice. Most recently, Hall was a supervisor and prosthodontist at the Greenville VA Outpatient Clinic in South Carolina. Hall is a diplomat of both the American Board of Prosthodontics and the American Board of Oral Implantology. He served as a guest professor at MUSC University (in Cairo, Egypt) from 2006-13, and since 2016 has served on the editorial review board of the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry.

Slade to Serve as Interim Director for Center for Pain Research and Innovation

Dr. Gary Slade has been appointed as interim director of the Center for Pain Research and Innovation (CPRI). He replaces Dr. William Mainzer who stepped down as director of the CPI in January 2016 upon his relocation from UNC to Duke University. The search for a permanent director is ongoing.

Slade’s affiliation with the UNC School of Dentistry dates back to 1994, when he was appointed assistant, and subsequently, associate professor. In 2002, Slade returned to his birthplace, Australia, to become professor of oral epidemiology at the University of Adelaide. He returned to UNC in 2009 as the first John W. Stamm Distinguished Professor of Dentistry and fast became an active and contributing member of the CPI.

Slade has a long history of NIH-funded research, currently serving as co-program director of the OPPERA study, now in its 11th year of enrollment, with Dr. Mainzer. In addition, he serves as director of the OPPERA Epidemiology and Modeling Core, overseeing biostatistics graduate students who assist with data management and statistical analyses. Slade also teaches and mentors students as an adjunct professor in the Department of Epidemiology at UNC’s Gillings School of Global Public Health.

Slade’s research into the epidemiology of orofacial pain spans three decades. During that time, he has worked closely with many CPIB members and School of Dentistry faculty on studies investigating the biologic, psychosocial, and genetic processes that contribute to a variety of chronic and overlapping pain conditions. His studies also explore variations in children’s oral health attributable to sociopolitical policies and genetic characteristics, and he most recently received funding to evaluate the association between periodontal and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.

“With Gary’s leadership, the CPI will continue to be an active player in pain research and innovation,” said Dr. André Ritter, chair of the Department of Operative Dentistry. “We are confident that he will continue to bring new and exciting ideas to the CPI as we prepare to launch our new Translational and Clinical Research Core.”

Join us in Chapel Hill for a tailgate party. SEPTEMBER 24, 2016
Faculty Receive Travel Grants to Attend the American Dental Education Association Meeting

Three faculty received travel grants to attend the 2016 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) meeting in Denver, Colo. After attending the meeting, these faculty return to UNC and present a faculty “Teach-Back” Lunch and Learn to share information they learned at the meeting with other School of Dentistry faculty. This year’s “Teach-Back” was held on April 6.

The mission of ADEA is to lead individuals and institutions of the dental education community to address contemporary issues influencing education, research, and the delivery of oral health care for the health of the public.

Dr. Lewis Lampiris, Clinical Associate Professor of Dental Ecology

How can we prepare students for disruptive innovations in dentistry?

Dr. Lampiris was appointed as director of the UNC School of Dentistry’s Dentistry in Service to the Community (DISC) program in the Department of Dental Ecology in July 2013. After practicing general dentistry for 17 years, Dr. Lampiris completed a Master in Public Health degree. He went on to serve as Illinois’ State Dental Director and then served as the Director of the American Dental Association’s Council on Access, Prevention and Interprofessional Relations. He is a recipient of the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors Distinguished Service Award (2007), an American Dental Association Presidential Citation (2013) and the American Association of Public Health Dentistry’s Distinguished Service Award (2013). In his role, he has begun to collect both qualitative and quantitative data for programmatic improvement and, with the advent of new educational delivery systems. He also serves on many dental education, public health and health policy-related committees.

Dr. Antonio J. Moretti, Clinical Associate Professor of Periodontology

Dental implants in pre-doctoral education: What are we teaching?

Dr. Moretti, who is a board-certified periodontist, has been a member of the Department of Periodontology since 2007. His initial appointment at UNC, which lasted for six years, was as the predoctoral periodontology program director. For the last three years he has been the Graduate Periodontology Program director. Besides directing multiple courses, lectures and seminars, he is deeply involved with the Dental Faculty Practice and is also a member of several master’s degree thesis committees. Dr. Moretti also lectures nationally and internationally. His latest interest has been implant dentistry education for the future general dentist.

Dr. Alex Yarborough, Clinical Assistant Professor of Prosthodontics

Effective teaching methodologies from a student’s perspective

Dr. Yarborough joined the school’s faculty in the fall of 2013. Prior to that, she earned her DDS from the UNC School of Dentistry in 2000 and graduated with honors. Following her time at UNC, she attended the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry as a resident in the Advanced Education in Prosthodontics Program, where she served as chief resident until her graduation in 2003. She is an active member of the American College of Prosthodontists and the Academy of Osseointegration. In her role as assistant professor, Dr. Yarborough’s responsibilities include teaching in the predoctoral prosthodontics curriculum, including fixed prosthodontic and implant courses. She also oversees students in the general dentistry student clinics. Her research interests include dental education research and sleep apnea.

Faculty Present in Clinical Update Series

Dr. Tate Jackson (assistant professor of orthodontics) and Dr. Tung Nguyen (associate professor of orthodontics) provided the 2015 Fall Clinical Update Series on the topic of “New Appliances and Concepts in Orthodontics: Fact or Fiction.”

Dr. Ray White, professor of oral surgery presented the 2016 Spring Clinical Update Series on the topic of “Local Anesthesia Update.”

The Clinical Update Series is presented several times per year to offer departmental updates to all clinical faculty in the School of Dentistry.

Formal Mentoring Program Updates

The Formal Mentoring Program implemented in March 2013 for all assistant professors in the School of Dentistry currently has 28 mentoring teams. Approximately 50 faculty (in addition to the 28 mentees) participate on mentoring teams. While most of the teams are for assistant professors, there are four associate professors who have requested mentoring teams.

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Faculty Retreat Summary

In February, the faculty participated in a full day faculty retreat facilitated by Dr. Cynthia Gadbury-Amoyt, RDH, MS, EdD, associate dean and professor of instructional technology and faculty development at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry. The topics for the retreat were Using Technology in Dental Education to Enhance the Teaching and Learning Environment (morning session) and Creating a Learning Environment That Promotes Active Learning (afternoon session). Graduate teaching assistants were also invited to participate.

School Again Participates in Academy of Academic Leadership

The Academy of Academic Leadership (AAL) is an organization that provides customized professional development, leadership training and consulting services for more than 100 higher education institutions throughout the world. One of their offerings is the Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL) which is a collaborative effort of the ADEA and the AAL. The ITL is offered once per year in Atlanta, Ga. Current faculty and those considering an academic position can participate in a two-phase program (on-site in Chapel Hill, six and one-half days, with distance education modules between phases. Since 2007, more than 25 full-time dental school faculty have graduated from the ITL and enhanced their teaching because of the training they received.

Two faculty completed the 2015 ITL:

- Dr. Alex Yarborough, clinical assistant professor of prosthodontics, and Dr. Tate Jackson, assistant professor of orthodontics.

Upon completion of the ITL, the two graduates presented a Teach-Back to the faculty.

• Emotional Intensity and Critical Thinking (Jackson)
• Effective Teaching Methodologies: from a Student’s Perspective (Yarborough)

NEWfaculty

Dr. Angela Brome
Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Diagnostic Sciences, Radiology
DDS, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
MS, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Dr. Ashraf Fouad
Chair, Department of Endodontics
DDS, University of Iowa
MS/Certificate, University of Iowa

Dr. George Hall
Director, Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program
Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Operative Dentistry
DMD, Medical College of Georgia
Certificate, Medical College of Georgia

Dr. Gustavo “Gus” Oliveira
Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Operative Dentistry
DDS, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil
MS, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Dr. Tahseen Sulaiman
Assistant Professor, Department of Operative Dentistry
DDS, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil
Certificate, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Certificate, University of Turku

PHD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (University of Turku)
Barakat and Abu-Salha Posthumously Given Unsung Hero Award

The late Deah Barakat and Yusor Abu-Salha were posthumously honored with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Unsung Hero Award. The award was presented to the Barakat and Abu-Salha families at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Keynote Lecture and Awards Ceremony, hosted by the UNC Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs.

The MLK Unsung Hero Award recognizes individuals and/or organizations that have made significant contributions to social justice, equality or diversity, and have made a positive difference in the lives of others.

"Deah and Yusor gave tirelessly to the service of others who are less fortunate," said Jane Weintraub, dean of the UNC School of Dentistry. "Their selflessness, caring and generosity of spirit showed through their actions, when they'd spend time providing food for the homeless, helping at free dental clinics and raising money to travel to Turkey to provide dental care for Syrian refugees. This award is a beautiful tribute to their legacy which continues to be an inspiration to others."

Barakat and Abu-Salha were two of the three victims in a February 2015 triple homicide in Chapel Hill. Barakat was a member of the DDS Class of 2017, his wife, Abu-Salha, had been admitted into the then-incoming DDS Class of 2019. The third victim was Abu-Salha’s younger sister, Razan, a sophomore at NC State University.

School Wins National Recognition for Day of Service in Honor of Barakat, Abu-Salha

The ADEAGies Foundation presented representatives from the UNC School of Dentistry with a 2016 William J. Gies Award for Vision, Innovation and Achievement at the recent ADEA Annual Session. The school won the Outstanding Vision by an Academic Dental Institution category for its day of community service held in September in memory of Deah Barakat and his wife of six weeks, Yusor Abu-Salha.

The Gies Award for Vision, Innovation and Achievement in Outstanding Vision by an Academic Dental Institution recognizes contemporary ideas and solutions which bridge the present and the future of oral health and dental education while having an impact on a broader mission.

"It’s an incredible honor to be recognized by the ADEAGies Foundation for DEAH DAY, because this award recognizes the way Deah and Yusor lived their lives,” said Kaushal Gandhi, DDS Candidate 2017 and one of the DEAH DAY co-chairs. “Deah and Yusor were aspiring dentists who were committed to the profession of dentistry and also to their community, spending much of their spare time volunteering. The idea of a day of service was the perfect way to pay tribute to their lives and an opportunity for the entire dental school to come together and serve the local Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill community.”

The school’s day of service, called DEAH DAY (Directing Efforts And Honoring Deah And Yusor), was a student-initiated and student-led event in memory of Barakat and Abu-Salha, who were two of three victims in a triple homicide in February 2015. Barakat was a member of the DDS Class of 2017 and Abu-Salha was a member of the then-incoming DDS Class of 2019. The third victim was Abu-Salha’s younger sister, Razan Abu-Salha, who was a sophomore at NC State University.

The inaugural DEAH DAY was held the morning of September 17, 2015. More than 350 DDS, dental hygiene and dental assisting students from the school spent time conducting various community service activities at more than 20 sites across the Triangle area. During their time at community sites, students contributed nearly 1,100 service hours, donated more than 475 pounds of food and donated more than 180 pounds of dental supplies. There is more extensive coverage of this event in the Fall/Winter 2015 issue of NCDR.
Each year, our rising fourth-year students participate in the Department of Dental Ecology’s Dentistry in Service to Communities (DISC) program. The extramural program, which is one of the nation’s first service learning programs, has been in existence for more than 30 years and is considered a model program for other dental schools. Participation in the DISC extramural rotation is a required part of the DDS curriculum.

“Service learning allows students to witness the disproportionate burden of oral disease manifest in underserved and vulnerable populations,” said Dr. Lew Lampiris, director of the DISC program. “The program provides our students the opportunity to hone their clinical skills and, of equal if not greater importance, to experience the rewards of servicing a diverse patient population. Students develop an experiential understanding of the environmental and social determinants that impact individual population and oral health.”

The goals of the program are to expose the students to patients unlike those usually seen at the UNC School of Dentistry and also to provide students an opportunity to observe and participate in a variety of different community-based health care systems. The assignments the students receive for their rotation are varied; many conduct their rotations at federally qualified health centers, county public health clinics, correctional centers and hospitals in both rural and urban areas throughout N.C. and the nation.

“No matter what path our students chose for their dental career, all the students feel as though they benefit greatly from these rotations,” said Dr. Lampiris. “It’s an experience we’re proud to offer to our students during their education here at UNC.”

While on rotation this summer at the CommWell Health Dental Clinic in Four Oaks, I was confronted with a situation that changed my perspective on how limited access to dental care can be for patients here in North Carolina.

One morning, a patient arrived for her 1:00 p.m. appointment at 8:00 a.m. Confused, I asked about this patient’s story. I learned that this was her second time coming to the clinic. She took a bus from Durham, where she lived, to Smithfield, then walked from Smithfield to the clinic. She had come to the clinic before and, after all of that effort, could not be treated due to her hypertension. She had made the trip back out to Four Oaks that morning hoping to have teeth pulled, and she had arrived so early because that was the only time the bus could get her there.

She sat in the waiting room with a few bags containing all her belongings, patiently waiting to be seen. I got ahead on my schedule and was able to see her at 11:00 a.m. so she did not have to wait until after lunch. That day her blood pressure was better and I was able to extract a tooth, for which she was very thankful.

Hearing this patient’s story really fell heavy on my heart. I had seen patients line up for hours at MOM and SHAC clinics, but to see someone have to sacrifice so much to pay for an extraction was heart breaking. It is very rewarding to work in a public health setting where patients are often extremely thankful for your services, but witnessing this situation was hard because I realized there are still so many that need help.

After these rotations it became clear that these clinics work extremely hard to see as many of these patients as they can in a safe and professional manner with the patient’s best interest at heart. I learned so much from my preceptors and developed a whole new level of respect for public health dentistry. I believe that our profession needs to truly commit to expanding access to care to underserved populations. While this will require sacrifice and hard work, if we do not do it, there is no one else trained or equipped to help.
My first rotation was at Wilkes Public Health Dental Clinic, a clinic in Wilkesboro, N.C. During orientation, my preceptor said I would see a lot of drug users or recovering addicts and I would see methamphetamine mouth, or meth mouth. My AHEC housing host also shared that the county had methamphetamine mouth, or meth mouth. My Dental Clinic, a clinic in Wilkesboro, N.C. During my last week, there was a lady who needed an extraction. She was 39 years old and almost always for an extraction of a bombed out tooth. I began associating anybody with many decayed teeth as a drug user. During my last week, there was a lady who needed an extraction. She was 39 years old and disheveled, but incredibly kind and sweet. I saw that #30 was the only molar decayed teeth as a problem with meth. So, I was already picturing the type of patients I would encounter.

It wasn’t long before I understood what they meant. I saw a meth mouth patient once a week, almost always for an extraction of a bombed out tooth. I began associating anybody with many decayed teeth as a drug user. During my last week, there was a lady who needed an extraction. She was 39 years old and disheveled, but incredibly kind and sweet. I saw that #30 was the only molar decayed teeth as a problem with meth. So, I was already picturing the type of patients I would encounter.

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She was my last patient that day and I thought about her the entire ride home. The incident stuck with me because it forced me to look at myself and the pre-conceived notions I’d developed. I felt bad; I’d labeled this woman as a drug user when she was a victim trying to reclaim her life after years of abuse. I also realized that I had never met a victim of domestic abuse and had never thought of how domestic violence and dentistry intersect. This is a real problem and something that I may face. This patient was able to escape, but what would it do if I had a patient who was in a violent relationship and constantly in my office for unexplained broken teeth? We need to know how to be sympathetic to these patients and how to treat them to ensure their needs are met. We as dentists cannot judge or make assumptions about our patients. We are here to serve to the best of our ability. There is no room for judgement in the operator: I am glad I had a patient who taught me such a valuable lesson.

My second rotation this summer took place at Central Prison in Raleigh, a maximum security male prison that houses around 750 inmates. As part of our orientation, we learned that inmate clothing indicates their designation — yellow jump suits are “safekeepers,” orange shoes are mental health patients, etc. Armed with this information, I was taken aback when my first patient was wearing a bright red jumpsuit. The only inmates that wear red are death row inmates. He needed a new set of dentures fabricated, which meant we’d be spending a lot of time together. While we never discussed what landed him in my chair at Central Prison, he was a pretty talkative guy. I learned what he liked to do before his sentencing, what he watched on TV and preferred on the radio, that he went to worship service three times a week, and that he was a NASCAR fan.

At one point, he pointed at something on the desk and asked if it was the x-ray machine — it was a Dell computer. That’s when I realized how long 20 years really is. He had virtually no computer knowledge and couldn’t use a cell phone. His reality was completely different that anything I have personally experienced, and things that I use every day are not a part of his life.

By our third appointment, he asked for me by name. He seemed to enjoy the time he spent in my chair, and mentioned that he was happy to be working with someone who seemed to care about the outcome of his dentures and his well-being. At the final appointment he thanked me for my time. He told me that he appreciated my kindness and wished me luck going forward in dentistry.

Part of me wishes that everyone could have a similar experience because we sometimes tend to look at people in prison as somehow less human. While I don’t doubt that most of the inmates are in prison for a good reason, we are still human. They respond to kindness the same way anyone else would.

I’m thankful that I could learn from him and I am glad I got to do something for him. This rotation functioned to solidify my desire to continue working in the community when I leave UNC.
On my last day at the Graham County Health Department’s Dental Clinic, a cute and clever three-year-old little girl came in for an initial exam. I met with the child and her foster mother in my operatory and as I began the exam, the foster mother explained some of the child’s circumstances. She had been born to drug addicts and by the time she was 18 months old, she had been removed from the home. Unfortunately, by the time Child Protective Services took her, the child was addicted to methamphetamine.

Her mother had not only abused the drug while pregnant, but both parents continued using after she was born. She had become addicted to meth by second hand smoke and by being allowed to play with various types of drug-laden paraphernalia lying around the house.

As a father of a daughter that is only a year or so older than this patient, I simply did not know how to react. I was so rattled that her dental exam took a back seat. I wanted to pack her up in my car and leave that mountain community behind. I will admit that I had a difficult time performing my duties that day, not because I was shaken by a difficult case but because I could not wrap my mind around how such a precious life could have been so badly violated at such a young age. I was more proud of myself that day than I have been at any other time throughout my dental school career. All I did was complete a simple pediatric exam. We referred her to Mission Hospital in Asheville to have all of her restorations handled in one day. More than anything, I hope that we took some pressure off of her foster mother and provided her with good information to help keep the child healthy.

If and when I have the opportunity to be a part of another story like this, I do not believe that I will do much differently. Hearing her story affected me emotionally because I am invested in my career choice as a dentist. It helped to affirm why I made the decision to return to school at 31 years old. This child’s story is one that I am sure never to forget and I will be forever grateful that the University of North Carolina’s School of Dentistry gave me an opportunity to be part of an interaction like that one.

While on rotation at VAMC in Salisbury, N.C., I received a call from the hospital requesting a consult in Hospice. My classmate and I had just finished our patients so we packed up an exam kit with our preceptor and headed to the unit.

The patient was an elderly gentleman who was diagnosed with metastatic prostate cancer. We entered the room and all of the curtains were drawn, the TV was off and the extremely frail patient was lying alone in very dim light. We introduced ourselves and did a quick exam to find a small piece of bone emerging from his mandibular ridge under his full denture. We took some time to talk with him about his concerns and how he was doing before setting up a time the next day to bring the mobile dental unit to his room and render treatment.

The next afternoon, an assistant informed us that the patient was in his wheelchair in our clinic. We were surprised, as it was a big ordeal to get this gentleman out of his room. Upon entering the operatory he was sitting in his chair and smiling from ear to ear. He greeted us with an extremely warm and excited welcome.

The procedure to remove the bone on his ridge took less than two minutes, but the appointment didn’t end with the procedure. We spent the next 20 minutes talking with him, learning about his service in the Army, his career after the military, his four children, his wife, and many other aspects of his life. It was amazing how this individual who had sequestered himself in a dark hospital room the day before was now enthusiastically telling his life story and genuinely curious about ours.

Eventually, we had to attend to our next patient so we began our goodbyes. His eyes welled up and he got very emotional, thanking us several times for talking with and helping him. He wanted several hugs from each of us and said over and over how he was going to miss us. I got choked up and had to take a minute to regain composure after leaving the room.

In the short time we spent with this man, we had not only treated his dental needs, but we had connected on a deeper level and given him a chance to forget about his problems and enjoy some time out of his hospital room. It is truly amazing how a few minutes of sincere conversation can bring joy, happiness and friendship to someone’s life. I will never forget what I learned at the VA, and I will especially remember him.

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2015-16 Scholarship, Fellowship and Award Recipients

The Dental Foundation of North Carolina honors those donors and recipients of the Foundation’s endowed scholarships, fellowships and awards. These endeavors permitted the Foundation to award more than $400,000 to dental assisting, dental hygiene, DDS and post-DDS students for the 2015-16 academic year.

SCHOLARSHIPS

G. Shuford and Connie H. Abernethy Graduate and Professional Studies Scholarship

Dr. Abernethy was a longtime general dentist in Hickory, N.C., and although he did not attend dental school at UNC, he was a loyal supporter of the school.

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Claude Adams Jr. Scholarship

Dr. Claude Adams established this fund to honor the memory of his late father, Dr. Claude Adams, Jr., a dentist in Durham.

D. Aycock, an alumnus of the DDS Class of 1967, established this scholarship.

Savannah Huneycutt, Class of 2018

The John and Charles Aycock Scholarship

Dr. Aycock, an alumnus of the DDS Class of 1967, established this scholarship.

The late Dr. Corderman, DDS ’55.

This merit-based scholarship, which focuses on academic and/or clinical excellence, is made possible by the donors and alumni that attend the annual Best of Dentistry Weekend events.

Christopher J. Von Bargen, Class of 2019

Dr. and Mrs. Curtis Dalley Scholarship

Established in 2002.

Sharrin Holder, Class of 2019

Delta Dental Plan of North Carolina Scholarship in Honor of Dr. Glenn Bitter

A means of honoring Dr. Glenn Bitter, a former Delta Dental Board member and dentist in Raleigh.

Heather Newman, Class of 2018

Dental Assisting Scholarship

Established by many generous supporters.

Savannah Sanders, DA, Class of 2016

Dental Friends Scholarship

Mr. and Mrs. H. Franklin Brooks, parents of School of Dentistry graduate Richard Brooks, established this scholarship in 2005.

Sherral Hisya, Class of 2018

Alberta Dolan Dental Hygiene Scholarship

To honor Ms. Dolan, a dental hygiene professor emeritus, who worked at the school for 30 years, beginning in January 1953 before the first dental hygiene class came to campus the following September.

Savanna Wait, DH Class of 2017

Glazener Family Scholarship

Established by Dr. and Mrs. Al Glazener. Dr. Glazener has practiced dentistry in North Carolina for many years, and his son, Todd, DDS ’96, currently practices in Winston-Salem.

Taylor Sukowski, Class of 2018

Dr. James Baldwin Hancock Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Tom Bower established this scholarship to honor the memory of his friend and mentor, Dr. James Hancock.

Zac Carnevale, Class of 2017

Miguel and Carolina Hernandez Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Dag Zapatero, along with his family and friends, established this scholarship to honor the memory of his grandparents.

Sabrina Saunders, Class of 2019

Harald and Karen Heymann Scholarship for Academic Excellence

Established by Dr. and Mrs. Harald O. Heymann. Dr. Heymann graduated from the school in 1978 and is currently professor and director of Graduate Operative Dentistry at the school.

Joseph Anderson, Class of 2018

Dr. Edmund Baxter Hopkins Memorial Scholarship

Established by Dr. Ken Glazener, friends and family of Dr. Edmund B. Hopkins, a DDS graduate of the school, who passed away in 2001.

Hubbell Smith, Class of 2019

Linda Paschall Jarvis Scholarship

Established by the family of Linda Paschall Jarvis, a 1975 graduate of the UNC dental hygiene program, who passed away in 1996.

Jessica Castaneda, DH Class of 2016

Kendrick, Kandrick & Petersen Scholarship

The Charlotte Dental Society, with Dr. Jacob Freedland as a prime mover, established the scholarship in 1966 to honor Dr. Vance Rankin in honor of Dr. Robert Russell Clark.

When Dr. Sidney O. Petersen passed away, his name was also added to the scholarship fund.

Benjamin Capli, Class of 2019

Priscilla Levine Scholarship

Created in memory of a beloved patient care coordinator at the school who died in 1969.

Rosanna D’Souza, DH Class of 2016

Linville Family Scholarship

This scholarship was made possible by Dr. Walter S. Linville, Jr. (DDS ’54), his daughter Dr. Lynn Linville-Lauriano (DDS ’92) and their family to ease the financial burden of attending dental school.

Michelle Russo, Class of 2019

Lobolly Dental Study Club

The Lobolly Study Club has been a longtime supporter of the UNC School of Dentistry and established this scholarship to assist future generations of North Carolina dentists.

Jenna Lindsay, Class of 2019

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The Raynors established this scholarship to honor Mrs. Raynor’s sister Gretchen Garcia and Mrs. Garcia’s late husband, Dr. Robert Anthony Garcia.
Karen Lipp, Class of 2016
Mrs. Margaret & Dr. Bobby C. Raynor and Mrs. Helen and Dr. Murry W. Holland Scholarship
The Raynors established this scholarship to honor one of Dr. Raynor’s favorite UNC School of Dentistry professors and his wife, the late Dr. Murry G. Moica and Mrs. Myra Phelps Moica.
Preston Fowler, Class of 2018
Mrs. Margaret & Dr. Bobby C. Raynor and Mrs. Myra and Dr. Monte G. Miska Scholarship
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Preston Ford, Class of 2018
Mrs. Bertie Elainay Raynor & Mr. Deryv William Raynor Scholarship
The Raynors established this scholarship to honor Dr. Raynor’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Deryv Raynor.
Natalia Hatch, Class of 2016
Dr. and Mrs. J. Ronald Sain Scholarship
Dr. Ron Sain and his wife, Karen, established this scholarship to help students and to provide quality dental care to the people of their region of the state.
Ben Anders, Class of 2016
Jack P. and Grace Slivers Scholarship
The late Jack Slivers was a 1963 DDS and 1966 orthodontics graduate who established this scholarship in 1988.
Erica Afanador, Class of 2017
Nahemah Lasson, Class of 2019
William Charles White, Class of 2016
Dr. Troy B. Sluder, Jr. Scholarship
Dr. Troy Sluder, the second-generation son of Dr. Robert A. Garcia, was established this scholarship to honor their friend Dr. Troy Sluder, a beloved professor and classmate of Dr. Conderman.
Sarah Spaltstein, Class of 2019
Dr. George and Nina Patterson Scholarship
Established by Dr. David S. Patterson, a 1982 graduate of the school, to honor his parents, Dr. George and Nina Patterson.
This scholarship was established by the family and friends of the late Dr. Troy Sluder, a '62 graduate of the school, who practiced general dentistry in Winston-Salem for many years.
Dr. Sockwell’s father, Dr. Robert A. Garcia, was president of the company for many years.
Dr. David Garcia, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Dr. Robert B. Sowter Scholarship
This scholarship was established by the family and friends of the late Dr. David Garcia, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.
Dr. Kathy Sowter is one of the teaching legends at the UNC School of Dentistry.
Dr. Robert A. Garcia, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Dr. David Garcia, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
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Miriam Eastering Baker Fellowship
Established by Dr. Edgar D. Baker in memory of his late wife in 1999. Dr. Baker practiced dentistry in Raleigh and these fellowships are solely for the benefit of residents in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry.

Dr. Jeremy Grabouski, Orthodontics
Dr. Chris Gibson, Orthodontics
Dr. Chris Kirk, Orthodontics
Dr. Joe Pittman, Orthodontics

Mary Jean Breeland Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry
Established through a bequest from Ms. Breeland, who passed away in 2002. She had unpleasant experiences with dentistry as a child and wanted to ensure that children wouldn’t experience the pain and trauma she did.

Dr. Erica Brecher, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Gentry Byrd, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. D. Gregory Brooks and Mr. Andrew M. Brooks Fellowship in Orthodontics
The late orthodontist Greg Brooks, DDS ’76, MS ’78, and his wife, Martha, established these fellowships for orthodontic residents in 1993. The fund was established in loving memory of their son, Andrew. When Dr. Brooks passed away in 2014, Martha added his name to the fund.

Dr. Bryan Bragassa, Orthodontics
Dr. Jillian Meaks Nyquist, Orthodontics
Dr. Visy Wong, Orthodontics

Caldwell-Christensen Fellowship
For students in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry.

Dr. Jenna Alvey, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Scott Schwartz, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. James B. Congleton III Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Jim Congleton, DDS ’75, MS ’77, who practices pediatric dentistry in New Bern, created this fund to provide support for residents in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry.

Dr. Jamil Ballantine, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Gentry Byrd, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Lauren Green, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Molly Tesch, Pediatric Dentistry

Diane C. Dillley Fellowship
Pediatric dentistry alumni established this fellowship in honor of one of their favorite professors.

Dr. Jenna Alvey, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Erica Brecher, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Scott Schwartz, Pediatric Dentistry

Jack and Renee Dunlevy Fellowship
Established in 2005 by Dr. Jack Dunlevy, an orthodontist in Middlesex, VA, and his wife, Renee.

Dr. Jeremy Grabouski, Orthodontics
Dr. Gabriel Santias-Ramirez, Orthodontics

Dr. Jacob B. Freedland Advanced Dental Education Fellowship
Established in 1994 with contributions from Dr. Jacob B. Freedland, a generous friend of the School of Dentistry who practiced endodontics in Charlotte.

Dr. Kevin Byrd, Periodontology
Ms. Brittnay Ciszek, Oral Biology
Dr. Meng Deng, Oral Biology

Dr. Jeff Parker, Endodontics
Dr. William Shing Tai Yeung, Endodontics
Dr. Justin Valerie, Periodontology

Dr. Jacob B. Freedland Scholarship in Endodontics
Dr. Freedland established this endowment fund in 1992 to provide support for residents in the Department of Endodontics.

Dr. Jeffrey Parker, Endodontics
Dr. Alison St. Paul, Endodontics
Dr. Tanjil Taggar, Endodontics

Dr. Sandy C. Marks Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry
Alumni and friends of DDS ’17 graduate and longtime pediatric dentistry faculty member Dr. Sandy Marks established this fund in 2004 to provide support for pediatric dentistry residents.

Dr. Beau Meyer, Pediatric Dentistry

F. Thomas Mclver Fellowship
Created by many generous alumni from the pediatric dentistry program in honor of their beloved professor, Dr. F. Thomas Mclver.

Dr. Scott Schwartz, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Jack Menius Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry
Alumni and friends of longtime pediatric dentistry faculty member Dr. Jack Menius established this fund in 1995 to provide support for pediatric dentistry residents.

Dr. Lauren Green, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Molly Tesch, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Theodore Oldenburg Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry
Alumni and friends of DDS ’17 and MS ’12 pediatric dentistry graduate and longtime pediatric dentistry faculty member Dr. Ted Oldenburg established this fund in 1990 to provide support for pediatric dentistry residents.

Dr. Jenna Alvey, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Bhavna Pahel, Pediatric Dentistry

Fellowship Established in Honor of Gene Howden
The UNC School of Dentistry Department of Pediatric Dentistry recently announced a new endowed fellowship to honor the academic legacy and professional contributions of Dr. Gene Howden.

“I am incredibly honored and grateful to the department and my colleagues for this fellowship named in my honor,” said Howden. “I am very glad that the funds will help a graduate student in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. I want to sincerely thank all those who were instrumental in creating the fellowship.”

Howden, a three-time Carolina graduate who received his DDS in 1966 and his master’s degree in 1971, served as the director of the DDS Program in Pediatric Dentistry from 1971-78. A tireless and highly valued leader, he is one of the members of the department in its 60-year history to be honored with the prestigious school-wide Dr. Richard F. Hunt, Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence in Predoctoral Teaching.

A diplomat of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, Howden spent the final 30 years of his career in private practice in Chapel Hill, N.C., where he was widely recognized as both an exemplary practitioner and a community leader. He was one of the early pioneers during the developmental years of the North Carolina Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and served frequently as an officer, and was president of the group from 1978-88. He was a long-time and highly valued consultant to the N.C. Medicaid Program. He was an energetic and tireless leader of the UNC Dental Alumni Association (UNCADA) and was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the UNCADA in 2012.

The endowment proceeds will be used to supplement stipends of residents in the department. Those wishing to make donations to the Howden Fellowship may do so by sending their donations to the Dental Foundation of North Carolina, earmarked for the Howden Fellowship Fund, or may contact Paul Gardiner, executive director of the Dental Foundation of North Carolina, at (919) 547-3258 or paul_gardiner@unc.edu.
Message from the UNCDAA President

Dear Alumni,

It’s been my privilege to serve as the president of the UNC School of Dentistry Dental Alumni Association. This school is close to my heart and I’m thankful to have represented each of my fellow alumni in this capacity.

By now, the school has added a new class of DDS graduates to our ranks. It is up to each of us to welcome them with open arms into the UNCDAA. In these new dental professionals, we may find new associates and friends, but will certainly find new colleagues. Let’s be sure to work together to bring them into the fold, to keep them connected with our great school and with each other.

Thank you to everyone who joined us last month during Best of Dentistry Weekend, where nearly 250 of you returned to Chapel Hill to celebrate your class reunions. I happened to be celebrating my own, and I can tell you for sure — if you weren’t there, you missed out! I hope that those of you who returned for a reunion will come back next year for the Best of Dentistry Gala. The next DDS classes up for reunions are: 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007 and 2012. I encourage you to start planning now to come back to Chapel Hill to see your classmates.

Thank you, as always, for your support of the UNC School of Dentistry and the UNC Dental Alumni Association.

All the best,

Jack Teague, DDS ’91
President, UNC Dental Alumni Association

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1950s
Wyman L. Morris, DDS ’58, passed away on February 15, 2016 at his home in Sumter, S.C.

1960s
Henry Clay Jurney, DDS ’62, passed away on March 31, 2016 at his home in Charlotte, N.C.
Joan Fox Williams, CH ’63, BSDM ’65, passed away in March 2016.
James “Jim” A. Privette, DDS ’64, passed away on January 19, 2016 in Morehead City.

1970s
D.H. Taylor, DDS ’72, is currently serving part-time as an adjunct clinical professor and instructor in the Department of General Dentistry at the ECU School of Dental Medicine. He retired from private practice in 2007.
Carl N. Bean, Jr., DDS ’73, and his wife, Elizabeth, are thrilled to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Maya Catherine, on October 4, 2015. Proud parents Eric and Kelly currently reside in Portland, Ore., with Maya.
Daniel Harris, DDS ’74, has sold his practice in Ayden, N.C., and retired after 41 years in practice. He has taken a position as an adjunct clinical assistant professor at the ECU School of Dental Medicine two and a half days a week, and is really enjoying working with the students in clinic. His wife and he are also traveling a lot and enjoying the grandkids.
John Ellington, DDS ’75, retired from active practice in January 2016.
Alvin E. “Rocky” Underwood III, DDS ’76, joined the faculty of the ECU School of Dental Medicine as a clinical assistant professor in the Division of Endodontology in September 2014. He thoroughly enjoys the academic environment, and finds it highly rewarding to work with both predoctoral students as well as residents of the AEGD program. He wants to be clear, though: he’s a Pirate in print, but always a true blue Tar Heel.
David Felton, DDS ’77, MS ’84, began his appointment, effective Jan. 19, 2016, as the dean of the University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Dentistry.
1980s

Bill Blaylock, DDS ‘80, received the W.K. Morgan Distinguished Service Award at the Fifth District Mid-Winter meeting in Greenville, N.C. The award was presented to him in recognition of outstanding service, leadership and dedication to the Fifth District Dental Society and the profession of dentistry.

Sharon Morgan, DDS ‘81, is retired from private practice, but continues to enjoy providing locum tenens care for local colleagues. She and her husband, Jim, spend their free time traveling, snow skiing, playing golf, hiking and having adventures with their eight and 11 year old grandchildren. She also has served as adjunct faculty for several student mission projects, most recently the Philippines.

Dinah Vice, DDS ‘84, expanded her Sunrise Dental locations to include Cary, N.C. This location provides weekend hours and comprehensive dental care.

1990s

Scott Earp, DDS ‘91, is celebrating 25 years in practice in Raleigh, N.C. He’s an active member in the dental community, participating in the school’s CHMDA panel last winter, providing care to those in need through the Baptist Men’s Mobile Dental Care unit (and others), and completing a residency and fellowship program with the Academy of GP-Orthodontics. He is a fellow of the International Congress of Oral Implantologists and also of the Academy of GP-Orthodontics. He and his wife, Stephanie, have two children – Scott, Jr., a freshman at Wake Forest University, and Catherine, a junior at St. David’s School in Raleigh.

Thomas Butts, DDS ‘99, MS ‘02, was inducted into the International College of Dentists in Washington, D.C. in November 2015. His daughter, Kimberly Long, who graduated from NYU Dental School in 2014, will begin her endodontic residency at NYU starting in July 2016.

2000s

Zara Bartley-Hernandez, DDS ‘06, joined the Mount Airy, N.C. practice of Dr. James Wells and Dr. Phillip Brinette.

Sherill Jordan, DDS ‘07, and her husband, John, welcomed their second child, Robert Berry, Jordan, in January. Their daughter, Juleigh Vena, turned six and will graduate kindergarten this year. Her practice, Jordan Family Dentistry, will celebrate four years this year and will soon move into a new, larger office (currently under construction). Dr. Jordan was awarded a master’s by the International Dental Implant Association.

2010s

Kailyn Long, BSDH ’10, and CPT John Long welcomed a baby boy, Sutton James, on November 24, 2015.

Akshay Kumarswamy, MS ’11, is returning to Mumbai, India (his hometown) to practice periodontology, following service as a clinical assistant professor in Nova Southeastern University and also East Carolina University. Since graduation, he got married to Aparna and they have a two-year-old son, Atharva.

Heather Hendricks, DDS ’12, MS ’15, won the Graber Award of Special Merit from the American Association of Orthodontics.

Etienne Shembo, DDS ’14, purchased his Charlotte practice in June 2015. His practice is called Eagle Shembo Dentistry, and he invites everyone to visit www.eagleshembridentistry.com.

Jeff Jackson, DDS ’14, and Amanda Kerns, DDS ’14, were honored with an Alav Alavani Award for Outstanding Articles by Junior Scholars published in the Journal of Dental Education. Their award-winning article focused on their work with the Prenatal Oral Health Program (pOHP) and was entitled, “Implementing a Prenatal Oral Health Program through Interprofessional Collaboration.”

Mr. Maurice Koury, who was awarded honorary UNC Dental Alumni Association membership in 2015, passed away in March 2016. Mr. Koury was one of the school’s most generous friends, and Koury Oral Health Sciences Building carries his name.
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