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Friends and Colleagues,

I often use this space to reflect on the state of our profession and what we, as a dental school, are doing to move it forward. Today, though, I feel that it would be best for me to share some information about what you will find in the pages of this magazine.

You will read a tribute to our Dental Assisting Program, which graduated its final class in May 2018. The decision to close this program was one of the toughest decisions I have made to date, and one I have spoken about in many forums with you. The program celebrates a rich history and I hope you enjoy reading about its roots and what its alumni will remember most fondly.

Also within these pages you will learn more about our efforts towards creating a contemporary curriculum. While we do not yet have a blueprint or a product to discuss, we felt it important to utilize some space in this issue to share why the effort is so important, and why it has risen to the top at this moment. As you will read, our profession is changing rapidly and I am incredibly excited for the future of oral health education at UNC.

Long before we created our new values statement — passionately serving our people, our community and our field through inclusiveness and beyond excellence — the spring/summer issue of this magazine paid tribute to the service of our students through the Dentistry in Service to Communities program. Again, you will read some touching stories about the experiences that our students have while on rotations across our state. You will also read about our annual Give Kids a Smile Day, a wonderful student-led day of dental service that teaches young children to not be afraid of the dentist and also about overall health.

All that we are doing here is a tribute to those of you who have left the halls of this storied institution. I hope you enjoy learning about all we are doing, and that you are able to join us in Chapel Hill sometime soon to see our work in person.

Professionally yours,

Scott S. De Rossi, DMD, MBA
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Within the first few years of the establishment of the School of Dentistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the school’s first dean, John C. Brauer, wrote in his 1954-55 annual report about the “very serious and great” manpower problems within the dental profession in the country.

According to that year’s annual report, Brauer noted “at least one-third of the dentists do not employ a dental assistant, and those dentists who do have assistants have little if any training in their use.” He noted that dental assistants could help increase the flow of patients, as well as helping the dentist complete routine duties in the office.

Brauer expressed concern that dental students graduating from UNC-CH and other schools would have little to no experience working with a dental assistant, and he suggested that it cost the state too much not to have a program which could train students to become dental assistants.

The school launched a pilot program just a couple of years later in the training and use of dental assistants, directed by Dr. Roger Barton, and the dental assistant education program became a reality.

According to “From Quonset Hut to Number One and Beyond,” a history of the UNC-CH School of Dentistry by Kermit Knudtzon and Clifton Crandell, the pilot study was “designed to evaluate the potentials for the education and training of dental assistants in a School of Dentistry, and, furthermore, to determine the values and advantages of training the dental student to utilize effectively the services of a dental assistant.”

At the time, the UNC-CH pilot program was one of only five in the United States. After two years of the pilot program, the regular program was launched in July 1966 at the UNC-CH School of Dentistry. Ms. Ethel Earl then became the program coordinator and, eventually became its director in 1973.

The dental assisting students, according to Knudtzon and Crandell, were in the advantageous position to become skilled members of the dental health team. With close contact to faculty and staff, plus the helpful cooperation of the dental assistants, hygienists, laboratory technicians and dental students, they were able to engage in a wide variety of experiences and become fully integrated within the team.

The school continued to seek ways to expand collaboration between both pre-doctoral and dental assisting students to prepare them to work together after their graduation. In the early 1990s, the dental assisting program developed a didactic and clinical course with the pre-doctoral and dental assisting students. Taught by dental and dental assisting faculty, the
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She worked as a junior faculty member in the school’s dental assisting program for a year, and after spending several years teaching at UNC-CH and other institutions, returned as director of UNC-CH’s dental assisting program in 1998. “The professional community has been enjoying the graduates of this program for decades,” Stewart said. “The dental assisting program provided well-trained dental assistants that were ready to go to work — many of them were already certified shortly after they graduated.”

She explained that the School of Dentistry’s program differed from others due to the wide variety of cases and rotations that the dental assisting students experienced. “Our students got to rotate through specialty clinics,” said Stewart. “They got to see or assist with patient care for patients with special needs — for example, working in the pediatric dentistry program with disabled children — in addition to all of the advanced dental education programs. They got to see unusual cases.”

Dental assisting students were also able to participate in the private practice externship program. Fifty adjunct faculty take on a dental assisting student at their private practice dental office for three weeks. There, the students are monitored by the dentist and actively participate in the treatment of patients seen in the office. Many of these students gained employment as a result of the externship program.

Dental assisting students also played a significant role in community service at the school, giving their time to various programs like the Dental Student Health Action Coalition, known as “Dental SHAC,” and the North Carolina Mission of Mercy (NCMOM) clinics. (SHAC is a student led organization that has served Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill for more than 50 years.)

Erhel Campbell, MS ’91, a graduate of the DATE program, and director of the dental assisting program for several years, was among the faculty and staff with the dental assisting program who were involved in many state and national associations, including American Dental Education Association (ADEA), Dental Assisting National Board (DANB), and even the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), where Campbell served for 14 years.

As a CODA site visitor, Campbell was in the unique position to see several other dental assisting programs across the country and see how UNC-CH School of Dentistry compared to those programs.

“I loved being a site visitor because you got to see programs across the country,” she said. “You could get a good idea about your own program and in many cases, make you realize what great resources we had in comparison to some smaller programs out there.”

One of those resources included the connections the School of Dentistry had with the community in terms of student rotations. The dental assisting program was able to take advantage of the variety of rotations available for dental students and experience a lot of unique cases. “The students had, right there under one roof, all of the dental specialties that they got a chance to rotate through,” said Campbell. “Most programs send students out to offices to do their externships and get practice, and they can’t send them to all of those specialties, so they only get to do maybe one or two. Our dental assisting students had the opportunity to rotate through all of those departments and get hands-on experience.”

Amy Nguyen-Stewart, RDH, MS ’06, was a graduate of the dental hygiene program at the School of Dentistry and attended the graduate program before becoming a clinical instructor for more than 10 years. In her role she was a professor to not only dental assisting students, but to hygiene and pre-doctoral students as well.
“The dental school and especially the dental assisting program is near and dear to my heart,” said Nguyen-Stewart. “The dental assisting students used the program as a stepping stone to make a career for themselves. I just ran into a former student at a private practice who’s been there for 22 years!”

Dental assisting was an opportunity for many students who may not know much about the field to become a practitioner or a clinician within a short amount of time. “I got to educate so many young men and women who came to the program from all walks of life,” said Nguyen-Stewart. Later, their education gave them the opportunity to go on to a dental hygiene, a four-year pre-doctoral program and more, if they desired a change.

Nguyen-Stewart explained that the dental assisting program at UNC-Chapel Hill is one of the only programs in the state that combines the certificate education with an extensive list of extracurricular and outreach activities, from dental SHAC to NCMOMs, ENNEAD and more.

“Our program requires students to go above and beyond just getting their education here. It gives them a more in-depth experience than just coming for 10 months, getting an education and then leaving the school. They graduate with a very dignified certificate and education that gives them a career they keep for a long time.”

First is celebrating with the students after they had completed their summer pre-clinical course. The intensive six-week section is nicknamed after her — the “Nguyen-Stewart boot camp.” After successfully passing, the dental assisting students move on to clinics.

“And the second memory is when I get to hug my students when they come across the stage at graduation and being able to congratulate them and give them a big hug,” said Nguyen-Stewart. “That’s a memory that will stay with me forever — they start with me and they end with me.”

Veronica Purvis, DA ’13, said she was so grateful for everything she learned in the program. She works with more than 20 other women in her office, where she has worked since she graduated. “I love all that being a DA has to offer,” she said. “You all have changed my life and I could not say thank you enough!”

The UNC-CH School of Dentistry has long been enriched by this program and its incredible graduates, and bidding adieu to such a successful effort is always difficult. There are many things to remember fondly, but chief among those are all the memories; there are many things to treasure, but the most valuable part of the program’s legacy is its incredible cohort of graduates. 
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Where are you now?
On average, adults change their vehicles every 6 years, and the average age of a vehicle on the road is roughly 11.5 years. Our homes require lots of updates on a more regular basis than 30-plus years: air conditioning systems last 10-15 years; traditional water heaters last about 10 years, with tankless clocking in at about 20 years; most appliances have a lifespan of less than 15 years; the furnace needs replacing every 15-20 years; and even roofs often last no more than 30 years.

Why, then, would the expectation be that current curricular model still provides optimal education to students? “It isn’t,” Dean Scott S. De Rossi, DMD, MBA, said flatly. “In the last 30-plus years we have seen a complete transformation in the way we interact with each other and with technology. We have gone from floppy disks to flash memory. From watching movies on tapes to digital streaming. From 100 percent of homes not having Internet to just 12 percent not having Internet. From no cell phones to 75 percent of us having smart phones, and only 7 percent of us not owning a cell phone at all. “There cannot be an expectation that what worked more than 30 years ago still meets the needs of the current student, because it simply does not.”

Generational Evolution
There is no denying the fact that technology has completely changed the way that people receive information. And in the same way that the industrial revolution altered society differently for people of varying ages and generations — the younger adapting quickly to and expecting the new technology, the older having a steeper learning curve and being slower adapters — the current technology revolution happening around us all has that same impact.

In March of this year, the Pew Research Center provided structure to the somewhat messy interpretation of the beginning and ending of Generation X, the Millennials and the Post-Millennials/Generation Z (see chart above). By December 31, 2018, the youngest millennials will be 22. The portion of the generation which chose to go to college straight out of high school will, for the most part, enter the final semester or completed with their higher education studies. Across the nation, in August 2018-22-year-olds will be enrolling in graduate studies: master’s degrees, medical degrees and dental degrees among them.
There will be those who do not return to school for a few years, but eventually — at an age greater than 22 years — they will choose to come back for those same aforementioned master’s, medical and dental degrees.
In this moment, right now, the millennium generation is the DDS current student. But that is quickly changing. In fact, it will change as early as August 2019, when the current pre-doctoral students become the oldest members of Generation Z. While it is easy to call anyone who grew up with a cell phone a Millennial, we must be mindful that the new curriculum should not be built with only the first generation of regular cell phone owners in mind. Instead, new curriculums should be built for Generation Z, Generation Alpha and the generations of learners to come.
It makes sense that people belong to the same generational group share values in the workplace and communication style, among other things. It is no surprise, then, that research shows generations also have similar trends in learning preferences. These trends tend to build upon each other and morph into unique preferences for each generation. The learning preference of the Baby Boomer generation was through mentorship and coaching. Generation X preserved the belief that being connected to people was the best way to learn but preferred that be done in a peer-to-peer methodology, believing in the wisdom of the collective. Millennials, like Generation Z, find learning most effective through interaction with others, but have shown a preference for a quick-paced, two-way learning environment based on relationships and a visual education. And Generation Z?
Not surprisingly, the trait this generation seems to be bringing over is the desire to have information quickly, and a preference for visual learning. They prefer technology and visually enhanced methodology.

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Formative experiences
Cold War
Moon landings
Family-oriented

Family trends
Traditional, nuclear

Communication media
Telephone

View on education
A dream

Technology
Adapted

Attitude toward career
Organizational careers are defined by employers

Baby Boomers
Born 1946-1964
Formation of OPEC
Vietnam protests

Generation X
Born 1965-1980
Fall of the Berlin Wall
Early mobile technology
Divorce rate rises

Millennials
Born 1981-1996
9/11 Attacks
Invasion of Iraq
Social media

Generation Z
Born 1997-TBD*
Economic downturn
Virtual learning
Cloud computing

*The Pew Research Center does not yet define an end date for Generation Z or a beginning date for Generation Alpha.

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That is as far as can be forecasted in 2018. The preferences and defining circumstances for Generation Alpha have yet to be realized.

Of course, preference is only part of the equation. The other portion of the equation for oral health care is more important.

“What technology is going to be available? How much information will be readily accessible? What will dentistry look like in 20, 30, 50 years, and what will the profession need at that time? Those are the questions we cannot be afraid to ask, and the answers we need to try to anticipate while building a new curriculum,” said Associate Dean for Educational Leadership and Innovation, Rocio Quiñonez, DMD, MS, MPH.

Delivering Providers the Profession will Demand

The school’s strategic plan names revolutionizing curriculum and operations as one of its top priorities, with the reinvention of a contemporary curriculum as that priority’s first objective. The strategic plan brochure reads, “We are at a pivotal time in oral health education, and our school is at a crossroads. We can champion new ways of educating and operating, or we can let the opportunity to set the new standard pass.”

“The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry is not a school comprised of people who look at an opportunity like this and say, ‘Pass. Someone else can do it,’” explained De Rossi. “Each person in our building believes in our ability to lead and to set that standard. We do not sit on the sidelines; we rise to the occasion. We lead.”

Leading the way with a new curriculum will not be easy. It is hard to predict exactly what professionals will be dealing with and what they will be able to access in the coming decades.

“We have no way of knowing what technology lies ahead for our graduates,” said Quiñonez. “What we do know is that new technology is coming. New information is coming. And while it may not be reasonable for us to attempt to anticipate the advances of 30 years from now, what is reasonable is for us to educate and graduate professionals who are able to utilize what we have and know currently and have the skills to adapt to new technologies and apply new learnings as the profession evolves.

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The capacity of the human brain to memorize facts and utilize those facts has not changed, but the number of facts available to us at any given time has risen exponentially. Similarly, technology in dentistry has evolved from film radiographs and alginate impressions.

“No one is going to be able to teach all of dentistry looks like. Oral health care in 2058 is going to be very different from how it is in 2018. The dental professionals we produce at UNC must be prepared to exist and to perform at the top of what we expect to be the quickly evolving profession of oral health care. A new curriculum will allow us to graduate cohorts who can do just that."

The school is in phase one of its work on the new predoctoral curriculum, and the hope is to share an update on the process and status of that effort in the Fall/Winter 2018 edition of the North Carolina Dental Review. Planning and discussion happen on a daily basis with regard to the new curriculum, and the school expects to begin rolling out a new curriculum within the next three to four years.

Why the rush?

"Simple," said De Rossi. "It is obvious that there is no better time. Our profession is changing. Higher education — evidenced by the directive set in the University’s strategic framework, called The Blueprint for Next, to embrace a new learning imperative — is changing. Our students are changing. Our patients’ expectations and needs are changing. Standing still while everything around us changes and evolves means we will be left behind. There is no better time. So, why wait?"

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Frazier-Bowers Appointed Assistant Dean for Inclusive Excellence and Equality Initiatives

Sylvia Frazier-Bowers, DDS, PhD, has been named the school’s first assistant dean for inclusive excellence and equality initiatives. “Under the leadership of Dean De Rossi, the School of Dentistry has boldly affirmed one of our strategic objectives is to create a culture of transparency, integrity, respect, collaboration and trust,” said Frazier-Bowers. “If we all believe that, by embracing diversity, we shall possess the most powerful tool — seeing the same problem through the lenses of many different people — then we will foster creativity and inspire productivity.”

In this role, Frazier-Bowers will spearhead diversity efforts related to the school’s strategic priority to retain and recruit the very best people in a collaborative environment. Her work will focus on the identification and creation of initiatives and programs that enhance the school’s culture. She will continue as an associate professor in the Department of Orthodontics. “Sylvia will do a wonderful job in this capacity,” said Dean Scott S. De Rossi, DDMS, MBA. “She is passionate about inclusiveness and equity, and she is endlessly creative — which will allow her to find innovative ways to help us create a culture of transparency, integrity, respect, collaboration and trust with all our constituents. I am excited for her to begin her work on this important endeavor.”

Frazier-Bowers earned her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Illinois Chicago. She received her training in orthodontics from the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, her doctorate in genetics and molecular biology from UNC-Chapel Hill and completed a post-doctoral fellowship in orthodontics at the University of Texas Health Science Centre Houston. Outside of UNC-Chapel Hill, she serves as chair of the Council of Scientific Affairs for the American Association of Orthodontics (AAO) and is president of the International Association of Dental Research Craniofacial Biology Group.

Quinonez Appointed Associate Dean for Educational Leadership and Innovation

Rocio Quinonez, DMD, MS, MPH, recently began her appointment as the school’s first assistant dean for educational leadership and innovation. “When we developed our school’s strategic plan, one of the things that rose to the top was a desire to truly revolutionize the way students are taught in oral health education. The creation of this position allows us to have someone dedicated to directing those efforts,” said Dean Scott S. De Rossi, DDMS, MBA. “In thinking about this role, it became apparent that Rocio would be a wonderful fit. She is inventive and passionate about ensuring our students receive the best education possible, which is why she will do a wonderful job as associate dean.”

Quinonez will lead the efforts to examine the school’s existing curricula and reinvent a contemporary curriculum. She, along with a Curriculum Innovation Steering Committee and the Office of Academic Affairs, will evaluate new technologies, improve the sequence of courses offered and develop a curriculum blueprint. Quinonez will continue to have a presence in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, where she will still see patients in the Dental Faculty Practice and teach in the Baby Oral Health Program (BOHP).

“Rocio will do a wonderful job in this capacity,” said Frazier-Bowers. “I am excited to help lead our school in a three-year planning phase of curriculum innovation. We have a unique opportunity to comprehensively examine and reimagine a curriculum that best prepares our students for the world they will practice in.”

Lampiris to Lead New Office of Community Engagement as Assistant Dean

Lew Lampiris, DDS, MPH, recently began his new appointment as the school’s first assistant dean for community engagement and outreach. In this capacity, Lampiris will oversee the creation of the Office of Community Engagement and Outreach. “I am excited to assume this position, I look forward to facilitating collaborations between the school and communities throughout the state,” said Lampiris. “A major goal is to improve the oral health status of the people of the state through engaged teaching, learning, service and research efforts. This position will assure the School of Dentistry is represented in community initiatives and events that align with the school’s mission, vision and strategies.”

Under Lampiris’ guidance, the Office of Community Engagement and Outreach will promote, monitor and advance the school’s service activities, which occur year-round across the state and the nation. Lampiris will continue to serve as director of the Dentistry in Service to Communities (DISC) Program, which facilitates eight weeks of service rotations for the school’s Doctor of Dental Surgery students during the summer between their third and fourth years of dental school. “When we decided to create an Office of Community Engagement and Outreach, I knew that Lew was exactly who we needed at the helm,” said Lampiris. “He is innovative and creative —  which will allow him to find innovative ways to help us create a culture of transparency, integrity, respect, collaboration and trust with all our constituents. I am excited for him to begin his work on this important endeavor.”

Lampiris joined the school’s faculty in 2013, is an associate professor in the Department of Dental Ecology. Prior to coming to Chapel Hill, Lampiris worked at the American Dental Association as the director of the Council on Access, Prevention and Interprofessional Relations. He is a recipient of the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors Distinguished Service Award, an American Dental Association Presidential Citation and the American Association of Public Health Dentistry’s Distinguished Service Award.

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Weintraub, Rozer Co-author Paper Commissioned by National Academies’ Roundtable on Health Literacy

Jane A. Weintraub, DDS, MPH, Alumni Distinguished Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Global Public Health and an adjacent professor of health policy and management at the UNC-CH Gillings School of Global Public Health, and Gary Rozier, DDS, MPH, research professor of health policy and management at the Gillings School of Global Public Health, are co-authors of a paper that explores the integration of medicine and dentistry.

The comprehensive, 250-page paper, “Integrating Oral Health, Primary Care and Health Literacy: Considerations for Health Professional Practice, Education and Policy,” was commissioned by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine’s Roundtable on Health Literacy as part of a series of papers aimed at informing, inspiring and activating the development, implementation and sharing of evidence-based health literacy practices and policies.

Oral health and general health are linked inextricably, but in education, practice and policy, they have been considered as separate and treated by different types of health-care providers. By integrating oral health and primary care, providers can deliver more comprehensive and improved access to health services. However, the authors found these collaborations are still in early stages.

Through a review of published literature, the authors found only 24 studies of physicians integrating oral health services into their clinical practices, about half of which were services provided to children and six analyses related to dentists incorporating preventive health services. In their analysis of services that integrated preventive and oral health care, the authors found 37 examples of oral health services carried out by medical providers, some of which included co-location of dental hygienists in primary-care practices.

With regard to integration of medicine and dentistry in academia, the authors found that the amount of time devoted to oral health in advanced curricula is too little, and the topics are too limited.

The authors conclude that health-care delivery system models are developing rapidly and have potential for the integration of oral health. Research and improved policies, they say, will help integrate oral health and primary care services and will aid in implementing health literacy principles in patient care, health profession education and continuing education.

Kathryn A. Achimtz, DDS, MPH, professor at the University of California at Los Angeles School of Dentistry and Fielding School of Public Health, is lead author of the paper, which is available online at http://www.nationalacademies.org.

Oliveira Presented the Inaugural Academy of Operative Dentistry Faculty Excellence Award

In the 2017 Spring/Summer issue of the North Carolina Dental Review, we recognized Dr. Gustavo Oliveira for being named the inaugural recipient of the AOD Biological Star Faculty Award. At this recent AOD meeting, he was presented the award and publicly honored for this achievement. The biological award recognizes Oliveira for excellence in the pursuit of teaching clinical dentistry.

Congratulations again, Dr. Oliveira!

Swift Receives 2018 George M. Hollenback Memorial Prize

The Academy of Operative Dentistry awarded Professor of Operative Dentistry, Vice Dean for Education and Chief Academic Office, Edward J. Swift, Jr, DMD, MS, with the 2018 George M. Hollenback Memorial Prize at the Academy’s 47th Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. The Hollenback Prize is in recognition of Dr. Swift’s exceptional work, leadership, mentorship and lifetime achievements.

“There is no finer recipient for this award,” said Dean Scott S. DeRusso, DMD, MBA. “Dr. Swift’s career is one of many notable accomplishments, and we are incredibly fortunate to have him one of our colleagues at the UNC School of Dentistry.”

The Hollenback Memorial Prize was established in 1975 as a memorial to the late George M. Hollenback for his distinguished research and leadership. The award is given for research that has contributed substantially to the advancement of restorative dentistry. Research from a broad range of topics is considered, from fundamental to applied research, and encompasses all levels of investigation from prevention of dental disease to development of improved materials and techniques. It is one of the highest awards from the Academy of Operative Dentistry (AOD).

Over the years, the Hollenback Prize has been awarded to some of the giants of our profession,” said Swift. “I am truly humbled to receive this honor.”

Swift is recognized for his many years in education and his strong leadership of many outstanding clinicians in the field of operative dentistry. Swift received his degree from the Medical University of South Carolina and his master’s degree in operative dentistry from the University of Iowa. He practiced general dentistry in South Carolina for several years, and taught at the University of Mississippi and the University of Iowa.

He is a member of the American Dental Association, the AOD, and the International Association for Dental Research. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry and the Academy of Dental Materials. He was a founding member and past president of the Society for Color and Appearance in Dentistry.

Swift has served on the Dentistry Corporate Education Advisory Board and the 3M Scientific Dentistry Board. He is on the editorial boards of the “Journal of Esthetic and Restorative Dentistry,” “Operative Dentistry” and the “American Journal of Dentistry” and he has published more than 200 journal articles. Swift is a co-editor of a leading dental textbook, “Steinhardt’s Art and Science of Operative Dentistry.”

Asma Khan, BDS, PhD, associate professor of endodontics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, has been recognized by the Journal of Endodontics with the best article award in the category of “Basic Research–Biology” for her work, “Viral MicroRNAs Identified in Human Dental Pulp.”

These awards specifically recognize papers which represented significant advances in endodontics. Honored papers were selected for their scientific merit and broad impact on dental research, originality of research objectives and ideas, creativity in study design and uniqueness of approach and concept, validity of statistical and/or epidemiological methods, and clarity of presentation.

“This paper is a result of great teamwork between students, post-docs and faculty,” said Khan. She will be presented with the award at the American Association of Endodontics’ annual meeting in Denver, Colorado.

Khan graduated from dental school in India and obtained her doctorate in neuroscience from the University of Maryland. She completed a clinical research fellowship at the National Institutes of Health and a residency in endodontics at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio. Her research interests include pain mechanisms and management as well as regenerative endodontics.

Adalberto Bastos De Vasconcellos, DDS, MS, PhD, has returned to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry to begin his appointment as an associate professor.

“It is an absolute honor and privilege to join the prestigious Department of Operative Dentistry at the top-ranked UNC School of Dentistry,” said Vasconcellos. “My research and clinical philosophy have been indelibly shaped by the knowledge gained from the outstanding clinical and laboratory studies that have been published by the world-renowned UNC operative dentistry faculty over the past several decades. I am truly delighted to become a member of this family.”

Vasconcellos earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of São Paulo. He has taught operative dentistry for more than 20 years while maintaining a part-time dental practice devoted to aesthetic dentistry. Vasconcellos has been published extensively regarding restorative dentistry and dental materials. He is a member of the American Academy of Operative Dentistry and the International Association for Dental Research.

Before joining the faculty at UNC-CH, Vasconcellos served as associate professor of operative dentistry and eventually dean at the Fluminense Federal University School of Dentistry, Nova Friburgo, Brazil. In addition to being engaged in preclinical and clinical teaching in operative dentistry, Vasconcellos will continue his research efforts, focusing on adhesive and nanocomposite restorative materials, and will practice in the school’s Dental Faculty Practice. He also plans to work with the Optical Coherence Imaging Lab’s research team at the UNC-CH Department of Physics and Astronomy to explore the clinical implications of high-resolution OCT imaging for real-time longitudinal assessment of defects within non-invasive restorations and at their marginal interface.
Faculty Receive Travel Grants to Attend ADEA

Three faculty received a travel grant to attend the 2018 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) meeting in Orlando, Florida. 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. The faculty provided a faculty “teach-back” lunch and learn to share information they learned at the meeting with other UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry faculty.

Sumitha Ahmed, Assistant Professor, Department of Operative Dentistry
Sumitha Ahmed, BDS, MS, is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Operative Dentistry at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry. After receiving a bachelor’s degree in dental surgery from Raiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences and completion of endo-lectures in general dentistry rotation, she practiced in hospital and private practice settings in India for a few years before moving to the US. In the US, she worked in private practice settings until she returned to school in 2009 and earned a certificate in dental hygiene from the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry. In May 2014, she earned a Master of Science in Operative Dentistry from UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry. She was appointed as DDS clinic group practice director in 2014. She also serves as the director of preclinical operative dentistry at UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry. Ahmed is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Operative Dentistry and is the course director of special care in Operative Dentistry. Sulaiman is a clinician and a researcher hoping to bridge gaps between dental research and clinical application. Sulaiman’s research focus is on dental ceramics, adhesion, cementation, color and appearance in dentistry and biomimetics. He is a member of numerous academies including the International Association for Dental Research/American Association for Dental Research (IADR/AADR), AOD, the Society of Color and Appearance in Dentistry (SCAD) and the American Dental Association (ADA). He has lectured on numerous national and international stages, and serves as a reviewer for many peer-reviewed dental journals.

Taiseer Sulaiman, Assistant Professor, Department of Operative Dentistry
Taiseer Sulaiman, DDS, PhD, is an assistant professor and the director of biomaterials and biomimetics in the Department of Operative Dentistry at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry where he gained his clinical certificate in operative dentistry. He completed his doctorate in dental materials from the Department of Prosthetic Dentistry and Biomaterial Sciences from the University of Turku in Finland in collaboration with the UNC-CH School of Dentistry. Sulaiman’s research focus is on dental ceramics, adhesion, cementation, color and appearance in dentistry and biomimetics. He is a member of numerous academies including the International Association for Dental Research/American Association for Dental Research (IADR/AADR), AOD, the Society of Color and Appearance in Dentistry (SCAD) and the American Dental Association (ADA). He has lectured on numerous national and international stages, and serves as a reviewer for many peer-reviewed dental journals.

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 worldwide. 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, Georgia. Current faculty and those considering an academic position can participate in a two-phase (on-site in Chapel Hill) over 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 2017 Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL): Dr. Jack King, associate professor in the Department of Operative Dentistry, and Dr. Jeanne Girel, assistant professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry.

Katherine Ciarrocca, DMD, MSED, MSCD
Katharine Ciarrocca, DMD, MS, MScD, associate professor of dental ecology, taught two courses for the 2018 Spring Clinical Update Series. The topics were “Medically Complex Patients Part I: An Update on Hypertension and Diabetes” and the “Medically Complex Patients Part II: An Update on Anticoagulation and Antibiotic Prophylaxis.”

Rocio Quinonez Promoted to Full Professor, Department of Pediatric Dentistry

Rocio Quinonez, DMD, MS, MPH, has been promoted to professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, in addition to her role as associate dean for global health and innovation. Quinonez joined the School of Dentistry as a full-time faculty member in 2006. Her achievements in this role include coordination of the Prenatal Oral Health Program and the Baby Oral Health Program, both educational tools focused on enhancing competency in providing preventative oral health care. Quinonez earned her Doctor in Medical Dentistry from the University of Manitoba in 1996, and was received her Master of Science degree in pediatric dentistry from the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry in 2000. Quinonez received her master’s degree in health policy and administration from the UNC-Chapel Hill Gillings School of Global Public Health. Prior to joining the School of Dentistry faculty she was a private practitioner in Durham, North Carolina for six years. She is an active member of the Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Quinonez is also an examiner for the Royal College of Dentists of Canada.

Kimon Divaris Promoted to Associate Professor, Department of Pediatric Dentistry

Kimon Divaris, DDS, PhD, has been promoted to associate professor with tenure in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. Prior to this position, Divaris served as a research assistant professor working on NIH-funded research activities for the School of Dentistry and the UNC-Chapel Hill Gillings School of Public Health. He was involved in teaching both pre-doctoral and graduate pediatric dentistry curricula and provides clinical care at UNC Hospitals and the School of Dentistry’s Dental Faculty Practice. Divaris earned a BS degree from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens School of Dentistry in 2005. In 2011, he received certificates in pediatric dentistry and global health, as well as his PhD in epidemiology, from UNC-Ch.
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Ph.D. student Joseph Motley was selected to give a surgical workshop on the latest 3D printed surgical replicas. The two-day workshop was held at the Aria Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Don Tandy, DDS, PhD, MSPh and Carry J. O’Sullivan, DDS, MS, MPH, were invited by the Medical & Dental Education Commission to present at the 2018 Annual Continuing Medical & Dental Education Commission Conference in Athens, Greece. Tandy’s presentation was titled “Principles of Radiographic Interpretation,” and O’Sullivan’s presentation was titled “Is Traditional Orthognathic Surgery and Maxillofacial Surgery for the 4th Annual Congress of The Iranian Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. His topic was, “Is Traditional Orthognathic Surgery and Maxillofacial Surgery Effective.” The lecture was broadcast worldwide.

Carolina Vera, DDS, faculty advisor for the Mexico Global Team, was an honorary guest at the Window of Education Orientation, an event held by the Mexican consulate in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Jennie Brana, RDH, MS, has been working on a new dental hygiene audiology interprofessional education activity. Professor Brana was also recognized for her service to Smiles for Life as a consultant and reviewer.

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At this year’s fifth annual Give Kids a Smile Day, more than 200 student volunteers at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry again provided free dental care and oral health education for Durham Early Head Start children. The event was held in conjunction with the American Dental Association’s annual Give Kids a Smile Day, and was organized by Jaehee Yoo, Kaitlin Laxer and Noah Menaker, all DDS Candidates 2019, as well as a committee of student volunteers.

Durham Early Head Start is a collaboration between Durham’s Partnership for Children, Chapel Hill Training-Outreach Project and the Center for Child & Family Health. The program provides no-cost, comprehensive child development and family support for low-income families who are expecting, and those with children up to three years old. Currently, Durham Early Head Start serves more than 170 children and their families.

Children aged 3-5 years old received treatment from student dentists, dental hygienists and residents, including oral screenings, fluoride varnish treatment, and more. For some children, this may be one of their first visits to a dentist. The event organizers wanted to make sure the experience was a positive one.

“We wanted to instill in them a fun and exciting first impression of the dentist in order to remove some of the fears that stigmatize dental visits in society. We also hope that their families take away a renewed sense of importance of maintaining oral health as an extension of overall health.”

In the past, there has been a struggle to accommodate the number of UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry students, faculty and staff who wanted to participate in the Give Kids a Smile event. This year, the event organizers succeeded in allowing more than 200 students, faculty and staff members from the school to volunteer. They attribute their success in part to the pediatric dentistry department, which enabled student volunteers to utilize the faculty and residents’ knowledge and expertise throughout the event.

“We worked hard to make this a more sustainable event, implementing a number of new systems and practices that will ensure the continued success of Give Kids a Smile as one of the largest annual service events at the dental school,” said Menaker. In the future, the group hopes to continue to expand their offerings in both the treatments they can provide, such as sealants and minor restorative work, as well as the age range of children they are able to treat.

“We would like to see as many participants as possible come to the School of Dentistry to receive treatment and oral health instruction,” said Menaker. “We have such wonderful facilities here at UNC, and making the best use of those will continue to ensure that Give Kids a Smile is a wonderful experience for everyone for years to come.”

The American Dental Association began the Give Kids a Smile Day program more than 15 years ago. The program aims to address and raise awareness of untreated dental disease in children.
Byrd Earns First Place in 2018 AADR Hatton Competition and Awards

Kevin Byrd, DDS, PhD, and postdoctoral research associate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, received first place in the postdoctoral category in the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) Hatton Competition under the mentorship of Scott Williams, PhD, at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine.

Byrd will compete in the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) Unilever Hatton Competition and Awards held during IADR’s 96th General Session and Exhibition in London, England this July, along with individuals from dental schools around the world.

“I am excited to have been recognized for my research at the national level and will be proud to represent the UNC-School of Dentistry at the IADR Unilever Hatton Competition this year,” said Byrd. “UNC has been such an excellent place to create and to collaborate. Though I am specifically being awarded, there are many individuals—from undergraduates to senior mentors—who have supported me to make this award possible.”

The AADR competition sends qualified individuals to the IADR Unilever Hatton Competition and Awards, which provides an opportunity for the best junior investigators from all IADR divisions and sections to present their research at the annual IADR General Session.

From the many applicants for the AADR Hatton Competition, only the 27 best are selected as finalists. These finalists give an oral presentation during the AADR annual meeting and, from that group, six finalists are selected to represent the AADR at the international competition in London. As one of three first place winners at the AADR competition, Byrd will receive $1,000, travel and lodging in London, and a commemorative plaque.

Byrd recently finished his doctor of philosophy in oral and craniofacial biomedicine, and is pursuing a certificate in Periodontology. This research is focused on characterizing oral epithelial stem and progenitor cells and how their regulation contributes to wound healing and oral squamous cell carcinomas. Currently, he is considering how to adapt his findings for autologous soft tissue grafts in a clinical setting.

This is not the first time Byrd has placed in the Hatton Competition—in 2015, he won first place in the senior category. Byrd published two peer-reviewed articles during his doctoral of philosophy studies, received numerous clinical honors and awards, and held various professional affiliations and memberships. His research has been supported by the NIH/NIDCR, including: the Training Program for the Next Generation of Oral Health Researchers (T90); an NIDR/NIDCR Loan Repayment Program award; and a five-year Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award (K08).

Keyachtta Hawkins, DDS Candidate 2018, was named as a recipient of the 2017 Dental Trade Alliance (DTA) Foundation/Crown Seating Scholarship.

The scholarship recognizes dental students across the country who demonstrate a strong commitment to community service. “It is an honor to be recognized for my commitment to outreach. I love school and treating my patients in our student clinics, however, when I am in the community making a true difference in the lives of others who are often overlooked, I truly feel fulfilled. This tells me that it is innate in me to want to give back to the underserved,” said Hawkins. “Additionally, being awarded this scholarship during my fourth and most important year in dental school is a contributing factor in making my dream come true. With this scholarship, the stress of debt after graduation has been alleviated because I now have the money to pay for all my exams.”

Each year, the DTA Foundation awards multiple $5,000 scholarships to students across the country, recognizing a variety of emphasis points. In 2017, DTA Foundation awarded 27 scholarships to students across the country. Hawkins was the sole recipient of the Crown Seating Scholarship, which emphasizes a passion and dedication to making oral care accessible to the underserved.

“Keyachtta is incredibly deserving of this honor,” said Dean Scott S. De Rossi, DDS, MBA. “She is always looking for new ways to improve the oral health of those in our local community and beyond. Whether she is leading efforts to expand the care options at a local free clinic, or starting a completely new initiative, Keyachtta is truly dedicated to the betterment of oral health of all.”

Hawkins graduated from the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry in May 2018.

McPherson Named American Dental Association’s National Legislative Liaison of the Year

The American Dental Political Action Committee of the American Dental Association (ADA) presented Kate McPherson, DDS Candidate 2020, with the American Student Dental Association’s National Legislative Liaison of the Year award during the ADA National Dentist and Student Lobby Day.

“We are thrilled at Kate’s national recognition for her work in legislation,” said Sarah Strickland and Nehemiah Lawson, DDS Candidates 2019, and co-presidents of UNC-CH American Student Dental Association. “She’s an amazing leader to have on our team and couldn’t think of anyone more deserving. She’s passionate about dentistry and legislation and puts 110 percent into everything she does.”

The award recognizes McPherson for motivating and organizing the UNC-CH ASDA chapter in the legislative arena, and getting the chapter involved in advocacy efforts. The ASDA Council on Advocacy selects the winner based on nominations from the legislative coordinators from dental schools across the country. Jonathan Vogel presented the award to McPherson.

“Receiving this award was an unbelievable surprise and an incredible honor,” said McPherson. “Advocating for advancements in dentistry has become a powerful part of my time as a dental student at UNC. I feel very fortunate to have had such a strong backing from our UNC ASDA Executive Board and Legislative Committee, who have helped make this such a successful year for dental advocacy.”

Second-year dental student Kate McPherson receives ASDA’s National liaison of the Year award from Jonathan Vogel.

McPherson participates in Dental Student Lobby Day 2018 in Washington, D.C.

This is the second year the ASDA and the ADA joined forces to lobby in Washington, D.C. National Dentist and Student Lobby Day is an opportunity for dental students and dentists to meet with members of Congress, and advocate on the behalf of themselves and their patients. Students discuss the issues that will impact the education and training of dental students and future dentists with lawmakers and staff. ASDA provides a full day of training on issues and policies up for discussion each year. In addition to conducting congressional meetings, attendees network with and learn from experienced practitioners throughout the meeting.
Nisha Kamath, DDS Candidate 2019, was selected to represent the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry at the national 2018 Interprofessional Education (IPE) CLARION Competition.

“Nisha is the perfect choice to represent the School of Dentistry and UNC at the Clarion competition,” said N. Shaun Matthews, DDS, MD, FRCS. “Her varied educational portfolio and awareness of the importance of interprofessional education gives her the ability to see the bigger picture when it comes to collaborating with other health care professionals. I am immensely proud of her and the fact that she was the top-ranked applicant across all of the UNC Schools.”

CLARION is a University of Minnesota student organization dedicated to improving health care through interprofessional collaboration. For more than 15 years, the University of Minnesota has hosted the local student case competition for health professional students, enabling them to achieve a 360-degree perspective on patient safety in today’s health care system and how it might be improved. In 2005, CLARION expanded the competition to the national level. Institutions send teams of four students from two different professions, including dentistry, public health, medicine, nursing and more. Teams are given a case and are charged with creating a root cause analysis. Each team has 20 minutes to present their analysis to a panel of interprofessional judges, where they are evaluated in the context of real world standards of practice. Three teams will be selected for shared awards — first place receives $7,500, second place receives $5,000 and third place receives $2,500. The national case competition presentations were held Saturday, April 14, 2018, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

“I entered dentistry with the vision of a career that centers on interprofessional, coordinated care that ultimately improves outcomes for patients,” said Kamath. “The CLARION competition is just the beginning to laying that foundation. It is an honor for me to be representing the dental profession and UNC-CII.”

Kamath is a member of the School of Dentistry’s Interprofessional Education Committee, the Inclusive Excellence Committee, and a regular volunteer at the UNC dental SHC clinic, a student-led clinic that provides care-free care to patients. She was also a mentor in the American Student Dental Association’s Bridging the Gap Program, which pairs current dental students with aspiring pre-dental students across the state.

In July 2017, she was a team member of the UNC Uganda Project, which provided free oral health care to more than 400 patients in the Kampala region.

Kamath received her Bachelor of Arts in Spanish language from George Mason University, and a Master of Arts in food systems, culture and policy from New York University.

Oh earned her bachelor’s in dental hygiene from the UNC School of Dentistry in 2013. She has worked as a clinical dental hygienist in pediatric, orthodontic, and general private practice.

Her thesis project examined trends and determinants of water drinking practices among young children, and also sought to understand Latino community members’ experiences regarding drinking water choices and views on strategies to promote community-water consumption. Her thesis committee chair is Kamalia Bivas, DDS, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry; other committee members include Jane Weintraub, DDS, MPH, and Lattice Sams, MS, both of the Department of Dental Ecology.

Oh joins more than 800 students of Dentistry who have received this award in the past, including the 2017 winner, Kayla Cunninghan, M S DH, and the 2016 winner, Elizabeth Kamegaya, CDA, RDH, M S DH, now an assistant professor in the Department of Dental Ecology.

“In continuing with the tradition of exceptional graduate students, Yuri has shown a remarkable dedication, determination, and an unwavering positive attitude,” said Jennie Brame, RDH, MS, director of the MSDH Program and interim director of the undergraduate dental hygiene program. “She is a compassionate and innovative teacher, and a true leader in dental hygiene education. I am thrilled that she has been recognized by receiving this award.”

The ADA/Crest Oral-B Scholarship for Dental Hygiene Students Pursuing Academic Careers supports dental hygiene students who want to work in academia and are actively enrolled in an education program beyond an associate’s degree. Two students are selected each year to receive $2,000 toward their tuition and fees, $500 to subsidize travel to visit the ADA Annual Session and Exhibition in Orlando, Florida, and $500 to subsidize travel to visit the Procter & Gamble Research Center in Mason, Ohio.

**Kamath Selected For National CLARION Competition on Interprofessional Collaboration**

**Oh Wins National Award for Students Pursuing Academic Careers**

**Dsouza Selected as Student Delegate for the American Dental Hygienists’ Association**

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Yuri Oh, a second-year student in the Master of Science in Dental Hygiene Education (MSDHE) program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, has been named as one of two national recipients of the ADA/Crest Oral-B Scholarship for Dental Hygiene Students Pursuing Academic Careers.

“I am delighted and grateful to have been selected for this award,” said Oh. “I’m so thankful for the support of excellent professors, mentors and students in my academic journey, and I look forward to advancing my career as a dental hygiene educator.”

Roxanne Dsouza, a second-year student in the Master of Science in Dental Hygiene Education (MSDHE) program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, has been selected to serve as the American Dental Hygienists’ Association District IV Student Delegate.

“I’m so grateful for the opportunity to represent District IV as a Student Delegate for the American Dental Hygienists’ Association (ADHA),” said Dsouza. “I look forward to advocating for my profession as a current and future leader in dental hygiene education at the ADHA Annual Conference.”

In this role, Roxanne has been appointed to lead in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. She will have the opportunity to represent student members of the ADHA, and also sit on the House of Delegates floor during all three meetings, including attendance to the ADHA Annual Conference.

“Roxanne exemplifies leadership and advocacy for both our profession and school in this new role,” said Professor Jennie Brame, RDH, MS director of the MSDH program and interim chair of the undergraduate dental hygiene program.

“She is passionate and dedicated to lead a positive change in dental hygiene education. I am so excited to see her impact as a future educator and leader.”

Dsouza earned her bachelor’s degree in dental hygiene from the UNC-Ch School of Dentistry in 2016. Her thesis project titled, “Promoting Foundations for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice: Oral Health in Nursing Education,” implemented an interprofessional educational experience for UNC-Ch nursing students.

Brame serves as her thesis committee chair; other committee members include Rocío Quinónez, DMD, MS, MPH, associate dean for educational leadership and innovation and professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry; and Sara Hillsbail, DNP, RN, NP-C, from the UNC-Ch School of Nursing.

Dsouza has been accepted to the doctorate in Adult and Community College Education Program at North Carolina State University and will begin this summer following her graduation from the MSDH Program.
Byrd, Quinonez Investigate Oral Health Counseling by Primary Care Physicians

Gentry Byrd, DDS, third-year resident
Graduate Pediatric Dentistry Program, and
Rocio Quinonez, DMD, MS, MPH, associate dean for educational leadership and innovation, of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry are co-authors of a paper that investigates prenatal oral health counseling by primary care physicians. This is the first study to provide national estimates and predictors of primary care providers prenatal oral health counseling using the data from the 2013 Survey of Primary Care Physicians on Oral Health by the United States Department of Health and Human Services’ (USDHHS) Office of Women’s Health. Their study surveyed more than 350 primary care physicians across the country who treat pregnant women. The authors found that while many primary care physicians acknowledged their role in oral health, especially in association with counseling pregnant women. The authors found that primary care physicians who received oral health counseling had a higher likelihood of counseling pregnant women on oral health than those who did not. This research illustrates the growing importance of interprofessional collaboration between health care professions, with a particular focus on oral health, as the environment of health care delivery continues to change. Oral health content has increased in medical school education within the last decade. For instance, Smiles for Life, a national oral health curriculum, was designed to facilitate the integration of oral health into primary care provider training. The authors address areas of future research, such as the quality of oral health counseling given by primary care providers and physicians, and barriers to addressing prenatal oral health. New studies utilizing their findings may be done to facilitate strategy development to promote evidence based practice, with more work needed to assure equitable and quality prenatal care. Other collaborators on the paper include Kimon Divaris, DDS, PhD, associate professor of pediatric dentistry, and Grib Phillips, DDS, MPH, PhD, associate dean for advanced dental education, from the School of Dentistry; Gary Rozier, DDS, MPH, from the Gillings School of Public Health; and Marian Mehegan and Ledia Martinez from the USDHHS Office on Women’s Health. This paper was selected for publication in the Maternal and Child Health Journal. To read the full paper, search for DOI 10.1007/s10995-018-2483-4.

This is the first study to provide national estimates and predictors of primary care providers prenatal oral health counseling using the data from the 2013 Survey of Primary Care Physicians on Oral Health by the United States Department of Health and Human Services’ (USDHHS) Office of Women’s Health.

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 45 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-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry and 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 vast; many conduct their rotations at federally qualified health centers, county public health clinics, correctional centers and hospitals in both rural and urban areas throughout North Carolina 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.”
On my first day of rotation at the Raleigh Central Prison, we were warned to not share personal information with the prisoners and to especially be aware of “the ones who are wearing red jump suits because they’re the death row ones.” After a few hours of filling out paperwork and mandatory meetings, my first patient was waiting in the second operatory.

As I walked toward the operatory, I was feeling different emotions, not a specific emotion, but an amalgamation of unpleasant emotions. Why was I feeling this way? I had the first choice and I chose this rotation myself because I strongly believe that health care should not be reserved just for the privileged few that can afford it. The negative emotions did not make sense, but everything became tense when I made visual contact with the patient. The man had tan skin and a nearly trimmed beard that sharply contrasted his bald head. His dark brown eyes looked deadly. Likely because he was wearing a red jump suit.

Internally, I struggled. What do I do now? Should I go back to the supervisor and refuse to treat such a horrible person?

In the midst of emotions and questions running through my head, I had walked in the operatory and introduced myself. The patient smiled and introduced himself, and made a joke as if he was trying to relieve the tension.

Joy! I was surprised by my complete change of perspective and attitude toward treating him and also other prisoners, and I was reminded of my personal belief that it is important to treat others like I would like to be treated, regardless of status. We are often primed to feel or act a certain way toward stereotypes, but this experience taught me that we can definitely control the actions we take toward the negative stereotype. I will carry this lesson throughout my personal and professional growth as a reminder that we are in a profession that can change people’s lives ... but that our patients can change our lives, too.

I needed new dentures, thus we interacted at least twice a week and by the end of the rotation we became very comfortable with each other. It was as if we knew so much about each other even though we never shared any personal information. During my time spent with him, I had felt gratitude, interest, amusement and even awe.

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One of my patients became a quadruple of being involved in a car accident. Her verbal communication was limited and her head was constantly dropping downward, making intubation and treatment complicated.

She was scheduled to go to the OR to have a full mouth extraction with alveoplasty and bilaterial mandibular tori removal.

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During my third week at the Wilkes County Public Health Center, I interacted with a male patient a few years older than me. He suffered from severe muscular atrophy, developmental and behavioral issues, which caused him to be dependent on his parents for care. He was able to say only a few phrases and was unable to control his own bodily movements and was transported via wheelchair.

He came in for a prophylaxis and was wheeled in by his parents. His father transferred him to the dental chair and apologized for being a few minutes late.

The patient had uranium on himself on the way over to the dentist and they had to make a pit stop at Goodwill for a new set of clothes. The appointment went smoothly, but I had to adjust every five minutes because he kept sliding down the chair. I tried my best to communicate with him, he was limited to a few intelligible words and was very sweet. He had a host of dental problems, but thankfully was not in pain that day. I was very intimidated to work with this patient, unfamiliar with working with developmentally disabled patients and frightened that I would hurt him while working with him. As the appointment proceeded, I became more comfortable as I understood that he was not as fragile as I first believed and very friendly, although unable to communicate verbally.

After the appointment, I talked with his parents. They shared their daily routine caring for their son, which was a full-time job. They helped with everything from caring for his basic needs to transporting him for activities and enrichment. Obviously they loved him very much and showed him affection; however, they were understandably tired and had sacrificed so much to give his son a good life. I gained great respect for the parents and compassion for the son through this one interaction.

This experience informed my practice and was a serious reminder that as healthcare providers we should be ready to see any kind of patient, to treat all with compassion and respect, and to engage in the life circumstances that may impact dental health and wellbeing. Whether it is a short dental visit or doctor-patient relationship over the years, an impact can be made in a patient’s life by simply taking time to listen to their fears, thoughts, and seemingly non-dental related concerns.

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The next morning, I accompanied my patient as he went to the dental office for a prophylaxis and was discharged via wheelchair.

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The Dental Foundation of North Carolina honors those donors and recipients of the Foundation’s endowed scholarships and fellowships. These endowments permitted the Foundation to award nearly $600,000 in scholarships and fellowships to dental assisting, dental hygiene, DDS and advanced education students for the 2017-18 academic year.

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Dr. and Mrs. Shuford Abernethy Scholarship
Dr. Abernethy was a longtime general dentist in Hickory, N.C., and although he did not attend dental school at UNC-CH, he was a loyal supporter of the school.
Natalie Durling, Class of 2018
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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, N.C.

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This merit-based scholarship, which focuses on academic and/or clinical excellence, is made possible by the donors and alumni that support the school.

Trenton Bottoms, Class of 2020

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Dr. Claude Adams III established this fund to honor the memory of his grandfather, Dr. Claude Adams, Sr., and his father, Dr. Claude Adams, Jr.

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Cari Brown, DH Class of 2018
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Dr. Card, a 1980 graduate of the school, practices dentistry in Raleigh, N.C., and is a past-president of both the North Carolina Dental Society and the North Carolina Academy of General Dentistry.

Hubbell Smith, Class of 2019

Dr. John and Charles Aycock Scholarship
Established in 2002.

Established by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Aycock, an alumnus of the DDS Class of 1967, this scholarship honors Janet Edrington and her late husband, Charlie Edrington, who was a graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry who practiced general dentistry in Sanford, NC, for many years.

Ryan Keayney, Class of 2019

Dr. Randy and Mrs. Bobby Fussell Scholarship
This scholarship was established by Dr. Randy Fussell and his wife, Bobby. Dr. Fussell is a 1990 graduate of the DDS program and his wife is also a UNC-CH graduate (1986 B.S.R.T.).

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Ashley Gregory, DH Class of 2018

Kendrick, Kendrick and Petersen Scholarship
The Charlotte Dental Society, with Dr. Jacob Freedland as a prime mover, established the scholarship in 1966 to honor Dr. Vance Kendrick initially and then Dr. Vaden Kendrick. When Dr. Sidney D. Petersen passed away, his name was also added to the scholarship fund.
Kate McPherson, Class of 2020

Priscilla Levine Scholarship
Created in memory of a beloved patient care coordinator at the school who died in 1989.
Kristy Xiong, DH Class of 2018

Linville Family Scholarship
This scholarship was made possible by Dr. Walter L. Linville, Jr. (1952 DDS), his daughter Dr. Lynn Linville-Lauritano (1982 DDS) and their family to ease the financial burden of attending dental school.
Sarah Park, Class of 2018

Loblolly Dental Study Club
The Loblolly Study Club has been a longtime supporter of the UNC-CH School of Dentistry and established this scholarship to assist future generations of North Carolina dentists.
Navid Nesab, Class of 2018

Keith T. Macdonald and Family Scholarship
Dr. Macdonald is a 1981 graduate of the school and practices in Archdale, NC.
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Dr. Robert E. Macomson established this scholarship in memory of his parents to benefit students who demonstrate academic promise and financial need
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Kenneth N. and Georgia S. May Memorial Scholarship
Dr. Ken May established this scholarship to honor his parents’ memory.
Joseph Bartholomew III, Class of 2018

Dr. Raymond A. McKee Merit Scholarship
This scholarship was made possible through a bequest by Dr. Raymond A. McKee, a 1960 graduate of the UNC-CH School of Dentistry, who practiced dentistry in Cherryville, NC.
Saryn Hooks, Class of 2018
Laura Silverstein, Class of 2018

Medical Security Scholarship for Leadership in Dentistry
Established in 2008 by the Medical Security Insurance Company.
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Dr. Kenneth Morgan, Sr. and family established this scholarship in 1994.
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Dr. H.V. Murray, Jr., Scholarship
The late Dr. Murray was a long-time teacher in the Department of Prosthodontics at the UNC-CH School of Dentistry. Christopher Posencil, Class of 2018

Carolyn C. Newman Dental Assisting Scholarship
Founded by Carolyn Newman for dental assisting students.
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Made possible by many generous members of the Old North State Dental Society.
Briana Biazzio, Class of 2020

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With his father, who received scholarship assistance during the Great Depression, Dr. Robert Outland, Jr. set up a scholarship fund to help outstanding students who will contribute to the future of health care in North Carolina.
Benjamin Lewis II, Class of 2021
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Elidon and Zetta Parks Scholarship
The late Dr. Elidon Parks served as a dentist in Ellen for 40 years. Minka Hotic, 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.
Jaishree Yoo, Class of 2019

Mrs. Margaret and Dr. Bobby C. Raynor and Mrs. Gretchen and Robert N. Garcia Scholarship
The Raynors established this scholarship to honor Mrs. Raynor’s sister, Gretchen Garcia and Mrs. Garcia’s late husband, Dr. Robert Anthony Garcia.
Logan Ikenour, Class of 2019

Mrs. Margaret and Dr. Bobby C. Raynor-Harrell, Stamm, and Gardner Scholarship
The Raynors established this scholarship to honor School of Dentistry campaign leaders, Dr. James A. Harrell, Sr. and wife, Isabel; Dr. John W. Stamm (UNC-CH School of Dentistry, 1989-2004, Interim Dean 2000-2015) and wife, Dr. Carol Stamm; and Associate Dean for Advancement Paul Gardner and wife, Roni, for their outstanding roles in the development of the UNC-CH School of Dentistry and the Dental Foundation of North Carolina.
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The Raynors established this scholarship to honor one of Dr. Raynor’s favorite UNC-CH School of Dentistry professors and his wife, the late Dr. Murry W. Holland and Mrs. Helen H. Holland.
Christopher Von Bargen, Class of 2019

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LaShawn Hart, Class of 2019

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The Raynors established this scholarship to honor Dr. Raynor’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dervy Raynor.
Lindsey White, Class of 2019

Dr. and Mrs. Styers Scholarship
Dr. and Mrs. Styers wanted to honor their extraordinary mother, who was the first female student at UNC.
John Edmunds, Class of 2021

Clarence Lee Sockwell Scholarship
Dr. Sockwell is one of the lecturing legends at the UNC-CH School of Dentistry. In addition to his expertise in dentistry, Dr. Sockwell has a farming background, and he hopes to help other students from farming communities.
Nate Browne, Class of 2020

Dr. John B. Sowter Merit Scholarship
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Domma Thomas, Class of 2019
Preston Ford, Class of 2018

John Harvey Spell, Jr. DDS Memorial Scholarship
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Dr. Roy Conderman, DDS ’65, and his wife Ann established this fund to honor their friend Dr. Troy Sluder, a beloved professor and classmate of Dr. Conderman’s.
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**Fellowships**

**Advanced Education Fellowships**
Established in 1990 to provide support for post-DDS students pursuing advanced degrees in the School of Dentistry.

- Dr. Jackie Smith, Dental Hygiene
- Dr. Andres Flores-Hidalgo, OMF Pathology
- Dr. Hector Saez de Viteri, Prosthodontics

- Ann and G. Randolph Babcock Fellowship
Established in 1990 with contributions from the Babcock estate. Mrs. Babcock’s father, Dr. R.M. Fawcett, started Fawcett & Crane in 1900, and Mr. Babcock was president of the company for many years.

- Dr. Katia Dossell Born, Orthodontics
- Dr. Carolyn Cronin, Orthodontics
- Dr. Ashley Morgenstern, Orthodontics
- Dr. Steve Felt, Periodontics
- Dr. Anil Menon, Periodontics
- Dr. Brian Wiseman, Periodontics
- Dr. Bridget Young, Periodontics
- Dr. Laren Katz, Prosthodontics
- Dr. Marnie Sauer, Prosthodontics
- Dr. Brandon Peters, Prosthodontics
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**Mary Jean Breeland Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry**
Established through a bequest from Mrs. 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. Gentry Byrd, Pediatric Dentistry
- Dr. Lauren Green, Pediatric Dentistry

**Dr. Gregory D. Brooks and Mr. Andrew M. Brooks Fellowship in Orthodontics**
The late orthodontist Greg Brooks, DDS ’76, MS ’78, and his wife, Mary Jean, established these fellowships for orthodontic residents in 1982. The fund was established in loving memory of their son, Andrew. When Dr. Brooks passed away in 2018, Marsha added his name to the fund.

- Dr. Brian Bragas, Orthodontics
- Dr. Catherine Campbell, Orthodontics
- Dr. Christopher Pianos, Orthodontics

**Dr. Bryan and Rena Lee Cobb Fellowship**
Established by Dr. Bryan Cobb and his wife, Rena, this award is given annually to one post-DDS student in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Cobb is a 1977 DDS graduate of the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry and a 1979 graduate of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. Rena Cobb is a graduate of the Technical Institute of Alamance and has been Dr. Cobb’s chief dental assistant for 28 years.

- Dr. Molsy Tesch, Pediatric Dentistry

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

- Dr. Amanda Allen, Pediatric Dentistry
- Dr. Jennifer Cripp, Pediatric Dentistry
- Dr. Morgan Hess, Pediatric Dentistry
- Dr. Molsy Tesch, Pediatric Dentistry

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

- Dr. Gentry Byrd, Pediatric Dentistry
- Dr. Lauren Green, Pediatric Dentistry
- Dr. Molsy Tesch, Pediatric Dentistry

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

- Dr. Kaita Dossell Born, Orthodontics
- Dr. Carolyn Cronin, Orthodontics
- Dr. Viva Tilton, Pediatric Dentistry

**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 dentistry in Raleigh, NC, and these fellowships are open for the benefit of residents in the Department of Orthodontics.

- Dr. Brian Bregaglia, Orthodontics
- Dr. Yna Li, Orthodontics
- Dr. Ashley Morgenstern, Orthodontics
- Dr. Cliff Wilson, Orthodontics

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Dr. Freedland established this endowment fund in 1990 to provide support for residents in the Department of Endodontics.

- Dr. Lesleigh Payne, Endodontics
- Dr. Krista Strange, Endodontics

**Dr. Sandy C. Marks Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry**
Alumni and friends of DDS ’87 graduate and longtime pediatric dentistry faculty member Dr. Sandy Marks established this fund in 2004 to provide support for pediatric dentistry residents.

- Dr. Suzanne Baker, Pediatric Dentistry

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

- Dr. Jennifer Cripp, Pediatric Dentistry

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

- Dr. Amanda Allen, Pediatric Dentistry
- Dr. Morgan Hess, Pediatric Dentistry
- Dr. Erin Tilton, Pediatric Dentistry

**Dr. Theodore Oldenburg Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry**
Alumni and friends of DDS ’57 and MS ’62 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. Iris Brinds, Pediatric Dentistry
- Dr. Erin Tilton, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Elsie M. and Baxter B. Sapp, Jr. Fellowship
Established in 1966 by Dr. Sapp, a general dentist in Durham, NC, and his wife, Elsie, this fund provides support for post-DDS students pursuing advanced degrees at the School of Dentistry.

- Dr. Rosanne Divoua, Dental Hygiene
- Dr. Uluha Or, Dental Hygiene
- Dr. Tamzin Badul, OMF Radiology
- Dr. Gabrielle Jackson, Prosthodontics
- Dr. Brandon Peters, Prosthodontics

**AWARDS**

**The Deah Barakat and Yusor Abu-Salha Memorial Award Fund**
This award memorializes DDS Class of 2017 member Deah Barakat and his sister, Yusor Abu-Salha, DDS ’18 Class of 2019 member who were taken too soon from their family, friends, and loved ones. Deah and Yusor were selfless people who led numerous efforts to help others, so the award provides funding for a School of Dentistry student service project.

- Nada Saleh, Class of 2019, Philippines Hispanic Dental Trip
- Sarah Spalt of the Oregon Medical validation, Class of 2019, American student Dentist Association
- Al-Reza Heydarian, Class of 2020 and Dr. Nina Hoth, Class of 2019, DODV Refugee Clinic
Zane E. Eargle, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Award
This award was endowed by friends and family of Zane Eargle, a popular member of the DDS Class of 1998, who died suddenly in the spring of his senior year of dental school. Dosi Matthews, Class of 2020

Four Corners Faculty Mentoring Award
This award is provided by the Four Corners Study Club which enhances the professional development of dentists in Nash, Pitt, Craven, Carteret, Beaufort, and Wayne Counties. The award recognizes outstanding mentoring practices provided to the UNC School of Dentistry faculty by full-time faculty members. Dr. Jessica Y. Lee, Pedodontics

The Fry Family International Rotation Award
Dr. Jeremy Fry, DDS ’03, and his wife, Nicki, established the Fry Award to help a third-year DDS student travel to provide dental care, education, and service in a country other than the United States. Nada Salem, Class of 2019

Dr. James A. Harrell, Sr. Citizen and Leadership Award
This award was created by the DFNC in the mid-1990s to honor Dr. Harrell’s long record of service and dedication to the School of Dentistry and the DFNC. Kayachtta Hawkins, Class of 2019

Shelia F. Harris Award
Established by Dr. Bobby Elliott in honor of one of his long-time dental assistants. Hannah Candler, DA Class of 2018

Holiday Dental Conference Award
The Holiday Dental Conference Clinical Research fund is an endowed fund created through contributions from the Holiday Dental Conference in Charlotte, NC, and is to support clinical research efforts of faculty members at the School of Dentistry. Dr. Anum Khan

Dr. Murry Wade Holland and Mrs. Helen H. Holland Award in Prosthodontics Dentistry
Established by Mrs. Holland in memory of her husband, Dr. Holland, recognizes the DDS student who best exemplifies Dr. Murry Holland’s professionalism and proficient skill in prosthodontics and aesthetic dentistry. Chris Preissell, Class of 2018

Dr. Richard P. Hunt, Jr. Memorial Award
Since 1969, the Hunt Award has been presented annually to a member of the faculty of the School of Dentistry who merits recognition for significant contributions to excellence in pre-doctoral teaching. The award is sponsored by the Loblolly Study Club through the DFNC in memory of Dr. Richard P. Hunt, Jr. Dr. Jack D. King, Operative Dentistry

Dr. Mark Hyman Family Student Travel Award
This award was created by Dr. Mark Hyman, a 1994 graduate of the School of Dentistry. It is intended to help a DDS student travel to provide dental care, education, and service in a country other than the United States. Elnez Gharah-Bash, Class of 2019

The Pankey Study Club of North Carolina Award
Members of the Pankey Study Club of Eastern North Carolina — all School of Dentistry graduates — established this award in 1993. The annual award is to be used to pay for expenses associated with faculty or students’ continuing education at the Pankey Institute in Key Biscayne, FL. Ryan Raitano, Class of 2018

Dr. Clarence Lee Sockwell Award in Dental Anatomy
Dr. and Mrs. Sockwell established this award to recognize superior achievement in dental anatomy coursework by a pre-doctoral student at the School. Haldis Andersen, DDS Class of 2018

Linda Stewart Professional Excellence Award
Established to honor a beloved faculty member who retired in 2010. Cath Kaysana, DA Class of 2018

Dr. Ronald P. Strauss Community and International Health Award
This award was made to support students at the School of Dentistry who participate in international or other community-based health or public policy experiences. Ryan Cody, Class of 2020

Dr. Robert E. Tormey, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Bob Tormey was a well-loved member of the DDS Class of 1990 who died suddenly after his graduation. Classmates, friends and family worked with the DFNC to endow this scholarship fund in his memory. Haldis Andersen, Class of 2018

Dr. Shizuko Yamauchi Endodontics Graduate Student Award
Dr. Yamauchi earned a master’s certificate in Endodontics from UNC-CH in 1992 and was a beloved and devoted faculty member of the School of Dentistry’s Department of Endodontics from 1994 to 2013. Her family, friends, and colleagues created this award in her memory. Dr. Michael Mittelstaedt

Editor’s note: In the previous edition of The North Carolina Dental Review, a version of the Dean’s Report Honor Roll of Giving was distributed that was later identified to have numerous errors. Those errors have been corrected in this listing, and we elected to re-run the list in its entirety to accurately reflect the generosity of the school’s alumni and friends. We are incredibly grateful for your support of and investment in our School of Dentistry.
We encourage you to consider joining the Stamm Society by making a planned gift to the Dental Foundation of North Carolina. In addition to providing for the school, you could enjoy substantial tax benefits from such a gift. Other potential benefits include:

- **Satisfaction.** Whatever kind of gift you make, you’ll always receive the satisfaction of making an impact on the School of Dentistry for generations to come. It is also satisfying to know your wishes will be honored because your gift will be used for the purpose you designated.

- **Income for life.** You can make an irrevocable gift to the Dental Foundation now and receive income for the rest of your life. Or you can designate another person, such as your spouse, to receive lifetime income. After the death of the income beneficiary(ies), the Dental Foundation uses your gift to help the school as you instructed.

- **Income-tax deductions.** If you make an irrevocable life-income gift, part of your gift will entitle you to a charitable income-tax deduction.

- **Avoiding income-tax liability on retirement plans such as traditional IRAs and 401(k)s.** After your death, these can be more heavily taxed than the rest of your estate. It may make sense to designate the Dental Foundation, a charitable institution, as the beneficiary of your IRA or 401(k).

- **Reduction of estate taxes.** When you make a charitable bequest or a life-income gift to the Dental Foundation, you reduce the amount of your estate that could otherwise be subject to estate taxes.

- **Control of your assets during your lifetime.** If you need to retain the greatest possible control of your assets but still want to make a significant gift to the Dental Foundation to support the school, then you might consider making a bequest.

Planned gifts always have important tax implications. They take a little more time and forethought to arrange in the most beneficial way for the donor and the School of Dentistry. If you are interested in making a planned gift, please seek the advice of your financial adviser. We will be glad to work with you and your adviser for more information on ways to make a planned gift to the Dental Foundation of North Carolina to support the School of Dentistry, contact Paul Gardner at paul.gardner@unc.edu, (919) 537-3258, or Campus Box 7450, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7450.
For many youngsters, trips to the dentist did not inspire them to careers in dentistry. "It was funny how our problems snarled us in the right direction," said Charles Davis Allen, DDS '73. Allen knew from a very young age that dentistry was the right field for him, but not for the usual reasons.

"Money should never be an obstacle for a qualified student to attend dental school. [Scholarships] allow the best, brightest and most driven students to attend dental school without regard for financial ability."

"It was clear to me at eight-years-old that I wanted to become a dentist," said Allen. "My granddaddy owned a general merchandise store with a showcase full of candy at my disposal. It produced many sugar highs and, unfortunately, many cavities. His visits to the dentist were frequent, and I thought to myself, 'This is what I would like to grow up to be.'"

After completing his undergraduate studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he began his dental education at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry. The most valuable lesson he learned while in dental school was "Shortcuts often take you in the wrong direction," he said.

After graduation, he started his own private practice in Elizabethtown, North Carolina, where he has served the local community for years. He has served as the chairman of the Elizabethtown Christian Academy for seven years, and participated on the board of Bladen We Care, a local charity which raises money for the acute medical needs of the indigent in Bladen County. Allen also provides free dental care for locals who lack financial ability. His hope for the recipients is that they would be conscientious students who attend dental school without regard for financial ability. Money should never be an obstacle for a qualified student to attend dental school," he said. "[Scholarships] allow the best, brightest and most driven students to attend dental school without regard for financial ability. My financial hope for the recipients is that they would be conscientious students and professionals who demonstrate integrity and love in all areas of their lives."

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Jeremy R. Fry, DDS ‘03

As the school embarks on its capital campaign and continues to seek more beyond-excellence, dental alumni play a significant part in helping the school achieve its goals. One of the school’s three priorities is to retain and recruit the very best people in a collaborative environment. The school must be able to support those individuals both in recruitment measures and once they arrive. School of Dentistry faculty and staff champion new ways of educating and operating, they share their time and talents across the country and the world, and they provide invaluable experiences for students.

North Carolina is home to a large portion of School of Dentistry alumni. Nearly 80 percent of graduates remain in-state to practice, and those graduates live and work in 96 of North Carolina’s 100 counties. However, one particular alumni halfway across the country is proving that no matter the distance, Carolina can always be close to your heart.

Jeremy Fry, DDS ‘03, is a Kansas native who earned both his bachelor’s degree and his dental degree from UNC-Chapel Hill, and traveled to the University of Southern California, Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry, to complete his orthodontics residency. Fry’s father, Robert Fry, MD ’77, also shares a background at UNC-Chapel Hill, as he received his master’s degree in orthodontics from the School of Dentistry, served as adjunct faculty at several universities, and has traveled all around the world as part of international charity efforts. His children have also shared their time and talents — Fry’s sister is involved with relief work in Kenya, and Fry himself serves as the School of Dentistry’s chairman of the new capital campaign steering committee.

Fry knew he wanted to use his college and professional school experience as an opportunity to learn about different areas of the country. His father’s educational background at UNC-Chapel Hill and his personal affinity for the Tar Heels, drew him to North Carolina for his dental degree.

“I saw that dentistry allowed my parents to be fully engaged as parents, able to make all of my activities, and allowed my sister and me to travel and gain perspective about other areas of the country and world,” said Fry.

As he began thinking of future professions, I investigated many, but I always came back to dentistry as the best option to give my future family the same opportunities that my family offered to my sister and me.”

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After completing school, Fry returned to the Midwest to practice with his father. But the Fry family’s history of generosity extends far beyond their alma mater. Fry’s father has contributed financial support to the School of Dentistry, served as adjunct faculty at several universities, and has traveled all around the world as part of international charity efforts. His children have also shared their time and talents — Fry’s sister is involved with relief work in Kenya, and Fry himself serves as the School of Dentistry’s chairman of the new capital campaign steering committee.

Fry has not only been incredibly generous with his time as chairman, but he has recently pledged to create a faculty support fund. Why a faculty support fund? “I believe the secret to happiness is gratitude,” said Fry. “As tough as dental school can be at times, I am profoundly grateful for the education and experiences that Carolina offered me.

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“My business and my personal life have been incredibly successful in North Carolina. I have incredibly grateful for the education and experiences that Carolina offered me. “We are in a somewhat tumultuous time in dentistry and also in higher education in general. States are funding schools less, and the burden falls to students and ultimately faculty salary to cover costs for state schools. For an institution to remain relevant or thrive as UNC School of Dentistry continues to do, the graduates need to support the great education that affords us our livelihood. To keep Carolina as the very best dental school in the country, Nikki and I have decided that we should show our gratitude through giving financially to Carolina,” said Fry.
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Cutler Promoted to Assistant Director of Development

In February 2018, Kaylee Cutler was promoted from her position as executive assistant to assistant director of development at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry Office of Advancement.

“I am so excited to expand my role at the Office of Advancement,” said Cutler. “I’ve truly enjoyed getting to know our students and alumni over the last few years, and I can’t wait to meet and engage with them in this new position.”

As assistant director of development, Cutler will lead the annual fund program, coordinating direct mail, web and phonathon campaigns. She will focus her fundraising on unrestricted funds, which support the school’s various departments, student aid, faculty funds, clubs and capital projects. Additionally, Cutler will serve as the executive director for the UNC Dental Alumni Association.

“Kaylee did a terrific job as our executive assistant. She gets things done, and works beautifully with our faculty, staff, students and alumni,” said Paul Gardner, associate dean of advancement. “Everyone in our office is dedicated that Kaylee is moving into the assistant director’s position.”

We know she’ll continue that excellent work in the new role.”

Cutler says one of her primary goals is to get to know dental alumni even better. “We’re here as a resource for you, both while you’re in school and after you graduate,” she said. “Our goal is to keep you connected with what’s happening at the dental school and let you know how you can get involved.”

Alumni should look forward to this year’s upcoming events, including the annual tailgate and golf tournament, as well as the official comprehensive campaign kick off this fall, and annual recognition this spring.

A North Carolina native, Cutler is a 2011 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Prior to her role as assistant director of development, Cutler was the executive assistant at the office of development for two years, and worked in system administrative support with UNC Hospitals for five years.
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The impact of those experiences never left Vestal. She wanted to give back to the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry so more students may also be able to travel, regardless of limited funding. In setting up an endowed international travel fund, Vestal wanted to create a scholarship that would always exist for student benefit.

“Give to the Mexico project because it helps kids,” said Vestal. “The children we met in Mexico were so humble and giving. They have nothing, and yet were kind and thankful of all we did to help them, no matter how insignificant it seemed.”

Vestal hopes to see more travel programs and funding in the future. She said it was important to her for the fund to go further than a one-time gift. She wants to create an awareness of the real health needs of children in other countries, like Mexico, so that others may be inspired to give as well.

“I believe it is my duty as a Christian to give to others a portion of what has been given to me,” she said. “God has blessed me and my family abundantly. It is also my responsibility to teach the joy of giving to my own children.”

It is safe to say Vestal has accomplished her goal of helping others. Her giving spirit is the true embodiment of what means to be a global Tar Heel.
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1992

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Dr. Jerry Ivan Bixby II
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Dr. Kathleen Stroff Boyd
Dr. Sarah Stephen Bradley
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Dr. Jonathan Albert Goldman
Dr. Karen Somor McMichen
Dr. John Charles Pritchett
Dr. Tammy B. Severt

1998

DDH
Ms. Laurie Penland Shook
Dr. Reid Hunter Brogden
Dr. Eric Palelio

1999

DDH
Ms. Linda Slonker Dawson
Mr. Raymond A. Dalle Jr.
Message from the UNCDAA President

Dear Alumni,

It has been my honor to serve as your Dental Alumni Association president during this incredible season at the School of Dentistry. I have truly enjoyed getting to know so many of you and supporting our alumni in this capacity. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity.

This year brought several changes to our school. Among them, a bittersweet parting with the dental assisting program, which graduated its last class this year, and the one-year anniversary of the launch of our strategic plan. You can see the amazing progress at work on the school's curriculum in this issue.

We happily welcomed Kaylee Cutler's promotion from executive assistant in the Office of Advancement to her new role as the executive director of the Dental Alumni Association and assistant director of advancement. We are excited to continue to work with Kaylee on alumni activities in the future.

Due to your unwavering support, the School of Dentistry's Campaign for Carolina has had tremendous success in the last year. Our focus continues to be to support the people who make the School of Dentistry one of the best dental schools in the world. Together, you have helped raise more than $26 million of our $50 million goal. Be sure to keep an eye out for our public campaign kick-off event this fall.


Thank you, as always, for your support of the UNC-CH School of Dentistry and the UNC Dental Alumni Association. It has been an honor to serve as president of this organization.

All the best,

L’Tanya Joy Bailey, MS ’85
President, UNC Dental Alumni Association

1960s

Jerry Rosenbaum, DDS ’67, MS ’70, sold his practice in June 2018. He now works for a buyer three days a week and loves it. He and Susan are still happily living in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where they both enthusiastically cheer for the Heels!

Mike C. Blankenship, DDS ’77, and Rhonda S. Blankenship, RDH, BSDATE ’76, are excited to share that their son, Michael D. Blankenship, graduated from the UNC-CH School of Dentistry in May 2018, and he plans to join their dental practice in Mbaine, North Carolina.

1970s

W. Charles Blair, DDS ’74, just finished writing his new medical-dental cross coding book, Medical Dental Cross Coding with Confidence. With 800 pages, this was a large undertaking!


1980s

David Moretz, DDS ’81, was recently elected president of the Christian Dental Society, a 55-year-old organization with over 500 members which promotes and facilitates short term dental mission trips to developing countries. He has worked as the volunteer equipment manager with CDS since 2011 and has volunteered on 15 dental mission trips to Honduras and Mexico. Dr. Moretz is also one of the three CDS members to have been awarded the American Dental Association’s Humanitarian Award in the organization’s 11-year history. Dr. Moretz will serve a two-year term for CDS. When called, he also assists the office of the chief medical examiner with dental forensics. Dr. Moreetz is enjoying “semi-retirement” and spending time with his four grandchildren (and their parents).

Carol J. Hoppis, DDS ’82, is excited to share that her youngest son, Sam, has graduated from UNC-Ch School of Law. After an internship with the U.S. Attorney General’s Office in Boston, Massachusetts, he has accepted a position with King & Spalding law firm in Charlotte, North Carolina.

David S. Patterson, DDS ’82, and his wife, Ruth, have welcomed their fourth grandchild, Nolan, from parents Nathan Patterson, DDS ’14, and Tiffany Patterson, BA ’10. Their son, Stuart Patterson, DDS ’06, and his wife, Crissy, are busy with softball clinics with their daughter, Emily. Drs. Stuart and Nathan continue the practice as fifth generation dentists started by their forefathers in 1891. Dr. Patterson’s son, Brian, owns a Putt-Putt franchise with his wife and fellow UNC-Ch graduate, Alyson, who is an accountant with General Dynamics. Dr. Patterson struggled through a close call with tick fever and mycoplasma pneumonia, but he has recovered. He and his sons are beginning to restore a 1963 Volkswagen window van. Dr. Patterson is occasionally called in to check hygiene, but he spends a lot of time on the beach, traveling in the RV and cheering for the Heels!
Gregory K. Shell, DDS ’84, moved to a new office at 4558 Hickory Blvd, Gravatai Falls, North Carolina. His phone number remains the same, (281) 754-0324.

Robert Schiffel, DDS ’96 serves as chairman of the New Hanover County Board of Health, and as a board member of the newly formed North Carolina Dental Society Foundation. He continues to be active with the Missions of Mercy organization. He and his family are welcoming their second grandchild in May 2023 — a little girl for Walker Reid Eichols to play with.

Michael Kirsch, DDS ’87, and Gayle Obermayer-Kirsch, BSDH, ’80, DDS ’87, survived a direct hit from Hurricane Irma in September 2017 — no small feat, as they are located just 80 miles inland from either coast. They feel blessed to have escaped severe damage from the 150 mph winds. Things are getting back to normal, but local Preston have a three-year waiting list and Carolina blue roof tarps are in vogue. In November, they traveled to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to watch their daughter, Julie, compete in the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) World Championships. Julie and her horse, Coal (The Only Story), won the World Championship Title in Hunt Seat Equitation.

Clay Sanders, DDS ’88, retired in June 2017. He and Beth split their time between Salida, Colorado, and Asheville, North Carolina.

James S. Wilson, DDS ’89, is excited to share that all three of his children are now students at UNC-CH. His oldest, Erin, is a first-year student at the School of Government, Laura is a junior, and Jay is a first-year.

Katherine Jowers, DDS ’95, just celebrated 20 years with Mission Hospitals in Asheville, North Carolina, where she has been helping build the hospital practice. The hospital provides comprehensive care for approximately 1,400 patients under general anesthesia each year, and their outreach clinics treat children in six western NC counties. Dr. Jowers and her husband, Jeff Scott, enjoy international travel and were in Jordan, Cuba and Spain last year.

Frank Clayton, DDS ’99, serves on the Board of Directors for Affinity Bank in Atlanta, Georgia. His general practice welcomed a periodontal surgeon, Dr. William Zinney, in 2016, and a general dentist, Dr. Carla Thomas. Dr. Zinney is a graduate of Emory University’s School of Dentistry, and Dr. Carla Thomas is a graduate of the University of Maryland. Both live in Atlanta. Dr. Clayton’s practice has shifted their focus to immediate implant and prosthesis placement full arch rehabilitations. Dr. Clayton’s two children are students at the University of Georgia and Georgia Institute of Technology.

Marilise R. Willford, DDS ’96, is enjoying her 22nd year practicing general dentistry in her hometown, Wilson, North Carolina. When she is not working or chasing her five kids, (Jackson, 21 years old, a junior at North Carolina State University; Zaddock, 19 years old, a first-year at UNC-Wilmington; Claire, 18 years old, a servier at Fike High School; Ian, 16 years old, a sophomore at CCS; and Thorne, 16 years old, a sophomore at Fike High School), she and her husband, Tim, work as dental coordinators for Kids Reconnect 4 Jesus Ministries in Belize. They would love to have UNC-CH alumni join them if interested in dental missions. Dr. Willford recently reconnected with Chrissy Sauv Scott and Paige Leahey for a weekend at Lake Oconee in Georgia.

Emad Khan, MS ’02, PhD ’07, was selected to serve as Middle East Regional Director for the International Association of Dental/Maxillofacial Radiology (IADMR) for a two-year term. Dr. Khan also attended the 68th Annual Session of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology in St. Louis, Missouri, where he reconnected with UNC-CH alumni and colleagues from around the world.

Esther V. Hanson, DDS ’07, started a 501(c)(3) nonprofit called Hope for a Smile (HFS) two years ago. She started the organization as a way to connect those in need to private dental offices using local community agencies. She hopes this will enable other dentists to fulfill their commitment to serve. Dr. Hanson is traveling to Haiti on a dental/medical mission trip this spring.

2000s

Cameron K. Blair, DDS ’10, partnered with The Potters House Church’s Texas Offenders Reentry Initiative (TORI), to provide free dental treatments to offenders so they can attend job interviews and interact with confidence. Dr. Blair has been working with the program for two years. TORI has assisted more than 10,000 offenders in finding housing, education and job placement since 2005.

Brittany Semones, DDS ’10, become a partner at Friendly Dentistry in Greensboro, North Carolina in 2014. She is happy to share that she got married to Tom Blue, a fellow UNC-CH graduate, on April 28, 2018. Dr. Semones graduated from the Kois Center in November 2017.

Jenna Chalk, DDS ’11, and her husband, Evan Chalk, who attended the UNC School of Dentistry for his specialty training in oral and maxillofacial surgery, welcomed their third son, Landon Charles Chalk, on February 22, 2018. Landon weighed in at 8lbs, 7oz. He is very sweet and gets a lot of love from his older brothers, Hayes (5 years old) and Parker (2.5 years old).

George Y. Soung, DDS ’13, and Julie Soung, BSDH ’12, welcomed their son, Luca Joseph, in May 2017. Dr. Soung completed his oral and maxillofacial surgery residency at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center at the end of June 2017, and joined Christopher L. Durham, DDS ’07, as an associate at the Oral Surgery Institute of the Carolinas in Greensboro, North Carolina. They are thrilled to be home in North Carolina.

1990s

Amy Hunt, DDS ’91, continues to enjoy her practice in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, with her husband, Richard Hunt III, DDS ’89. Dr. Hunt facilitates an all-female study club established through the Pankey Institute, called the “Articuladies.” She is very involved in the capital campaign at the School of Dentistry and is proud of her fellow 1991 classmates for supporting the Class of ’91 scholarship. She has enjoyed reconnecting with her friends and colleagues. Her youngest daughter, Charlotte, is excited to enter the first-year pre-doctoral class at the UNC-CH School of Dentistry in the fall of 2018.

Fred A. White, DDS ’90, Michele C. White, DDS ’90, and their son, Ethan White, were honored at the United States Congressional Record for their archaeological work. The Whites discovered the 1583 encampment of Conquistador Hernando de Soto as well as the lost Native Indian town of Potana. This newly discovered archaeological site is the oldest confirmed New World contact site in the United States. Artifacts including medieval weapons and rare King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella coins are at the Florida Museum of Natural History. Both Drs. White are University of Florida clinical professors. Ethan is a Florida Anderson Scholar.
Dental School through the Eyes of a Cartoonist

Michael Peele, DDS ’76, is not only a dentist and a proud UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry alumnus — he’s also a cartoonist! He’s published two books of them, one completely about dental school and dentistry that he wrote while still in school, and he’s graciously allowed us to print one cartoon in each issue.
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