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Dear friends,

This issue of the North Carolina Dental Review is different than most. As most of you surely know by now, the last few months have been different than most.

In the pages that follow, you’ll find a tribute to Deah Barakat, a second-year DDS student who was tragically taken from us in February. You’ll read about how we grieved, and continue to grieve, his loss, as well as the loss of Yusor Abu-Salha, Deah’s wife of six weeks and a member of the incoming DDS Class of 2019, and her sister, Razan Abu-Salha. The strong themes within their lives were friendship, giving back through service to those less fortunate, both locally and abroad, and love for life. Those are themes I hope you see in the tribute piece, as we saw Deah live them each day.

It’s perhaps in some way fitting, then, that the spring issue of the North Carolina Dental Review is a bit more focused on service and giving than the fall issue.

As always in the spring issue, we’ve selected a group of student experience stories to share from the DISC program rotations. These stories are just a sample of what the DDS Class of 2015 experienced while providing care away from the school last summer — but they’re a powerful sample. Our students come back from their DISC rotations as not only improved clinicians, but also as improved caregivers. I hope you enjoy reading about their experiences.

You’ll also get to see a recap of our second student-led Give Kids a Smile Day, which is a day that truly warms my heart. Our students joined with volunteers from other UNC health sciences schools and UNC Athletics to provide oral care and overall health education to children from Durham Head Start. It was a day that left all of us — not just the children — smiling.

This issue is also where we honor those students and residents who received scholarships and fellowships during the 2014–15 academic year, so be sure to look over that list.

Thank you, as always, for your support. While I have always been aware of the caring alumni and friends that surround our UNC School of Dentistry, I am acutely aware of how fortunate we are following the loss of Deah. All of us at the school are lucky to have each of you, and we’re grateful for all you do.

Sincerely,

Jane A. Weintraub, D.D.S., M.P.H.
Dean and Alumni Distinguished Professor
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Update in General Practice 2015
DATE: May 28–29, 2015
SPEAKERS: Dr. Carlos Barrero, Dr. Larry Holt, Dr. Asma Khan, Dr. Mark Kutcher, Dr. Pui Fung Lim, Dr. Ricardo Piedad, Dr. Glenn Reside, Prof. Amy Stewart, Dr. Robert Wright, and Dr. Alexandra Yarborough
LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Straumann Lecture 2015
DATE: June 12, 2015
SPEAKERS: Dr. David Feinerman
LOCATION: UNC School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, N.C.

32nd Annual Dental Review at Myrtle Beach, SC
DATE: June 18–20, 2015
SPEAKERS: Dr. Glenn Maron, Dr. Randy Huffines, Dr. Sumitha Ahmed, Dr. Terry Donovan, Dr. Harald Heymann, Dr. Andre Ritter, Dr. Taiseer Sulaiman and Dr. Edward Swift
LOCATION: Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Content and Educational Strategies for the Radiology Educator
DATE: July 14–17, 2015
SPEAKERS: Dr. John Ludlow, Ms. Vickie Overman, Dr. Don Tyndall, Dr. Rick Plain and Dr. Sally Maureen
LOCATION: UNC School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, N.C.

31st Annual Prosthodontics, Dental Implants and Periodontology for General Practitioners on Hilton Head Island, SC
DATE: July 27–August 1, 2015
SPEAKERS: Dr. Carlos Barreno, Dr. Ibrahim Duvvuri, Dr. Carlos Ercoli, Dr. Glenn Minsley, Dr. Thiago Morellli, Dr. Larry Schoonover and Dr. Robert Wright
LOCATION: Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa, Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Coronal Tooth Polishing for DA IIs
DATE: August 14, 2015
SPEAKERS: Prof. Amy Nguyen Stewart and Dr. Alexandra Yarborough
LOCATION: UNC School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, N.C.
As morning broke in Chapel Hill on Wednesday, February 11, the UNC School of Dentistry family was waking to find that one of our own had been lost. Tuesday evening, second-year DDS student Deah Barakat was one of three murdered in his off-campus apartment. The other two victims were his wife of six weeks, Yusor Abu-Salah, who was planning to begin dental school at UNC with the Class of 2019, and Yusor’s younger sister, Razan Abu-Salah.

“We are heartbroken and grief-stricken by last night’s devastating news of the incredible loss to our school and the entire Carolina Community. … This is a terrible shock, and all of us are grieving together,” wrote Dean Jane Weintraub that morning in an email she sent to the school.

And indeed, the school was grieving.

“Looking back, that day is a bit of a blur — very emotional and very trying,” said Dr. Ed Swift, associate dean for education. “The priority for us all was to be together with Deah’s classmates and our other students. The whole school was feeling the loss and we all wanted to be there for each other.”
Classes and clinics were cancelled. A memorial formed in Koury Oral Health Sciences for three lost. Tributes and letters from other dental schools and professional organizations came flooding in. A closed school-wide tribute session was held in the early afternoon. Students, clad in red in honor of Deah’s love of his undergraduate alma mater N.C. State, joined with residents, staff and faculty of the school in Kirkland Auditorium to share memories of Deah and what he meant to them. Beyond being a friend, he was many things to many people in the school: a class officer, a founding member and co-president of the new Dental Student Ambassador program (a group which is now named for him: the Barakat Student Ambassadors), a dedicated dental student, and a passionate research student conducting work in early childhood caries. Over that hour, students, staff and faculty alike shared stories — some that brought tears, some that brought laughter — about Deah. Those who knew Yusor shared memories of her. The stories all carried the same themes about their hearts for service, their care for others, their passion for dentistry, their strong faith, and their joy for life. "Our class came together with a strength and unity that was overwhelming during such a dark time," said Brian Smith, DDS Class of 2017 class president. "Nothing can prepare anyone for such a senseless act, but they say that one’s true character is shown in the face of adversity. Experienced the loss of such a genuine and kind soul like Deah centered the fact that the Class of 2017 is much more than just colleagues and friends. We are family." Just hours later, a vigil was held in The Pit and thousands gathered to remember and to mourn Deah, Yusor and Razan. UNCG students, NC State students, faculty and staff from both schools, local university and Muslim leadership, and Chapel Hill and Raleigh leadership joined together during the candlelight vigil. The DDS Class of 2017 gathered in The Pit donning their white coats, which they’d received with Deah less than a year ago. With each person to approach the microphone, attendees heard those same themes the school had heard just hours before. Razan was remembered for her kindness, her creativity, her humor and her love of people. Yusor was remembered for her gentle heart, her love of giving back, her joy and her enthusiasm for life. Deah was remembered for his thoughtfulness, his love of dentistry and basketball, his large heart for service and his way of being a friend to all he met — through his hugs, his way of knowing if something was wrong or always remembering important dates and events, and his thoughtful, surprise gifts. All were remembered for their dedication to their faith. Another overwhelming theme: to not fight hate with hate, but instead to fight hate with love.

The next day, many from the school were among the 5,500 who attended the Muslim prayer service in Raleigh. The University provided buses for any students and faculty who chose to attend. Whether or not attendees had been to a Muslim funeral, there were many features that day that were not typical: the number of attendees meant the funeral would occur at N.C. State athletic fields, media trucks and individual journalists surrounded the scene, and instead of one casket at the service, there were three. Another vigil was held following the funeral that evening at N.C. State’s Brickyard, and thousands again attended. It was an emotional scene, and instead of one casket at the service, there were three. Another vigil was held following the funeral that evening at N.C. State’s Brickyard, and thousands again attended.

A theme in all the services and stories that came up again and again centered around Deah’s passion for service, and it has revived that passion in many students, faculty and staff at the dental school. As the days and weeks passed, things returned to a normal schedule within the school’s walls, however different it felt due to the loss of Deah. Seemingly overnight, Deah’s YouCaring video campaign for the dental mission trip to provide care to Syrian refugees in Turkey reached $500,000 (and has continued to grow beyond that mark). And, without missing a beat, the school’s students began remembering them all with action, not just tears.

A mantra of “Live like Deah” emerged, where people reminded themselves and each other to be kind, patient and gentle, to be a good, caring friend, to put others first, help those less fortunate and work toward a more just and giving society. The students organized a food drive for Urban Ministries in Durham, the homeless shelter at which Deah often volunteered. Over the next two weeks, the food drive collected nearly 600 pounds of food. “That is only a small example of the lasting impact Deah, Yusor, and Razan will continue to have at the UNC School of Dentistry, and we are all so lucky to have known them and learned from them,” AbdelBaky said of the food drive. Students worked with Habitat for Humanity in Orange and Durham counties to build houses in their honor. A group of students proposed a school-wide day of service, nicknamed “Deah Day,” to be held annually. On this day, the school’s students will participate in community service activities to continue their legacy of giving back to those in need. “Deah and Yusor and from what I hear, Razan too, were always looking at ways to...”
“Deah was such a good person doing such good things for our world, and he always did it with that smile.”

Celebrating a Passion for Service

The University, Dental Foundation Establish Deah Barakat and Yusor Abu-Salha Memorial Award

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Dental Foundation of North Carolina (DFNC) have established the Deah Barakat and Yusor Abu-Salha Memorial Award in memory of the late Deah Barakat and Yusor Abu-Salha.

The memorial award will provide support to a UNC School of Dentistry student or group of students who plans a local, national or international service project that, according to Barakat’s brother, Farris, “will give back to communities that need help the most.” Set up in consultation with the Barakat and Abu-Salha families, the award allows the school to perpetuate the love of service and giving back exhibited by Barakat and Abu-Salha during their lives.

“Deah and Yusor had incredible hearts for service,” said Dean Jane Weintraub. “They often gave their weekends to volunteering at homeless shelters or a dental clinic, to be a shoulder for someone having a hard day, to fight hate with love, to see the beauty in ordinary moments — those are the ways to honor them, to love them now, in this, our new normal.”

The University and Yusor’s younger sister, Razan Abu-Salha, had been married six weeks at the time of their death. The DFNC and the University each committed $30,000 to the fund, providing an initial endowment of $60,000 in total, which has been added to the contributions from numerous generous individuals.

Those who wish to contribute to the Deah Barakat and Yusor Abu-Salha Memorial Award Fund should visit giving.unc.edu/sod/gift and select “Barakat Memorial Fund” from the dropdown menu or call the Dental Foundation of North Carolina at (919) 537-3257 to make their gift.

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Swift Appointed Associate Dean for Education

Dr. Edward Swift, longtime chair of the Department of Operative Dentistry, was recently appointed as the school’s new associate dean for education.

“It is a real privilege to serve as the associate dean for education at the UNC School of Dentistry,” said Swift. “The school has a long tradition of enrolling and educating excellent students, and I hope to continue that tradition.” Swift’s responsibilities as associate dean include the oversight and implementation of the current predoctoral (DDS) curriculum and new initiatives, acting as the point person for the school’s preparation and self-study for predoctoral accreditation, and ensuring compliance with University policies. Additionally, Swift will oversee other activities of the Office of Academic Affairs, including admissions and student affairs, faculty development, and inter-professional education.

“In his new role, Dr. Swift serves as the chief administrative officer responsible for fostering excellence for all of our academic programs: DDS, advanced dental education, dental hygiene and dental assisting, for more than 500 students and residents,” said Dean Jane Weintraub. “I am confident that he is up to this task. His exemplary dedication to the school was recognized and honored last spring by all four DDS classes with the UNC Community Leadership Award at the annual Spurgeon Banquet.”

Prior to this appointment, Swift served as associate dean for education in an interim capacity. He also previously was the interim associate dean for student clinics and chair of the Department of Operative Dentistry. He earned his DMD from the Medical University of South Carolina and his master’s degree in operative dentistry from the University of Iowa.

Weinstein to Join Faculty as Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs

Dr. Darroyo Weinstein has accepted an appointment as the associate dean for clinical affairs, effective June 1. Until that time, Weinstein will continue in his current capacity as the assistant dean of clinical education at Midwestern University, College of Dental Medicine-Illinois.

“Dr. Weinstein will work with our school leadership to continue our curriculum revitalization process, advancing inter- and intra-professional education, preparing for 2017 accreditation, and advancing new digital dentistry and technology initiatives,” said Dean Jane Weintraub. “I am delighted that he has a strong commitment to educating 21st century learners, promoting academic and clinical excellence, and utilizing new educational and clinical technology.”

In his new role, Weinstein will oversee our predoctoral, dental hygiene and multiple dental specialty clinic operations that provide about 82,000 patient visits per year. That care is provided by more than 500 students and residents, and under the supervision of about 70 staff and faculty.

“UNC has a national reputation as a center for dental education, and I am looking forward to joining Dean Weinstein and the team at the School of Dentistry,” said Weinstein.

Weinstein is a dental graduate of the University of Iowa, and also holds an MBA and an MPH from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). He completed his training in pediatric dentistry at UIC and went on to spend several years with Chicago’s Infant Welfare Society, providing dental services to children from Chicago’s low income community. Following that, in addition to maintaining a private practice, he returned to UIC where his primary responsibilities were managing the college’s clinics in the role of director of clinics. Most recently, Weinstein was one of the founding faculty members at Midwestern University, College of Dental Medicine-Illinois.

Koroluk Begins Position as Orthodontics Department Chair

Dr. Lorne Koroluk was appointed chair of the Department of Orthodontics in January. He held this position in an interim capacity for the last year.

“I look forward to the opportunity to work with a wonderful group of faculty, residents, staff and alumni to continue the legacy of the department as a worldwide leader in the specialty of orthodontics,” Koroluk said.

Koroluk is a diplomate of the American Board of Dental Specialties in both orthodontics and pediatric dentistry. He is also a fellow of the American Board of Orthodontics and the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. He earned his DDS at the University of Saskatchewan, his MS in orthodontics at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), and an MPH from the University of Illinois. He also served in the U.S. Army in the specialty of orthodontics and a master's degree from the University of Minnesota.

Prior to joining UIC in 1998, he was a faculty member at the University of Saskatchewan College of Dentistry, where he was the head of the Department of Community and Preventive Dentistry. From 2004-2010, he served as the chief examiner for pediatric dentistry with the Royal College of Dentists of Canada which certifies all dental specialists.

Koroluk is a diplomat of the American Board of Orthodontics and the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, and is a fellow of the Royal College of Dentists in Canada both orthodontics and pediatric dentistry. This distinction makes him one of two individuals who have completed both orthodontic and pediatric dentistry specialty examinations in both the U.S. and Canada.

Free Student-led Dental Clinic Wins National Leadership Award

The American Dental Association Foundation (ADAF) recently awarded the UNC School of Dentistry’s Dental Student Health Action Coalition Clinic — known as Dental SHAC — with the 2016 Tarrson Dental School Student Community Leadership Award. The award is valued at $5,000.

“The Tarrson award is given to dental organizations that have been serving the local community of Durham, Raleigh and Chapel Hill since the 1960s. The evening clinic, held on most Wednesdays when school is in session, occurs in Tarrson Hall and at the UNC School of Dentistry. Provided care includes preventive education, screenings, fillings, cleanings and extractions. In fiscal year 2013-14, it’s estimated Dental SHAC provided 95,000 in free care to the local community.”

“Dental SHAC not only provides care for underserved populations, it also cultivates and rewards students serving a diverse patient population and is an experiential opportunity to begin a lifelong career in public service,” said Dr. Llew Lampiris, interim associate dean for student clinics.

“Through SHAC the ethical obligation to serve low income underserved populations is cultivated and the rewards of serving a diverse patient population are experienced,” said Dr. Lew Lampiris, director of the school’s Dentistry in Service to Communities (DISC) program. “SHAC provides future generations of dentists an experiential opportunity to begin a lifelong habit of community service.”

The UNC Student Health Action Coalition (SHAC) is a student-led organization that has been serving the local communities of Durham, Raleigh and Chapel Hill since the 1960s. The evening clinic, held on most Wednesdays when school is in session, occurs in Tarrson Hall.
Faculty Receive Travel Grants to Attend the ADEA Meeting in Boston, Mass.

The Academy of Academic Leadership (AAL) provides customized professional development, leadership training and consulting services for more than 100 higher education institutions throughout the world. One of their offerings is the Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL) which is a collaborative effort of the ADEA and the AAL. The ITL is offered once per year in Atlanta, GA. Current faculty and those considering an academic position can participate in a two-phase program (on-site in Chapel Hill), which is six and one-half days, with distance education modules between phases. Since 2007, over 23 full-time dental school faculty have graduated from the ITL and enhanced their teaching because of the training they received.

Three faculty completed the 2014 ITL: Dr. Kimon Divaris, associate professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry; Dr. Andrea Zandona, associate professor in the Department of Operative Dentistry; and Professor Lattice Sams, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Dental Ecology. Upon completion of the ITL, the three graduates presented a Teach-Back to the faculty:

- Teach me the way I learn: Implications for Class and Lecture Organization (Divaris)
- Enhancing the Learning Environment to Maximize Students’ Motivation (Sams)
- Clinical Teaching Tips: The Tricks of Effective Clinical Teachers (Zandona)

Faculty Present Clinical Update Series Topic

Dr. Antonio Moretti, clinical associate professor in the Department of Periodontology, and Dr. Ingeborg De Kok, associate professor in the Department of Prosthodontics, presented the Fall Clinical Update Series topic to the faculty. The program, titled Unlocking Potential Through Collaboration: A Shared Model for Faculty Mentoring, was one of three sessions designated by the Chair of the ADEA Board of Directors Symposium. The presentation described how two other dental schools have designed mentoring programs based on the UNC Faculty Clinical Research Program model. Additionally, three faculty were selected to attend the Colgate/AAL Faculty Clinical Research Program February 18-19 in Piscataway, N.J. The program focus was on the fundamentals of conducting clinical research and was designed for faculty members who are early in their careers and interested in gaining additional skills regarding conducting and publishing research. Attending faculty members were Dr. Peter Tawil, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Endodontics; Dr. Sumitha Ahmed, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Operative Dentistry; Dr. Jonathan Reside, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Periodontology; Dr. Shawn Matthews, clinical associate professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Dr. Lewis Lampiris, Clinical Associate Professor, was appointed as the UNC School of Dentistry’s Dental Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Dental Ecology since May 2014. Prior to her appointment she completed a two-year General Practice Residency at UNC Hospitals as well as a fellowship in geriatrics at Duke University. Her responsibilities include clinical teaching in the third-year group practice clinic, dental hygiene clinic and in the special care dentistry clinic. She is director of the second-year geriatric course “Behavior, Communication, and Culture: The Elderly” and serves as co-director for “Internal Medicine for Dentists,” which is taken in the third year. Her research interests include quality improvement projects related to improvement in oral health in the long-term care setting as well as outcomes related to school improvements. She is also interested in implementing more inter-professional education opportunities into the curriculum.

Dr. Carlos Barrero, Clinical Associate Professor, has been on faculty since 2008 in the Department of Prosthodontics. He is currently one of the group practice directors for DDS4 where he teaches all phases of prosthodontics. In the Dental Faculty Practice he treats patients with extensive, esthetic and reconstructive dental needs. Dr. Barrero’s scholarly interests are in utilization of e-learning tools to improve assessment experiences during competencies in dental students, development and improvement of tools for accurate transfer knowledge among young learners, and color stability of materials used in restorative materials such as acrylics and BisGma. Dr. Barrero also develops CE courses designed to train participants to successfully pass regional clinical boards to become or regain dental licensure status.

Formal Mentoring Program Updates

The Formal Mentoring Program, implemented in March 2013 for all assistant professors in the School of Dentistry, currently has 26 mentoring teams. Over 50 faculty (in addition to the 26 mentees) are participating on mentoring teams. The program continues to receive national recognition. Professor Rebecca Wider, professor in the Department of Dental Ecology and Director of Faculty Development at the school, joined Dr. Janet Guthmiller, former associate dean for academic affairs at the UNC School of Dentistry and current dean at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry; Dr. Karen Novak of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston; and Dr. Zuzsa Horvath of the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine to present a session at the 2015 ADEA meeting in Boston, Mass. The session, titled Unlocking Potential Through Collaboration: A Shared Model for Faculty Mentoring, was one of three sessions designated by the Chair of the ADEA Board of Directors Symposium. The presentation described how two other dental schools have designed mentoring programs based on the UNC Faculty Mentoring Program model.

Faculty Present Lunch and Learn

Professor Shannon Mitchell, clinical associate professor in the Division of Pharmacotherapy and Experimental Therapeutics, presented a two-part series titled Combating the Dr. Oz Effect: Teaching Critical Thinking in Dental Care.
Dr. Peter Tawil is the current Tar Heel Endodontic Association (THEA) president. He was recently published in the Journal of Endodontics for his research that concluded dental defects reduce clinical success. Additionally, Dr. Tawil was awarded a certification for international volunteer service by the ADA.

Dr. Timothy Turvey presented an invited lecture at both the AADOM meeting and the 99th Congress of the European Association of CranioMaxillofacial Surgeons.

Dr. Ching Ko was the keynote speaker at the 13th Chinese Orthodontic Society, and he also gave a presentation at the 13th Chinese Orthodontic Society.

Dr. John Ludlow was honored at the N.C. Caring Dental Professionals conference and also gave a presentation at Peking University.

Dr. Peter Tawil was appointed director of the American Board of Orofacial Pain Board of Directors.

Dr. Ibrahim Duqum attended the Future Leaders in Prosthodontics workshop.

Dr. Ingeborg DeKok presented at the European Academy of Osseointegration and was featured in an issue of DENTSPY Implant Magazine.

Dr. Jennifer Webster-Cyriaque presented on oral viral diseases in HIV at the Seventh World Workshop on Oral Health and Disease in AIDS in India.

Dr. Jessica Lee served on a panel of experts during the Health Literacy Annual Research Conference.

Dr. William Mainzer spoke at the International Pain Conference in France.

Dr. Sylvia Frazier-Bowers was named a 2015-16 Academic Leadership Fellow at the Institute for the Arts and Humanities.

Dr. Lorne Koroluk was an invited speaker at the American Association of Orthodontics Midwinter Meeting in Florida.

Dr. Eric Everett has been selected as the National Student Research Group Advisor for the American Association of Dental Research.

Dr. Rocio Quinonez received an outstanding achievement award from the Society of Teachers and Family Medicine for her work on the National Steering Committee of the Smiles for Life Curriculum.

Unc Students, Residents Recognized Nationally

Anna Hillia, first-year Master of Science in Dental Hygiene Education student, was one of two students nationally to receive the ADEA/Crest Oral Health Scholarship for Dental Hygiene Students Pursuing Academic Careers.

Ben Anders, DDS Candidate 2016, was named the 2016 ADEA/Sunstar Americas, Inc./Jack Bresch Student Legislative Intern. He’ll spend six weeks this summer in Washington, D.C. as a member of the ADEA Advocacy and Governmental Relations team learning about the federal legislative process and how decisions made on Capitol Hill impact academic dentistry.

Connie Wang, DDS Candidate 2017, was awarded the AADR Student Research Fellowship.

Dr. Robert Timothy, a third-year oral and maxillofacial radiology graduate student, received the prestigious Albert G. Richards Graduate Student Research Grant Award, presented annually by the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology.

Congratulations! Our students and residents continue to excel and be recognized at the highest levels. Here is a brief overview of what they’ve been accomplishing while working towards their degrees. Congratulations to all!
More than 200 volunteers met approximately 120 children at the UNC School of Dentistry to provide free dental care services and overall health education at the school’s Give Kids a Smile Day event. The Durham Head Start children, ages 3-5, received dental treatment from UNC School of Dentistry student dentists, hygienists and residents at the Friday, Feb. 6 event. The care — which was provided to approximately 70 of the attending children — included an oral screening, fluoride varnish treatment and, when necessary, referral to another facility for further dental care. If provided through private practice, the care would have cost nearly $9,000.

“Our second annual Give Kids A Smile Day was an outstanding success,” said Ben Anders, DDS candidate 2016 and event co-chair. “With the help of our UNC partners and professional schools, we once again proved the impact that interdisciplinary collaboration and public service has on students, faculty, staff, and, most importantly, the community members we serve. The School of Dentistry is thankful for the hard work of students from UNC Schools of Nursing and Medicine, the Gillings School of Global Public Health, the Eshelman School of Pharmacy, and UNC student-athletes as they helped us improve health and educate children in such fun and engaging ways. We are excited to see the Give Kids A Smile program and its collaborative partners continue to grow for years to come.”

Anders planned the event with fellow co-chairs Gentry Lasater, DDS candidate 2015, and Mackenzie Hatfield, DDS candidate 2016, as well as a committee made up primarily of student volunteers.

A unique aspect of the UNC Give Kids a Smile event for the last two years is that it includes a health fair. The volunteers from dentistry were joined by those from the UNC School of Medicine, the UNC School of Nursing, the Eshelman School of Pharmacy, the Gillings School of Global Public Health, and the UNC volleyball, football and soccer teams to offer a focus on overall health. The multi-station health fair included one station designed to get the children moving, a “Be the Dentist” station where the children dressed like a dentist, and a variety of other stations that shared information on hand washing, the difference between medicine and candy, good nutrition habits, how your body works and tooth brushing.

At the conclusion of the event, volunteers were addressed by School of Dentistry Dean Jane A. Weintraub and also by Dr. Chuck Norman, immediate past president of the ADA. Norman is a 1977 graduate of the school’s DDS program.

The event, which was the second of its kind at the school, was held in conjunction with the American Dental Association’s annual Give Kids a Smile Day, a program that began 13 years ago to address and raise awareness of untreated dental disease in children.
Each year, our rising fourth-year students participate in the Department of Dental Ecology’s Dentistry in Service to Communities (DISC) program. The extramural program, which is one of the nation’s first service learning programs, has been in existence for more than 30 years and is considered a model program for other dental schools. Participation in the DISC extramural rotation is a required part of the DDS curriculum.

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

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

“No matter what path our students choose 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.”

### Students travel to Guatemala to provide dental care and education

Seven third-year UNC School of Dentistry students—Omar AbdelBaky, Stephan Drescher, Matt Leach, Josh Munson, Blake Nelson, Colin Sherwood and Chris Walker—spent Spring Break in Guatemala providing dental treatment and education to patients through the Mayan Families charity. Guatemala is the most populous country in Central America, with more than 56 percent of the population living in poverty.

Following a weekend visit at the Universidad Francisco Marroquin dental school in Guatemala City, where the students were given a tour by the dental students and Dean Dr. Ramiro Alfaro Arellano, the students traveled to Punahachel to set up a temporary dental clinic to serve the local population for the next two days. The last two clinic days of the week were spent in Nahuala, where students set up a mobile clinic each day in a different area of a village. The students provided adults and children with oral exams, extractions and tooth brush instruction.

The students were accompanied by oral surgeons Bryan Neuwirth, MD ’91, and Dr. Rick Sherwood, general dentist Dr. Steve Drescher, pediatric dentist Dr. Ross Penland, and a family medicine doctor to provide as much care for the people as possible.

During the trip, students from UNC provided care to nearly 300 patients in their work in Punahachel and Nahuala.

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There was one patient, an 11-year-old girl, who stood out to me. I still think of her often. When she opened her mouth, I was appalled by her oral hygiene. After scraping several millimeters of plaque from her anterior teeth, I showed her the plaque. I told her how nice her teeth were and that if she wanted to keep them, she needed to brush them. She joked about how dirty her teeth were and how her father only had one tooth left.

I removed my glasses, her sunglass and pulled my mask down. I looked her in the eyes and said, “This is very serious. Do you want to keep your teeth or would you like to lose them like your father?” She seemed uninterested. I told her she was an inspiration to me and that some kids become quiet, upset and angry in a situation like hers. She replied, “Well, I have to believe that she will be ok one day, and I love her so I have to be strong for her,” like there was no other way to feel. We talked more and I told her she deserved to be happy and healthy and she should do little things for HERSELF—like brush her teeth daily. When I met her grandmother, I told her to work on her oral hygiene and also that she was one of the most amazing kids I had ever met.

This experience made me realize even more that you never know what someone else is struggling with. It is important to make sure patients understand the importance of their oral conditions while also feeling that you are sympathetic to their lifestyle conditions.

Before heading to my rotation in Winslow, Ariz., I tried to prepare myself as best I could, recognizing I’d be working in a unique cultural setting. I spoke with folks familiar with the Navajo Nation, and I read Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee, which many consider to be one of the definitive histories of the American Indian peoples.

Our first day at WHCC, my classmates and I met the staff and began seeing patients. Although many of the assistants were incredibly welcoming, I noticed some of them seemed uninterested in interacting with us. While seeing my first patient, I was assigned one of the “uninterested” assistants. She was quiet and unresponsive when I asked for computer help. She also seemed frustrated with my “student” work speed. (Fair enough!)

Talking to my classmates on the drive home, I learned they all had had similar experiences. We were all genuinely puzzled and wanted to figure out the reason for it.

Later in the week we talked with our preceptor and he was able to provide some insight. First of all, he said, the older Navajo in particular hold to a traditional code of conduct that prescribes getting along with friends or relatives and many of our patients were friends or relatives of the clinic staff. The assistants had good reason therefore to be suspicious of well-intentioned but inexperienced students swooping in for a month to “practice their skills” on their friends and neighbors.

In the end, we had an amazing learning experience at WHCC and were able to make new friends along the way as the assistants warmed up to us. This experience gave me a profound appreciation for the importance of asking questions to gain understanding.
The experience exemplified the importance of collaboration among providers in order to deliver the best care possible.

This invaluable summer exposed me to a multitude of medically compromised patients, orofacial trauma, and patients with head and neck anomalies. I witnessed first-hand the oral implications associated with certain systemic diseases and syndromes, oral cancer, craniofacial anomalies, and more.

One day, a general practice resident and I were paged to the emergency room. We arrived in the ER and were greeted by an African American male in his early 60s. As we began to gather information, it was determined that the patient was having uncontrolled bleeding between #18 and #19. The patient was an alcoholic with liver cirrhosis, which was interfering with his ability to clot. After examination, the resident determined that the bleeding was not so much a dental issue as it was a bleeding issue. The patient's hematologist was contacted to manage the case.

Two days later, the patient returned. Despite Vitamin K treatment and a platelet transfusion, he was continuing to ooze from the same site. The etiology of the uncontrolled bleeding was a periodontal issue and that pulling the teeth may allow them to get rid of the source of the bleeding. We extracted two teeth and discharged the patient.

The next day, the patient was readmitted to the hospital in critical condition and was placed in the ICU due to a serious systemic infection. The dental faculty and residents met with the patient's team of doctors and discussed how to proceed with the case. Within days, the infection resolved and the patient was stabilized.

Now, I realize how valuable it was for me to witness. The experience exemplified the importance of collaboration among providers in order to deliver the best care possible. It was necessary for the dental resident to understand the hematologist and how this patient's systemic health would impact the diagnosis and treatment. I thought it was especially interesting that when the team of health professionals met, they discussed not only how to proceed but what they could have done differently. It demonstrated that they were proactive and willing to reflect in hopes of improving care in the future. I now see with renewed clarity the importance of being an informed provider with the ability to communicate effectively with my colleagues.

It was the third week of my rotation. The Spanish I knew was getting better and I was learning some, too, because approximately 60 percent of the patients at Goshen Medical Center were Spanish-speaking.

This particular day, I was seeing a woman from Guatemala who only spoke Spanish; I knew I'd need to rely on one of the fluent assistants to help translate some parts of the procedure. Due to severe periodontal disease, all of her teeth were to be extracted over the course of three appointments.

The patient confirmed she understood the procedures and extractions themselves were uncomplicated. There was so much bone loss that most of the teeth were very mobile. After I finished extracting her first arch, I noticed tears rolling down the woman's face. I immediately could feel the knot forming in my throat, I knew what her tears were for. I can only imagine what it must feel like to lose your teeth at 45 years old. I took my gloves off, grabbed her hand and looked into her eyes. My eyes were filling with tears at that point as well. We didn't speak the same language, but when we looked at each other that day, she knew what I was saying. I was expressing sympathy, empathy and trying to convey those emotions to her. I knew then that what I do as a dentist is far more than just clinical. This woman's life was changing forever. Where she once had her beautiful natural teeth, she would now have dentures for the rest of her life. What we do as dentists means something, and it's important for us to always be empathetic to how our work affects our patients' overall quality of life and well-being.

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At the age of 18, my now 45-year-old patient was shot in the face with a musket. He came into the clinic missing all but six teeth, which were made into a fixed partial denture that was failing. But it wasn’t his dental needs that made an impression on me. He told me he was in the wrong place at the wrong time. As he was turning a corner, a musket had fired for a still-unknown reason and hit him. He lost most of his teeth and much of the right side of his face. He was rushed to the hospital and underwent extensive surgery. The doctors pieced his face back together and he eventually healed with minimal scarring. Our panoramic x-ray clearly showed residual shrapnel still lodged in this man’s jaw.

The amazing thing, though, was his attitude. He appreciated life more than anyone else I have ever known. He said there were times when he hated what happened to him, but he always thought about the alternative: he could be dead. So he lives every day like he got a second chance. It was so inspiring that I had to step out of the room as tears welled in my eyes.

We get stuck in the monotony of dental school but never really stop to think about how good we have it. We complain about our professors, the lab work we need to do during lunch, or that exam which is just like the hundreds of others we’ve already taken. But there are people with real problems who struggle to make ends meet. Our jobs will be fairly lucrative so we will likely never know what it means to struggle. Conversely, many of the patients in the health department don’t know when their next meal will be. Every single day since meeting him, I have made an effort to reflect on the day. It has helped me appreciate what I am doing, where I am, who helped me get here and where I am going. It has changed my view and outlook on not only dentistry, but life as a whole. I have never been so happy for so long in my entire life. I thank the man who showed me how to make that happen.

One day at the VAMC, I’d been hard at work and it was ten minutes to lunch. One of the receptionists said, “We have one more patient before lunch.” I was hungry, but I wanted to learn everything I could, so, I volunteered to see this patient. By reading his chart, I realized that this patient had squamous cell carcinoma of the mouth and had only a few months to live. He was being seen for a denture visit because the VA wanted the patient to have his dentures delivered before he passed.

I nervously walked into the room, not knowing what to expect. In the dental chair sat a man in his 50s with a leg brace on and a huge smile across his face. As I began his appointment, I could tell this man was incredibly nice and in wonderful spirits. During the procedure, he reflected on his life and spoke of his family. We chatted as though we were old friends. When the appointment ended, it was 12:40 p.m. and lunch was almost over. However, I did not care. I walked him out and was suddenly no longer hungry. It was strange and somber to watch this man leave, knowing that his life would soon come to a premature end.

This incident made me reflect on my career as a health care professional as well as an individual. I think it is our responsibility, as health care providers, to give the very best care that we can give. You never know what a person is going through, and if I had not thoroughly read his chart, I would not have known that this man’s life was being cut short by disease. This patient and his attitude forced me to step back and reexamine my own priorities. He embraced the time he was given and was thankful for the “little things” in life. He made me reflect upon the notion that we don’t know what we have until it is (almost) gone. He gave me both hope and perspective. If I was placed in this situation again, I would take even more time to show this patient that he is valued — both as a patient and as a person.
2014–15 Scholarship and Fellowship Recipients

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 more than $400,000 in scholarships and fellowships to dental assisting, dental hygiene, DDS and post-DDS students for the 2014-15 academic year.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Claude Adams Jr. Scholarship

Established by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Adams Jr. in memory of their father, Dr. Claude Adams Sr., a dentist in Durham.

Mary Morgan Bickett Scholarship

Established by Mary Morgan Bickett in memory of her husband, Dr. J. Earl Bickett, class of 1952.

Best of Dentistry Scholarship

Established by the Dental Foundation of North Carolina in memory of Dr. Bharat Singhal, class of 1988.

Caroline First Campaign Scholarship

Established by Caroline First to honor the memory of the late Caroline First, class of 1980.

Dr. Robert Russell Clark Memorial Scholarship

Established by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Russell Clark in honor of their son, Dr. Robert Russell Clark Jr., class of 1976.

Dr. and Mrs. Curtis Dalley Scholarship

Established by the late Dr. and Mrs. Curtis Dalley in honor of their son, Dr. Curtis Dalley Jr., class of 1967.

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

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Dental Assisting Scholarship

Established by the Dental Assisting Program at the UNC School of Dentistry.

Dental Friends Scholarship

Established by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hampshire, parents of School of Dentistry graduate Richard Hampshire, established this scholarship in 2005.

Dr. Jack Dunlevy Scholarship

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Dr. Raymond A. McKee Merit Scholarship
Dr. McKee was a 1960 graduate of the school who passed away in 2005.
Sarunya 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.
Kauhali Gandhi, Class of 2017

Morgan Family Scholarship
Dr. Kenneth Morgan, Jr. and family established this scholarship in 1994.
Caitlin Thomas, Class of 2017
Mark Nestor, Class of 2017

Dr. H.V. Murray, Jr. Scholarship
The late Dr. Murray was a long time teacher in the Department of Preodontics at the UNC School of Dentistry.
Lauren Katz, Class of 2015

Old North State Dental Society Scholarship
Made possible by many generous members of the Old North State Dental Society.
Iman Kennedy, Class of 2016

Robert W. and Maude B. Outland Scholarship
With his father’s 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 NC.
Preston Ford, Class of 2018
Robert Long, Class of 2018

Eldon and Zetta Parks Scholarship
The late Dr. Eldon Parks served as a dentist in Elkton for 40 years. Kerby Roxanne Braxton, Class of 2018

Dr. George and Nina Patterson Scholarship
Established by Dr. David S. Patterson, a 1982 graduate of the school, to honor the memory of his parents, Dr. George and Nina Patterson.
Ann Kennedy, Class of 2015

Dr. and Mrs. J. Ronald Sain Scholarship
Dr. Ron Sain and his wife Karen, established this scholarship to help students and provide quality dental care to the people of their region of the state.
Tisa Lor, Class of 2018

Dr. Troy B. Sluder, Jr. Scholarship
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.
Caitlin Bunn, Class of 2016

Clarence Lee Sockwell Scholarship
Dr. Sockwell is one of the teaching legends at the UNC 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.
Megan Hayworth, Class of 2018

Mr. John B. Sowter Scholarship
Made possible by a generous bequest by the late Dr. Jack Sowter and his wife, Jackie.
Alyssa Wolff, Class of 2017

Dr. John Harvey Spell, Jr. DDS Memorial Scholarship
Benjamin Anders, Class of 2016

Mrs. Margaret & Dr. Bobby C. Raynor and Mrs. Helen and Dr. Murry W. Holland Scholarship
The Raynors established this scholarship to honor one of Dr. Raynor’s favorite UNC School of Dentistry professors and his wife, Dr. Murry W. Holland and Mrs. Helen Horrell Holland.
Veronica Matthews, Class of 2016

Mrs. Margaret & Dr. Bobby C. Raynor and Mrs. Myra and Dr. Monte G. Miska Scholarship
The Raynors established this scholarship to honor one of Dr. Raynor’s favorite UNC School of Dentistry professors and his wife, the late Dr. Monte M. Miska and Mrs. Myra Prelos Miska.
Mary Virginia Mayo, Class of 2016

Mrs. Bertie Eleanor Raynor & Mr. Denny William Raynor Scholarship
The Raynors established this scholarship to honor Dr. Raynor’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Denny Raynor.
David Samuelson, Class of 2015

Eugene Rossitch Family Scholarship Fund
Mrs. Rossitch is the father of two dental school graduates (Alex and Michael), and the grandfather of a current student (Katie). He loved his family and UNC, and saw this scholarship as a good way to honor his family and the University.
Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Rossitch, Class of 2015

Dr. Murry W. Holland Scholarship
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Veronica Matthews, Class of 2016

It is unlikely that, when they moved to Alamance County in 1967, Mr. Henricus (Henk) Ypma and Mr. Will Adams, neither of whom are UNC alumni, had any idea that they’d include the Dental Foundation of North Carolina and the UNC School of Dentistry in their wills. However, that’s just what they’ve done.

“...I don’t think we would have ever done this if it hadn’t supported healthcare and healthcare education,” said Ypma. “But we know how critical it is to provide healthcare and to educate healthcare providers, so we thought, ‘What can we do in a practical sense to help in North Carolina?’”

When Ypma and Adams moved to Chapel Hill 14 years ago, they became patients of Dr. Antonio Moretti at the Dental Faculty Practice. Through their patient-dentist relationships, Moretti shared his concerns about the difficulties of retaining top faculty in the competitive climate of dental education. He also told them about the efforts of the school’s dental students and how they provide care so they can be in underserved parts of the state.

“We were so inspired by the students who go into the rural areas to provide care to children in need that we talked about it for what seemed like weeks,” recalled Ypma. “And then when we learned how difficult it can be for a state school like UNC to hold onto its top faculty due to the ability to provide incentives and competitive salaries, things just kind of started falling into place.”

Those conversations eventually evolved into plans for two funds — one in the name of Adams’s grandfather and one in the name of Ypma’s grandmother — which will serve two purposes: 1) to support UNC School of Dentistry faculty recruitment and retention, and 2) to support efforts to care for children in rural, underserved parts of the state.

“We want to help make people’s lives better,” said Adams. “By giving this way, we’re able to help the school keep the best faculty to educate future dentists, and we’re able to help future children in need receive dental care.”

“We do it with a great deal of joy and pleasure,” Ypma added. “It makes us feel good to know that we’ll be able to help the school continue its good work after we’re gone.”

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Olink Styers Scholarship
Dr. and Mrs. Syters wanted to honor his father and mother with this fund that they established in 1999.
Payam Aminian-Alidad, Class of 2017

Tarrson Family Scholarship
The members of the Tarrson family have long been staunch supporters and friends of the UNC School of Dentistry, most recently by establishing this merit-based scholarship in an effort to relieve the financial burdens of dental students at UNC.
Ashley Morgenstern, Class of 2015

Gifts from Ypma, Adams will Support Care for Rural Children, School Faculty

Lois E. Taylor Scholarship
Dr. Sarah Taylor Momose and Mr. Frank Taylor, Jr. established this fund to honor their extraordinary mothers, who was the first female dentist in Charlotte.
Ashley Morgenstern, Class of 2015

Markie Wicker Thomas Memorial Scholarship
The Kuhn family, David, Randy and Kim, along with friends and family of Markie, established this scholarship to honor the memory of Markie Hickey Thomas, a 1973 dental hygiene graduate who was part of the Kuhn Family Dentistry practice for almost 33 years.
Jaehee Yoo, DH Class of 2015
2014-15 Scholarship and Fellowship Recipients (continued)

**FELLOWSHIPS**

**Advanced Education Fellowships**

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

- **Dr. Jenna Alvey**, Pediatric Dentistry
- **Dr. Jacob Duruy**, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
- **Dr. Scott Schwartz**, Pediatric Dentistry
- **Dr. David Seminskii**, Periodontology

**Ann and G. Randolph Babcock Fellowship**

Established in 1990 with contributions from the Babcocks. Mrs. Babcock’s father, Dr. R.M. Newton, started Belton & Crane in 1900, and Mrs. Babcock was president of the company for many years.

- **Tanya Ai Taib**, Orthodontics
- **Sasha Bello**, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
- **Ms. Li Chen**, Dental Hygiene
- **Dr. Austin Davis**, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
- **Ms. Melani Decker**, Dental Hygiene
- **Dr. Lars Salas**, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
- **Dr. Anthony Siggar**, Prosthodontics
- **Dr. Peter Green**, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
- **Ms. Jennifer Harmon**, Dental Hygiene
- **Dr. Heather Hendrick**, Orthodontics
- **Dr. Brittany Kunzweg**, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
- **Dr. Li Zhen Lim**, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
- **Dr. Mark Ludlow**, Prosthodontics
- **Dr. Clayton Lau**, Operative Dentistry
- **Dr. Kira Schwartz**, Periodontics
- **Dr. William Scruggs**, Prosthodontics
- **Dr. Robert Timoth**, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
- **Karaia Tum**, Prosthodontics
- **Dr. Justin Valentin**, Periodontology
- **Travis Whitsey**, Periodontology

**Miriam Easterling Baker Fellowship**

Established by Dr. Eddie D. Baker in memory of his late wife in 1990. Dr. Baker practiced orthodontics for 37 years in New Bern, created this fund to provide support for orthodontics residents in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry.

- **Dr. Matt Brown**, Orthodontics
- **Dr. Carrie Gue**, Orthodontics
- **Dr. Heather Hendrick**, Orthodontics

**Mary Jean Breeland Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry**

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

- **Dr. Aline Boudreau**, Pediatric Dentistry
- **Dr. Kevin Rickler**, Pediatric Dentistry

**Dr. Gregory D. Brooks and Ms. Andrew M. Brooks Fellowship in Orthodontics**

The late orthodontist Greg Brooks, DDS, MS ’78, and his wife, Martha, established these fellowships in honor of orthodontics residents in 1993. The fund was established in loving memory of their son, Andrew, when Dr. Brooks passed away in 2014. Martha added his name to the fund.

- **Dr. Tom Covington**, Orthodontics
- **Dr. Jillian Mekis Hayaast**, Orthodontics
- **Dr. Ying Wan**, Orthodontics

**UNC Dental Alumni Association Scholarship**

The UNCADA established this fund for third-year dental students.

- **Ms. Jennifer Harmon**, Dental Hygiene
- **Dr. Peter Green**, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
- **Ms. Li Chen**, Dental Hygiene
- **Dr. Elizabeth Campbell**, Periodontology
- **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 orthodontics in Midlothian, Va., and his wife, Renee.

- **Dr. Tanya Ai-Taib**, Orthodontics
- **Dr. Heather Hendrick**, Orthodontics
- **Dr. Jason Scherer**, Orthodontics

**Dr. Jackie Burgette, Pediatric Dentistry**

Astin Barnes, Class of 2016

**Dr. Travis Whitley, Periodontology**

**Dr. Karona Tum**, Prosthodontics

**Dr. Robert Timoth**, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology

**Ms. Jennifer Harmon**, Dental Hygiene

**Dr. Peter Green**, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology

**Dr. Sasha Betz**, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology

**Ms. Li Chen**, Dental Hygiene

**Dr. Elizabeth Campbell**, Periodontology

**Bryant Wicker Memorial Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship was established by the family and friends of the late Dr. Bryant Wicker of Marion, NC.

- **Caitlin Bunn**, Class of 2016

**Dr. James Gurney and Ruth Williams Scholarship**

The late Dr. Gurney honored the memory of his parents, James and Ruth (Williams) Gurney, who were the first blacks to graduate from the University Dental Associates and the American Dental Partners Foundation established this fund in 2003.

- **Nicholas Baker**, Class of 2016

**Dr. Michael A. “Mickey” Webb Scholarship**

Mike and Julie Simmons established this scholarship to honor their family friend and orthodontist Dr. Michael A. “Mickey” Webb, DDS ’79.

- **Andrew. When Dr. Brooks passed away in 2014, Martha added his name to the fund, continuing the unique aspect of their fellowship: meeting the residents and spouses when they first begin the residency program, offering support, getting to know them personally and investing in them as a mentor and a friend.**

“My daughter, Whitney, and I are going to try to honor our husband and son, father and brother by continuing this fellowship in their names,” said Mrs. Brooks. “We know how much it would have meant to Greg, especially, to continue something that he established in Andrew’s name and that had become so near and dear to his heart.”

To contribute to the Dr. D. Gregory and Andrew M. Brooks Orthodontic Fellowship Fund, call the Office of Advancement at (919) 543-8207 or send a check, with a memo of the fund’s name, to the UNC School of Dentistry Office of Advancement, Campus Box 47450, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27599-7450.
Dr. Jacob B. Freedland Scholarship in Endodontics
Dr. Freedland established this endowment fund in 1992 to provide support for residents in the Department of Endodontics.

Dr. Melita Islambasic, Endodontics
Dr. Elena Kan, Endodontics
Dr. Bryan Mitchell, Endodontics

Dr. Sandy C. Marks Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry
Alumni and friends of DDS ’67 graduate and longtime pediatric dentistry faculty member Dr. Sandy Marks established this fund in 2004 to provide support for pediatric dentistry residents.

Dr. Scott Schwartz, Pediatric Dentistry
F. Thomas McIver Fellowship
Created by many generous alumni from the pediatric dentistry program in honor of their beloved professor, Dr. F. Thomas McIver.

Dr. Jackie Burgette, Pediatric Dentistry

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

Dr. Jami Ballantine, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Beau Meyer, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Bhavna Pahel, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Theodore Oldenburg Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry
Alumni and friends of D.D.S. ’57 and M.S. ’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. Jenna Alvey, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Erica Brecher, Pediatric Dentistry

Elsie M. and Baxter B. Sapp, Jr. Fellowship
Established in 1991 by Dr. Sapp, a general dentist in Durham, and his wife, Elsie, this fund provides support for assist DDS students pursuing advanced degrees at the School of Dentistry.

Ms. Damah Ali, Dental Hygiene
Dr. Erica Brecher, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Alex Gillone, Periodontology
Dr. Azala Martinez, Periodontology
Dr. Tiffany Peters, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology

When Randy Fussell, DDS ’90, was enrolled in dental school, the UNC Board of Governors provided dental scholarship opportunities to attend the UNC School of Dentistry. “I literally got notification in the mail that I had been nominated as a Board of Governors Dental Scholar and that I needed to go interview, so I did — and I got the scholarship,” Dr. Fussell said. “It was an incredible thing, because it meant that I got to graduate from UNC with no debt from dental school.”

His wife, Mrs. Bobby Fussell, also benefited from a scholarship when she was in school. During her time as an undergraduate at UNC, she was on a veterans scholarship that paid most of her education costs as well. Both of them came from a middle class background and both were very appreciative of the scholarship opportunities they were provided.

“We both graduated in a whole different place without the financial support we received while getting our educations in Chapel Hill. Because of that generosity, we did not have the burden of educational debt when we finished school,” explained Dr. Fussell. “Giving back… for us, it’s always been just the right thing to do.”

The Fussells have a history of giving back financially to support education, and not just at the UNC School of Dentistry. Several years ago, they endowed a scholarship at N.C. State University, where Mrs. Fussell’s father attended, to benefit a Columbus County high school student. In addition, they’ve been giving annually to scholarship support at the UNC School of Dentistry.

“It was just time to do something more formal, more substantial,” said Dr. Fussell. So, the Fussells decided to establish the Dr. Randy and Mrs. Bobby Fussell Scholarship Fund. The scholarship, which is expected to be issued for the first time in the 2016-17 academic year, will supply financial support to one or more DDS students who show both strong academic performance and also a financial need.

“We both realize that someone was kind enough along the way to set aside money to help us when we were young and in need of financial support,” said Dr. Fussell. “We always had intentions of giving back because it’s the least we can do to pay it forward. We’re grateful and we wanted to show that through investing in the next generation of college students.”

Fussells Establish Scholarship to Benefit DDS Students

A Local Reception in

In early February, the Dental Foundation of North Carolina and Dean Weintraub hosted a small reception for local friends of the school as a way to say thank you. The group enjoyed food from The Catering Company while they caught up with each other and got to enjoy the company of a few Barakat Student Ambassadors. Thank you for your investment in our school!
Message from the UNCDAA President

Dear Alumni,

For the last year and a half, I have been honored to serve as the president of our Dental Alumni Association. As I step down from this position, it’s important for me to convey how much I’ve appreciated and enjoyed serving each of you in this capacity. The DAA will be in good hands as I give the reins over to Dr. Jack Teague.

Last month, many of you had the opportunity to join your classmates at the DDS Class Reunions, which occurred as usual during the Best of Dentistry Weekend. More than 300 of you came to Chapel Hill for a weekend of celebration and catching up. I hope you all had a wonderful time reconnecting with your colleagues and our school.

I also recently had the pleasure of seeing many of you at the NCDS annual session in May. Thank you to those of you who joined us for our UNCDAA Breakfast and Annual Meeting on Friday morning for an update on the DAA. We were also well-represented at the Student/Mentor Reception, which the school co-sponsors with NCDS and the ECU School of Dental Medicine. I’m always incredibly proud of the representation the UNC School of Dentistry and our DAA have at the annual state meeting and thank you for your commitment to our profession.

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

All the best,

Robert Holewinski
President, UNC Dental Alumni Association

1970s
Reid Dusenberry, DDS ’70, MS ’74, and his wife, Cathy, have five children and 10 grandchildren. Now that they’re both retired, they have more time to travel and to volunteer, which they do at church, the community college and many other non-profits. Reid also has more time for his hobbies: photography, art, pottery and woodworking.

Carl Bean’s, DDS ’73 First son, Corey—a Navy JAG officer—has been transferred from Japan to the Navy Medical Center at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Tex. as the director of legal office. His next son, Eric, is graduating in June from the University of Washington in Seattle as an anesthesiologist and is getting married shortly thereafter.

Elizabeth Ernst, DM ’77 earned her bachelor’s in dental hygiene with honors from East Tennessee State University in 2013. She is now an adjunct instructor at Forsyth Technical Community College.

Harald Heymann, DDS ’78, was a featured speaker at the Yankee Dental Congress in Boston in January. He was also a featured speaker at the 109th Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta, which is very special for him since he is an honorary Hinman Dental Society member and the Hinman Distinguished Professor from UNC.

Judith Jones, DDS ’78 became assistant dean for faculty development and director of the Center for Clinical Research at Boston University in May 2014 after 12 years as chair of general dentistry. Her clinical practice focuses on dental care for homeless veterans. She became the vice president of the American Board of Dental Public Health in April and currently serves as spokesperson for elders’ dental care for the ADA. Personally, she’s celebrating her 30-year wedding anniversary in June followed by celebrating her oldest daughter’s wedding in July.

Emest Goodson, DDS ’79, just finished his term as president of the N.C. Association of Orthodontists, and is now its past-president. Recently, he was also elected to serve as director to the Southern Association of Orthodontists. He’s been traveling, too: he completed his governmental affairs conference lobbydues in Washington, D.C. for the American Association of Orthodontists and he gave a lecture to the orthodontic department at Wits University in Johannesburg, South Africa. In his “spare” time, he even managed to volunteer at the recent N.C. Missions of Mercy clinic in Salisbury, N.C.

Mickey Webb, DDS ’79, was recently inducted into the very prestigious, invitation-only Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists. There are only 628 members in the U.S. He has also added two associates to his practice at Webb Orthodontics: Dr. Colin Webb, a DDS graduate of the University of Maryland Dental School, and Logan Webb, DDS ’12.

1980s
Barbara Ford, DDS ’81 is planning to work four more years while her son, Caleb, is enrolled at Berry College. He’s majoring in exercise science, plays on the varsity soccer team and is an athletic trainer for the lacrosse team. Her focus in dentistry is dental sleep medicine.

Howie Shareff, DDS ’82, director of the 501c3 nonprofit You Call This Yoga, led two chair yoga classes for about 60 staff members of the UNC School of Dentistry at their “It’s About You” Staff retreat on March 9. The participants learned practices to improve posture, breathing and relaxation. Learn more about You Call This Yoga at youcallthisyoga.org.

John Saunders, DDS ’82, is still making movies through his production company Wicked Monkey Productions. The company will be filming a horror film, You Found Me, in Beaufort, N.C. this summer based on an original script by John! The sequel, You Found Me: The Hunters, is also based on a screenplay written by John and will be filmed in Beaufort in December.

The office of Amy-Jo Fischer, DDS ’85, was featured in the winter issue of Patterson Today. Her practice, Smiles by Design in Kernersville, N.C., recently underwent a major renovation and upgrade of all equipment. The article described how her dream to combine two small offices to become one larger facility was realized. Her staff, an important part of her success, was also featured.

Scott Menaker, DDS ’85, has formed Touchdentistry, an innovative dental app company. Their first two apps create exciting new educational, communication and engagement tools to help general dentists and periodontists. The Oralfit, Score App and the Practice Mobile App allow dentists to improve patient retention, increase case acceptance, and improve practice marketing in the fast-paced digital world. Visit www.touchdentistry.com or call Scott personally at (704) 661-5452.
Timothy Shaughnessy, MS ‘86, was inducted into the Georgia chapter of the International College of Dentists at the ADA meeting in San Antonio. He is also a fellow of the American College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

Susan Chabay Buchenberger, DH ‘87, recently signed a contract to be an adjunct professor at UNC for three years.

Frank Clayton, DDS ‘99, recently joined the board of directors for Affinity Bank in Atlanta, which primarily is a business bank that caters to dentists. His oldest son, who was born during Frank’s second year of dental school, is entering Georgia Tech next fall.

LaRee Johnson, MS ‘99, and the team at Carolina Pediatric Dentistry are thrilled to share that Clark Morris, DDS ‘13, will join the practice in July 2015 following the completion of his residency program. LaRee has also accepted a part-time faculty position in the UNC School of Dentistry Department of Pediatric Dentistry and will begin teaching after Clark joins the practice.

Nicole Schaffler, DDS ‘02, MS ‘05, was the lead author on a paper which won the B.F. and Helen E. Dewel Award. The award recognizes the highest-rated clinical research article published in the AJODO during the previous calendar year. Schaffler’s paper, ‘Outcomes and stability in patients with anterior open bite and long anterior face height treated with temporary anchorage devices and maxillary intrusion splint,’ was also authored by UNC’s Drs. Bill Proffit and Ceib Phillips.

Lattice Sams, DH ’03, MSDH ’09, welcomed her daughter, Lael Nailah, on December 15, 2014.

Fernando Rojas Vizcaya, MS ’05, will hold the Mediterranean Prosthodontics Institute sessions this year in Castellon, Spain (www.prosthodontics.es/lectures-schedule).

Julie Spaniel, DDS ’91, has been working with Hand to Honduras since 2009 to provide emergency and preventive dental care to the underserved population of Tela, Honduras. Her provided care includes extractions and urgent care procedures, and she directs a dental hygiene clinic that provides prophylaxis, fluoride varnish and oral hygiene instructions. This year she’s even been able to sustain the clinic through a partnership with local Honduran dental students! In addition to her work in Honduras, she continues to work in her adult restorative practice in South Burlington, VT.

Julie (Davis) Sutton, DH ‘07, MSDH ‘11, and her husband, Josh, welcomed a daughter, Eza Louise, into their family on November 23, 2014. She is the new best friend of her big brother, two-year-old Caleb.

Matt Norman, DDS ‘10, and his wife, Chandler, welcomed their first child, Sanders Reid Norman, on January 22, 2015. Sanders is surrounded by a lot of dentists in his immediate family: grandfather Chuck Norman, DDS ’77, who’s married to Sharon Norman; grandfather John Woodall, DDS ’78, who’s married to Emma Woodall; and soon his uncle, Dan Norman, who’s a member of the DDS Class of 2015.

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This helpful service to members of the UNC Dental Alumni Association is at www.dentistry.unc.edu/alumni/opps/. As a DAA member you can list the sale of your practice, an opportunity to lease office space, or post an ad for an associate or staff member for a fee. This service is free for lifetime members of the UNC Dental Alumni Association.

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