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Message from the Dean

Dear friends,

Can you believe it’s been a year since we opened Koury Oral Health Sciences? Our new space has changed the school environment for the better. Our Atrium provides communal, light-filled space where faculty, staff and students all mingle, enjoy food and beverages from the café, study for exams, and discuss research discoveries, clinical techniques, or ideas for our curriculum revitalization project. It has already housed events such as the Best of Dentistry Gala, UNC Board of Visitors meeting, a Halloween costume contest, the Dean’s Holiday Breakfast, the Diversity and Inclusivity Task Force Bread and Culture event, Dental Research in Review Day and an ACC tournament viewing party. Our research space is first-class and the simulation lab is an improved learning environment. Everyone is enjoying the new auditorium and seminar rooms.

This academic year has been full of excitement and accomplishments by both our faculty and our students. Many researchers have finished groundbreaking studies and landed new, large research grants. Our students continue to win awards so often that it’s hard to keep up. You’ll see articles about both of these things later in the issue. In addition, the school received a prestigious honor at the March American Dental Education Association (ADEA) annual meeting. We were the recipient of the ADEAgies Award for Achievement by a Dental Institution for our Craniofacial Center. Earning this award is like winning the Oscar for Best Picture. Our Craniofacial Center, founded by Dr. Don Warren 50 years ago, is the poster child for multidisciplinary collaboration among health professionals. The team provides expert care for families and their children with cleft lip and palate and other craniofacial disorders, from birth to age 18. All of these accomplishments by our students and faculty are great sources of pride for me as dean of the school.

The cover story, of course, is on Chuck Norman, our school alumnus who is the current ADA president-elect. The article will give an idea what it was like for Chuck and his family to go through the grueling national election process. For those of you who haven’t had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know Chuck, it also will give you a glimpse of both his personal and professional life, and what he’s hoping to help the ADA achieve during his tenure as president-elect and, beginning this October, ADA president.

In each issue of the North Carolina Dental Review, we strive to highlight the community service activities in which the school’s faculty, students and alumni are involved. The spring issue, though, is where weve begun to feature a select number of our students’ Dentistry in Community Service, or DISC, experiences. In this section of the issue, you’ll be able to read about the impact these rotations had on our students and their growth as caring and enlightened professionals.

I’m looking forward to seeing many of you at the various school events and meetings that are coming up soon!

Sincerely,

Jane A. Weintraub, D.D.S., M.P.H.
Dean and Alumni Distinguished Professor

CORRECTIONS

The Office of Advancement apologizes for leaving the following names out of the Stam Society listing last issue: Dr. William W. Demeritt, Jr.* Dr. Jacob T. Freedland* Mr. Boyd T. Gregory*

The office also apologizes for accidentally omitting Dr. Maura Partrick from the 2011-12 Dean’s Report. She should have been listed with the D.D.S. class of 2010 and at the “Participant” level.
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In October 2012, Chuck Norman, D.D.S. ’77, won the ADA election for ADA president-elect. The campaign was long and required many hours and many helping hands. But it was nothing if not a complete success.

Involved from the Beginning

After graduating from the UNC School of Dentistry, Chuck moved from Chapel Hill to Greensboro, N.C. and opened his private dental practice. While owning his own business and raising his family with his wife, Sharon, Chuck also established himself as an involved member of the dental community. He’s been a member of the ADA and NCDS since he graduated in 1977 and never shied away from positions of responsibility within organized dentistry.

“I remember attending meetings with him when I was a kid,” said Matt Norman, D.D.S. ’10. “Maybe I wasn’t aware then, but looking back he was actually leading those meetings. I think he’s always been a leader.”

Emily Richards, Chuck’s daughter, agrees with her brother. “My dad’s a natural leader. He’s very passionate about his work and the things he believes in.”

Chuck’s leadership skills are obvious when you look at his resume. Among the many positions he’s held in organized dentistry, Chuck has served as the president of the North Carolina Dental Society, president of the DFNC, on the Board of Directors for the ADA Foundation, and as chair of the ADA Council on Dental Practice and the ADA Budget and Finance Committee.

But when asked if he took the opportunity to be the ADA 16th District delegate with hopes to run for president of the ADA one day?

“No, not at all,” said Chuck. “I had no intentions of running for president when I was elected to serve as the 16th District trustee to the ADA. I just wanted to represent the district well and contribute a perspective from North Carolina.”

The 16th District of the ADA comprises North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. In order to run for ADA president-elect, candidates normally announce during their last year of the four-year term as the district’s trustee. Within the 16th District, the opportunity to serve as an ADA trustee is rotated between the three states, meaning each state in the district has one chance every 12 years. By virtue of this gentleman’s agreement, North Carolina has an opportunity to run a candidate for president of the ADA once every 12 years.

“Once a trustee, Chuck anticipated his 16th District colleagues would ask if he intended to run for president-elect at the end of his term,” said Sharon Norman, his wife of 39 years. “This question was on my mind as well. I wanted a full picture of where this commitment might lead us.”

Chuck told Sharon that he was focused on the contribution he could make as a trustee during those four years.

As he and Sharon both predicted, he was periodically asked — and sometimes even strongly encouraged — to run, but he didn’t want to make that commitment four years before he’d be up for election. He kept deferring the decision, telling those who asked that he still wasn’t sure.

But as the time approached and the deadline to decide got closer, Chuck had a change of heart.

“I just felt I had more to offer.”

Decision Time

Even knowing that he already had the support of the 16th District, Chuck wasn’t ready to tell the delegation that he’d like to run. He knew he needed the full support of one other group before moving forward — his family.

He gathered his wife, son and daughter together in spring 2011 and told them about his desire to run for ADA president-elect. He was excited about the opportunity, but he said he knew he couldn’t do this without the support of his family.

“I kind of always expected it,” said Matt. “I remember when I was shadowing Ted Roberson, D.D.S. ’68, before I enrolled in dental school, he introduced me to a
patient as the son of the eventual ADA president. From then on, I think I just assumed that he’d run one day.”

It wasn’t quite as expected for Emily and Sharon, who both describe Chuck as family oriented. “I was nervous about it because I was mindful about our family and friends, and the time I knew we’d sacrifice away from home,” said Sharon. “Then he promised he’d make it work. He doesn’t make promises he can’t keep.”

Emily was nervous for a different reason. “I was planning to start a family and I was concerned about how much he’d be away,” she explained. “But family is important to my dad and I knew he would manage to find the time for everything.”

After confirming the full support of his family, Chuck made the phone call to the North Carolina members of the 16th District delegation, telling them that he would run for ADA president-elect. That decision was barely made before Chuck and Sharon realized they had another crucial decision looming: whom would they ask to serve as campaign chair?

“We wanted someone we trusted and respected, someone with outstanding organizational and communication skills who would partner with Chuck every step of the way,” recalled Sharon. “We quickly agreed that person was Nona.”

Nona Breeland, D.D.S. ’87, remembers clearly receiving the call from Chuck asking if she would serve as his campaign chairman.

“I told him that I was very honored, but that I wanted to give it a little thought as I knew the job came with a great deal of responsibility and I did not want to let him down,” Nona explained. “I needed to speak with my husband, Frank Maness, D.D.S. ’79, about the commitment — because I knew it would be a true commitment in every sense of the word. Frank actually encouraged me to accept Chuck’s invitation, so I contacted Chuck and accepted with great enthusiasm. I was 100 percent ready.”

That’s exactly how they all had to be — ready. Chuck admits he made the decision to run later than most candidates do, so they all had to hit the ground running. Immediately, the 11-member campaign committee began having conference calls and meetings, organizing volunteers, developing a timeline and spreading the word that North Carolina’s own Chuck Norman was running for ADA president-elect.

Travel quickly overtook much of Chuck’s daily life, planning trips carefully to meet with all the other delegations in the ADA. That meant 22 appearances at 24 different districts and eight individual state meetings to give presentations and meet with that delegation’s members. Sharon traveled with him when she was able. Five campaign committee members served on the travel team. Campaign treasurer, Dr. Gary Oyster of Raleigh, was the lead traveler and accompanied Chuck throughout the country.

Days became filled with campaign planning, travel, daily work at his practice and family. Matt, who practices with his father in Greensboro, was seeing more patients and doing more around the office while his father was away. And, before everyone knew it, the ADA Annual Session was upon them.

**Touchdown: San Francisco**

Once arriving in San Francisco, all those associated with the campaign agree that time was nothing short of a blur. Chuck and Sharon, accompanied by Matt and his wife, Chandler, went to Nona’s
room for the pre-session meeting to discuss objectives and schedules for the next few days. These were the last days to secure votes and share their platform.

“I don’t think I was prepared for how big an experience this was going to be,” remembered Matt. “Chandler and I were both pretty shocked. We knew it was a big deal, but we had no idea how big a deal.”

The schedule was filled to the brim and somewhat overwhelming. As campaign chair, Nona had a large hand in organizing the Normans’ schedule for the days leading up to the election.

But before the voting could begin, Chuck had to be formally nominated for the position.

“The 16th District agreed to name Matt an alternate delegate for the day so that he could be the one to nominate Chuck, which was so special,” said Sharon. “He was so honored and excited.”

Matt remembers feeling exactly that way: honored and excited. “Once I was in San Francisco, I really got to see how big a deal everything was firsthand. Nominating my dad was incredible, but it really hit me how amazing an experience it was when people started coming up to me and saying how special it was to them to get to see Chuck’s son nominate him for the ADA presidency.”

“Win or lose, that was a special experience that Matt and I can always share as father and son,” Chuck agreed.

After he received the formal nomination, it was time for Chuck to deliver his campaign address. During his speech, he shared his vision for the ADA. He was able to connect with the delegates based on their shared experiences as practicing dentists and, according to Sharon, the genuine way he delivered it.

“He nailed it,” Nona remembered. “All the hard work and preparation — it paid off.”

“I felt great after the speech. I delivered it the way I wanted and had practiced. I knew then that I’d really done everything I could to communicate my message and that if the membership agreed with my message, they’d vote for me,” said Chuck.

Two days passed and then, on the day before ballots would be cast, Chuck and his family, along with members of the 16th District, visited with each delegation.

“From the very first caucus, I could tell it was going to be a great day,” Sharon said.

“I had fun with the caucuses,” said Chuck. “I really enjoyed interfacing with the delegations and sharing my vision for the ADA with them one more time.”

After a whirlwind day visiting with the different delegations, everyone returned to the 16th District room, where the 16th delegation made a request: they wanted Chuck to share with them the same speech he had given to all the other delegations. He again delivered his presentation, but this time to his own, already-excited delegation. At the end, the enthusiasm of the delegation was at an all-time high. Everyone was excited, and the Normans carried that enthusiasm into the campaign reception that evening. The reception, held in a large three-section ballroom, offered both Chuck and his opposing candidate, Dr. Sam Low, space to briefly chat with individuals who came through the receiving line to speak with them and their families.

“It was overwhelming,” Sharon recalled. “John Olmsted, M.S. ’77, and his wife, Frankie, who co-chaired campaign hospitality, did a remarkable job of creating a beautiful and welcoming environment, and our 16th District friends demonstrated the true meaning of Southern hospitality. It was an experience that we’ll never forget. We kept telling everyone, especially the 16th District, that we knew how many shoulders we were standing on; we didn’t get there alone.”

The reception, which Matt described as enormous, was scheduled to last for 90 minutes, but wound up running closer to two hours due to the volume of people who wanted to say hello to Chuck.

Despite being surrounded by hundreds of colleagues and friends, Chuck and Sharon still felt the absence of Emily, who wasn’t able to make the trip because she’d just given birth to her daughter, Claire.

“It killed me to not be there with everyone! I was so proud of him — win or not — going into things, so I really wanted to be there to show my support,” explained Emily. “But I really just couldn’t be there, not with a newborn. I did get play-by-play updates from Matt and Chandler, though!”

That night, after their dinner with Matt and Chandler, Sharon recalls that she and Chuck agreed that he had done everything possible to the best of his ability. “I told him that the entire experience had been extraordinary, and that regardless of the election results, he was a winner.”
The Results are In

Finally, months and months of preparation, travel and hard work had culminated in election day. The election results are announced during the ADA business meeting with very little pomp and circumstance. Each delegation is seated together by district in the House of Delegates for the meeting. The Speaker of the House conducts the meeting, and when the results are final, he breaks to briefly announce the results. The polls open that morning at 6:30 a.m. and the House convenes at 8 a.m. That day, the election results were announced at 9 a.m.

Chuck Norman had been elected ADA president-elect.

The 16th District, which had been supportive and involved the entire campaign, erupted: members jumped up and started cheering. Sharon remembered jumping up, hugging the people next to her. Matt called Emily to let her know; she called her grandmother and they cried happy, proud tears together. Chuck gave quick remarks, remembering to thank everyone who’d helped him with the campaign. And when the House broke for lunch, the celebration began.

“I was so happy and excited for him. All his hard work — not just in the campaign, but through his whole life — had paid off,” said Matt.

Later, they all learned that Chuck’s victory had been a little more special than they originally knew.

“Historically, the election is decided by just a few votes, so that’s what everyone kind of expected,” Nona explained. “We were thrilled to learn instead that Chuck had been overwhelmingly successful and had received a significant majority of the votes. I always felt like he was the right person for the job, so it was exciting to know so much of the ADA membership felt the same way.”

What’s Next?

Eventually, once he’s done with the ADA presidency, Chuck is committed to returning to his private practice to work alongside his son. “I’m really just like every other wet-fingered dentist at the end of the day,” he said, laughing. “I want to practice dentistry. And I want to spend more time with my family.”

But, for at least a little while, life post-ADA presidency is still a few years off. With his focus squarely on his objectives for the ADA, for the time being Chuck has put away his gardening gloves and mud boots. Those items, along with his golf clubs and his family home on the Intercoastal Waterway on the North Carolina coast, will be waiting for him when he’s done serving the ADA in its highest capacity.

For now, Chuck, who will be installed as ADA president this October, is focused on improving the ADA the best he can while at the helm. He has three main objectives he’d like to accomplish while leading the organization:

1. Remain on solid ground financially by growing membership and non-dues revenue while delivering enhanced value for the members. Since the ADA is dues-dependent, ADA members must be attractive and beneficial for dental professionals.

2. Solidify the ADA as the preeminent voice of dentistry and the repository for knowledge, research and scientific data in the field of dentistry.

3. Advance initiatives that help the profession and the public that we serve.

He said he’d like to see the ADA become more realistic about where the organization can make an impact and to understand that, despite its prominence, the ADA cannot be everything to everyone. Doing that will allow it to invest its resources more wisely and become a better, more efficient organization for its members and other stakeholders.

“It’s important to me to do my part to ensure Matt and his colleagues have a robust ADA now and in the future to support them in their dental careers,” said Chuck.

Not surprisingly, Chuck has been completely focused and ready to get started since his name was announced as the winner in San Francisco. A few short days after returning home from California, he was off to Missouri for his first official appearance as president-elect.

“I remember asking him that morning, ‘Are you excited? Eager to get going?’” Sharon said, laughing. “He smiled the biggest smile, the same one that’s been on his face ever sense, and told me, ‘Yes — yes, I am!’”

More than anything, Chuck feels honored to be able to serve as ADA president and is grateful for the people who helped him get there. “The whole experience, from beginning the campaign to now, was and is really exciting. I had a lot of support and a lot of help, and it was because people believed in me and my vision for the ADA. It always feels good to give back to your profession, but this experience is especially rewarding.”
The UNC Craniofacial Center (UNC CFC) won the 2013 William J. Gies Award for Outstanding Achievement in the academic dental institution category. The award, given by the ADEAGies Foundation, was presented March 18, 2013 at the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session and Exhibition in Seattle.

The Gies Award for Outstanding Achievement for an academic dental institution is awarded for an accomplishment of worthy and socially commendable actions that make material contribution to oral health and dental education. It is considered one of the highest honors that can be bestowed on a dental school. The Gies Awards, named after dental education pioneer William J. Gies, Ph.D., honor individuals and organizations exemplifying dedication to the highest standards of vision, innovation, and achievement in dental education, research, and leadership.

The UNC CFC has been a leader in research, service and engagement to improve the physical, behavioral and social effects of cleft lip, cleft palate and craniofacial conditions for a half century. The UNC CFC serves as an interdisciplinary diagnostic and treatment center for patients with craniofacial anomalies, provides twice weekly diagnostic clinics, daily out-patient dental services, care coordination team meetings, research across the scope of craniofacial care, and resident speech-language therapy programs. The CFC provides coordinated medical, surgical, speech pathology, psychological, social work, orthodontic and dental treatment from birth to age 21 or beyond for patients with craniofacial anomalies. Approximately 70 percent of patients are under 12 years of age and many now entering the center are now under 2 years of age. These patients have special healthcare needs, many with disfiguring clefts of the lip and palate that interfere with the basic life functions of eating, drinking, breathing, hearing and speaking. The UNC CFC treats over 50 percent of the cleft lip and palate patients in North Carolina, all of whom benefit from the center’s carefully coordinated care and treatment planning.

“It is an absolute honor to win one of the William J. Gies awards,” said Dean Jane Weintraub. “We are thrilled that the ADEAGies Foundation agreed that the UNC Craniofacial Center is deserving of such a high accolade. UNC CFC is a part of our school that we’re incredibly proud of and that makes a tremendous difference in the lives of its patients. The center is very deserving of this award.”

The Gies Awards are presented by the ADEAGies Foundation, the philanthropic arm of ADEA. For more than 50 years, the ADEAGies Foundation has enhanced the oral health of the public through programs that support dental education, research, leadership, and recognition.
Dental Hygiene Faculty, ENNEAD Host Orange County Oral Health Collaboration

The school’s dental hygiene faculty, along with representatives from the school’s chapter of ENNEAD, held their first inservice for the Orange County School health nurses on dental health. The event, called the Orange County Oral Health Collaboration, hosted approximately 25 attendees, including representatives from the NC Oral Health Section and the Orange County Smart Smiles Program. Organizers hope to begin collaboration between dentistry, dental hygiene and nursing in the county to help meet the dental needs of the school age children.

“Due to the relocation and re-allocation of resources, Orange County no longer employs a state-funded public health dental hygienist,” explained Ms. Vickie Overman, director of undergraduate dental hygiene programs. “The school health nurses need a referral and screening system in place to identify and aid those children having urgent and preventive dental needs. We hope this collaboration will open the door for further discussion and possibly a means for treating these needs.”

During the meeting, the group discussed the school system’s needs for oral health screening and how the dental community can assist in bridging that gap.

The group then went over the basics of dental screenings, what to look for and where children can be referred for dental care if necessary.

Organizers for the event included Overman, Ms. Lattice Sams and Dr. Carol Haggerty. School health nurses Ms. Shelly Bunting and Ms. Stephanie Willis were also instrumental in the planning.

Event organizers Sams, Overman, Haggerty, Bunting and Willis.

For the final phase of our Koury Oral Health Sciences Building Campaign, we’re offering a one-time opportunity to purchase a brick in the Atrium of the new facility. Unlike traditional brick campaigns where names are blasted into bricks and laid in the ground, these bricks will take the form of a glass panel with the donor’s name or names etched in a glass overlay of the bricks. All visitors to our facility will be able to admire it for years to come. It’s a wonderful way to secure your name in the School of Dentistry’s history.

You can name a brick for $250. Because of the limited number of bricks available, all contributions must be made by June 30, 2013. If you have questions, just call the Office of Advancement at 919.537.3257!

Don’t miss your chance to leave your lasting impression on the UNC School of Dentistry. Order your personalized brick today!
Weintraub, School Alumni Inducted into International College of Dentists

School Dean Jane Weintraub and 10 school alumni were included in the recent 2012 International College of Dentists (ICD) convocation. The induction ceremony was held concurrent with the 2012 American Dental Association (ADA) Annual Session.

“Being inducted into the International College of Dentists is a great honor for any dentist,” said Weintraub. “It is truly an elite group of dental professionals, and having the privilege of being inducted to the organization along with ten alumni of our great school is an experience I’ll always treasure.”

Weintraub was one of nearly 250 dentists inducted into the USA Section of ICD. Other School of Dentistry alumni who were inducted included Brad Adams, D.D.S. ’07; Jerry Clark, D.D.S. ’69; Scott Davenport, D.D.S. ’84; Robert Fryer, D.D.S. ’74; Michael Hipp, D.D.S. ’79; Karen Lanier, D.D.S. ’89; Shelley Olson, D.D.S. ’02; Chris Reese, D.D.S. ’85; Harold Rogers, D.D.S. ’80; and Ron Venezie, D.D.S. ’90. All UNC inductees are part of ICD District 16, which includes Virginia, South Carolina and North Carolina, with the exception of Drs. Fryer and Hipp, who belong to District 5 and District 10 respectively.

Additionally, ICD US Section Past President Ted Roberson, D.D.S. ’68, served as a flag bearer in the ceremony. Steve Mackler, D.D.S. ’69, served as a vice regent, and faculty member Dr. Valerie Murrah acted as a deputy regent.

UNC, ECU Dental Schools Co-Host 58th Southern Conference of Dental Deans and Examiners

During the last weekend of January, the UNC School of Dentistry and the ECU School of Dental Medicine, along with the North Carolina State Board of Examiners, hosted the 58th Annual Southern Conference of Dental Deans and Examiners (SCDDE).

The annual meeting brings together dental school deans, students, state board examiners and faculty together to discuss the current state and the future of dentistry. Over the two-day conference, attendees toured the UNC School of Dentistry, took an optional preconference tour of the ECU School of Dental Medicine, had in-depth conversations about new technology impacting dentistry, looming changes in healthcare policies, and accreditation requirements and issues pertaining to clinical licensure exams.

“It was a pleasure to collaborate with colleagues at ECU and the NC Board of Examiners to put together such a wonderful program,” said Jane Weintraub, dean of the UNC School of Dentistry. “It is not often that faculty, deans, examiners and students have the opportunity to discuss the changing landscape of dentistry and how we can move the profession forward together. This meeting allows that, and it always brings insightful commentary about the future of dentistry. I was particularly glad that students from both North Carolina dental schools could participate in an interactive discussion about dental licensure.”
School Continues to Lead the Way in Research

School’s Regional Center for Neurosensory Disorders to Lead $16 Million Study

NIDCR tapped the Regional Center for Neurosensory Disorders (RCNSD) to lead OPPERA II, a continuation of previously UNC-led OPPERA I. The $16 million study aims to deepen the understanding of risk factors and genetic markers for chronic pain conditions like temporomandibular disorders (TMD), headaches, irritable bowel syndrome, low back pain and chronic widespread pain. Program directors are Dr. William Maixner, director of the RCNSD, and Dr. Gary Slade, director of the oral epidemiology Ph.D. program.

The study enrolled 3,000 new patients in addition to the 3,200 adults previously studied in the OPPERA I program that are a part of the OPPERA II follow-up assessments. Researchers at UNC, the University of Florida, the University at Buffalo and the University of Maryland will use these assessments to look for commonalities as well as unique risk factors and biological mechanisms between the pain disorders being studied.

Divaris, Others Confirm Genetic Link to Periodontitis in First Genome-wide Study

In the first study of its kind, Dr. Kimon Divaris, research assistant professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, and his co-authors identified several novel regions of the human genome, genes and pathways that may be associated with increased risk for development of periodontitis. Other risk factors, like smoking, also were confirmed to increase one’s likelihood to develop periodontitis, especially when paired with a genetic predisposition.

Divaris and his team, including senior author Stephen Offenbacher, chair of the Department of Periodontology, identified six genes and 12 pathways important to nervous system and immune function that are involved in the disease. Variants of those genes could potentially increase or decrease people’s risk of developing periodontitis, depending on how these genes interact with one another and their environment.

Slade Leads Study that Shows Fluoride in Drinking Water Cuts Tooth Decay in Adults

A new study led by Dr. Gary Slade at UNC and in cooperation with the University of Adelaide shows that fluoridated drinking water prevents tooth decay for all adults regardless of age, and whether or not they consumed fluoridated water during childhood. The findings indicate that adults who spent more than 75 percent of their lifetime living in fluoridated communities had significantly less tooth decay (up to 30 percent less) when compared to adults who had lived less that 25 percent of their lifetime in such communities.

The researchers analyzed national survey data from 3,779 adults aged 15 and older selected at random from the Australian population between 2004 and 2006. Survey examiners measured levels of decay and study participants reported where they lived since 1964. The residential histories of study participants were matched to information about fluoride levels in community water supplies. The researchers then determined the percentage of each participant’s lifetime in which the public water supply was fluoridated.
School Again Participates in Academy of Academic Leadership

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 at the UNC campus at the William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education. Current faculty and those considering an academic position can participate in a two-phase program (on-site in Chapel Hill), six and one-half days, with distance education modules between phases. We have been able to send UNC faculty members to the ITL as part of the collaborative agreement between the AAL and the UNC School of Dentistry. Since 2007, approximately 18 full-time dental school faculty have graduated from the ITL and enhanced their teaching because of the training they received. Four faculty completed the 2012 ITL:

**Dr. Carlos Barrero**
Clinical associate professor in the Department of Prosthodontics

**Dr. Ricardo Padilla**
Clinical associate professor in the Department of Diagnostic Sciences

**Dr. Mary Pettiette**
Clinical associate professor in the Department of Endodontics

**Ms. Lynne Hunt**
Clinical assistant professor in the Department of Dental Ecology

Faculty Development

Faculty receive travel grants to attend ADEA meeting in Seattle, Wash.

Five faculty received a travel grant from the Dental Foundation of North Carolina to attend the 2013 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) meeting in Seattle, Wash. 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 theme of the 2013 meeting was Landscape of Learning. The faculty will soon provide a Faculty “Teach-Back” Lunch and Learn to share meeting information with other school faculty.

**Ms. Cynthia Ann Lambert**
Clinical Assistant Professor

Ms. Lambert is a member of the Department of Dental Ecology and is a clinical research coordinator in the Department of Operative Dentistry. She instructs both dental hygiene students and dental assisting students in the didactic and clinical settings. Ms. Lambert is vice-president of Durham Orange Dental Hygiene Association. Her research interests are in dental materials in clinical operative dentistry.

**Dr. Gustavo Mendonça**
Clinical Assistant Professor

Dr. Mendonça has been a faculty member in the Department of Prosthodontics since 2010. He currently practices and teaches all phases of prosthodontics in didactic and clinical settings. His research interests include the effect of nano- and micro-topography on osteoblast behavior, mesenchymal stem cells differentiation into osteoblasts, and the molecular basis of dental implants osseointegration. Clinical research interests include replacing missing teeth with dental implants and evaluating the longevity of implant treatment and CAD/CAM crowns.

**Ms. Shannon Mitchell**
Clinical Assistant Professor

Ms. Mitchell, a member of the Department of Dental Ecology dental hygiene programs, is the course director for the predoctoral periodontal scaling course, several courses in the Graduate Dental Hygiene Program, and is course director for the introduction to clinical teaching course for B.S. dental hygiene students. Her specialty is in preclinical teaching and teaching advanced periodontal and ultrasonic instrumentation. In 2000, she received an American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Presidential Citation for her leadership role with the section on dental hygiene education. She is currently serving as chair-elect of the ADEA Graduate Dental Hygiene Education special interest group.

**Ms. Lattice Sams**
Clinical Assistant Professor

Ms. Sams, a member of the Department of Dental Ecology, instructs both first- and second-year dental hygiene students in didactic and clinical settings. She also directs the community dental health courses in the dental hygiene curriculum. Her research interests include access to care barriers among underserved populations and interprofessional collaborative initiatives in the prevention of oral disease.

**Dr. Lisa Stoner**
Clinical Assistant Professor

Dr. Stoner joined the Department of Prosthodontics after 12 years in private practice. She instructs the undergraduate students in both the didactic and clinical settings and has primary responsibilities in the clinic with the third-year dental students. She also teaches implantology to third-year dental students and the complete denture class to second-year students. Her research interests include dental materials.
In Memoriam

Dr. James Crawford

Former faculty member Dr. James “Jim” Crawford passed away on January 11, 2013 at the age of 81.

Crawford spent 18 years on the school’s faculty in the Department of Endodontics. Particularly interested in pathogens, he is considered one of the founders of modern infection control and was called a “contemporary Louis Pasteur” by colleagues. His work in microbiology and infection control increased awareness and prevented the spread of diseases like hepatitis B and HIV/AIDS in dentistry. He is especially well-known for his presentation “If Saliva was Red” (shown right). His comprehensive research, recommendations and guidelines have been adopted by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and into dental textbooks and everyday dental practices.

“When Dr. Jim Crawford joined the UNC School of Dentistry in 1963, he was as he remained: a gentle man whose thinking about the need for better infection control in dental offices turned out to be prescient,” said the school’s Former Dean John Stamm. “When the HIV/AIDS epidemic broke out in the early- to mid-1980s, many dentists were ill prepared to employ the appropriate infection control measures so essential to treating dental patients safely. At the UNC School of Dentistry, it was Dr. Crawford, in our very midst, who became the instant go-to expert. He calmly and patiently taught our dental professionals, students and staff, many for the second time, about the critical importance of high-quality infection control in the dental office. As faculty, students and staff, we are grateful and proud for all that Jim contributed during his time at the school.”

Crawford, who retired from the school in 1996, is survived by his wife of 30 years, Ann Roach Crawford, of Chapel Hill; his brother, “Bud” Frederick Crawford, of Springfield, Ill.; his six children, Margaret Mason Clemen, James Allen Crawford, Catherine Crawford Redick, Peter James Crawford, Carol Crawford Brandford and Anna Claire Crawford; and his eight grandchildren.

Dr. Bill C. Terry

On February 16, 2013, former faculty member and Professor Emeritus in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Dr. Bill C. Terry passed away.

Terry, a 1954 graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry, served in the U.S. Navy before coming to UNC. He completed his oral surgery training at Oakland Naval Hospital and attended the University of Zurich Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery while stationed in Switzerland. He also acted as chair of the Department of Dentistry and chief of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

Upon retiring from the Navy, he joined the school as professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and director of OMS Resident Training. Notably, Terry and his departmental colleagues were one of the first groups to use rigid fixation in their procedures. While at UNC, he became known as a trusted friend and respected colleague among his fellow faculty members. During his career, Terry authored or co-authored more than 60 articles and chapters in books. His clinical interests included management of acute trauma, reconstructive surgery, preprosthetic and orthognathic surgery, and management of pathology. He retired from the University in 1995; through his association with the school, Terry was named a professor emeritus.

“Dr. Terry was a giant among the leaders of the American Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Educators,” said Dr. Tim Turvey, chair of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. “Especially at UNC, his presence will be missed by many.”

Terry is survived by his wife, Barbara D’zan-Terry; his son, Carlton, and daughter-in-law, Wendy; his stepchildren, Larin Houpt, Nicole Rollins and Justin D’zan; and seven grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be directed to the Dr. Bill Terry Center of Excellence in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery endowment fund. For more information, contact the Dental Foundation of North Carolina at 919.537.3257.
Dr. Jessica Lee was named the William W. Demeritt Distinguished Professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. She also has been elected to the publications committee for the American Association of Dental Research.

At the January NIDCR Council Meeting, Dr. William Maixner spoke on orofacial pain. He presented on the initial findings of his Orofacial Pain Prospective Evaluation and Risk Assessment (OPPERA), which ended in early 2012.

Dr. Kimon Divaris recently won the Frank Farrington Service and Leadership Award from the Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentistry. Recipients are selected based on merit of their leadership and service.

Ms. Vickie Overman attended the first national Conference on Oral Systemic Link: Creating Collaborative Initiatives at the University of Maryland School of Nursing on December 10, 2012.

Dr. Sally Mauriello presented at the NCDHA Board Review course that was offered this past November in Sanford, NC.

Dr. Valerie Murrah has been appointed to the ADEA Presidential Task Force on the cost of Dental Education.

Dr. Rick Padilla has been leading inter-professional education by providing oral pathology lectures to students in the Duke P.A. Program.

Drs. James Bader, Andre Ritter and Daniel Shugars co-wrote an article in the January edition of the Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA) on the use of xylitol to prevent caries in adults. As a result, they found an improvement in root caries.

Ms. Rebecca Wilder has been appointed to the Scientific Advisory Board for the National Center for Dental Hygiene Research and Practice, based at the Ostrow School of Dentistry at the University of Southern California.

The School Welcomes New Faculty

Dr. Kimon Divaris
Research Assistant Professor, Pediatric Dentistry
D.D.S., National and Kapodistrian University of Athens School of Dentistry
Ph.D., Epidemiology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Certificate in Global Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Ms. Cynthia Lambert
Clinical Assistant Professor, Dental Assisting, Dental Ecology
B.S., Dental Hygiene, Clayton State University
M.S., Dental Hygiene Education, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Dr. Thiago Morelli
Clinical Assistant Professor, Periodontology
D.D.S., University of San Paulo
M.S., Periodontics, University of Michigan

Dr. James Parker
Director, Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program
Professor, Department of Operative Dentistry
D.D.S., Baylor College of Dentistry

Dr. Jonathan Reside
Clinical Assistant Professor, Periodontology
B.S., Cellular and Structural Biology, University of Illinois
D.D.S., Dentistry, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
M.S., Certificate, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Dr. Lisa Stoner
Clinical Assistant Professor, Prosthodontics
D.D.S., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Dental Hygiene Students Give Back to the Community

The school’s dental students aren’t the only ones active in the community giving back! During the spring semester, the dental hygiene students were also busy providing care and educating patients in the local area.

On February 22, the school’s newly-reformed Student National Dental Hygiene Association chapter visited the Cancer Support Center in Durham, N.C. to assist with presentations about the importance of oral hygiene. Students spoke to attendees about maintaining good oral care during their treatment and after their treatment concluded.

Just shy of two weeks later, dental hygiene students joined some of the school’s dental students and took part in the Latino Community Health Fair at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Chapel Hill. The fair was a collaboration between UNC medical, dental and allied health students and faculty, and health providers from the local community. The dental component had more than 400 participants who rotated through stations on patient education, radiology, oral screening and treatment. Dental hygiene students provided oral hygiene education, blood pressure screening, radiographs and fluoride varnish applications. The school’s ENNEAD chapter, UNC Health Care, St. Thomas More Catholic Church, NC Mission of Mercy and private donors all sponsored the event.

“I’m proud of how involved our students are at UNC,” said Ms. Vickie Overman, undergraduate dental hygiene programs director. “It’s wonderful to see our dental hygiene students serve the community with each other and with the school’s dental students. I think it’s clear that the school does a wonderful job impressing the importance of service on all of our students.”

Dental SHAC Provides Nearly $60,000 in Dental Care During Summer and Fall Semesters

The Dental Student Health Action Coalition (Dental SHAC), the school’s student-run free dental clinic, has delivered an impressive total of close to $60,000 in free dental care to patients from the Chapel Hill/Carrboro community during the summer and fall of 2012.

The care was provided over 15 clinic sessions and included cleanings, restorations, extractions and screenings. Nearly 300 patients received the almost $60,000 in complementary care from school faculty members, residents and students from the school’s D.D.S., dental hygiene and dental assisting programs.

“It’s important to be active in Dental SHAC because it’s the only free dental clinic in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area,” said Sonam Shah, D.D.S. Candidate 2014. “As students at UNC, we have the opportunity to provide dental care to members of our own community. We’re glad that Dental SHAC lets us provide basic dental care at no charge to some of those who need the care but can’t afford it.”

The Dental SHAC clinic is open on select Wednesday nights when classes are in session and is temporarily located in Tarrson Hall. The students, residents and faculty who participate do so on a completely volunteer basis.

“I’m always impressed by the amount of care that’s provided through Dental SHAC,” said Dean Jane Weintraub. “This program is a source of great pride for me. Because participation is completely volunteer, I think the clinic is a great example of the culture of community service maintained here at UNC.”

(LEFT) SHAC clinic coordinators.
Dental Hygiene Class of 2014 Earns White Coats

On Sunday, January 6, thirty-three members of the school’s dental hygiene Class of 2014 participated in their white coat ceremony. Held for each dental hygiene class at the beginning of the second semester of their first year, the ceremony is considered a significant step forward in their professional education. The white lab coats are indicative of their transition into providing patient care in the school clinics.

The ceremony program featured remarks by a number of faculty members, including Dean Jane Weintraub, Director of Dental Hygiene Programs Vickie Overman and Chair of the Department of Dental Ecology Dr. Lauren Patton. Dr. Janet Guthmiller, associate dean of academic affairs, issued the keynote address.

During the ceremony, honorees donned their new coats for the first time before reciting the dental hygienist pledge from the American Dental Hygienists Association Code of Ethics preamble. They also recited the class commitment to “promote and implement the best oral care to the public.”

“I believe that the white coat ceremony is an important part of any dental hygienist’s professional journey,” said Overman. “It’s a way to recognize the students for ‘graduating’ from the classroom into caring for real patients in our clinic alongside faculty members, D.D.S. students and residents. We always enjoy being the first to bestow white coats upon our students in recognition of their professional growth.”

UNC Student National Dental Association Chapter Opens SNDA CAARE’s Clinic

The UNC Student National Dental Association (SNDA) chapter opened a clinic in Durham for Triangle residents lacking the ability to get dental care. In conjunction with the non-profit organization CAARE, SNDA student members provide care to patients under the supervision of school adjunct faculty.

The clinic, which is supported completely through donations, primarily supports urgent care adult patients who lack dental insurance, including Medicaid. Dental services offered include non-surgical periodontal treatment, simple restorative treatment, basic tooth extraction and standard preventive treatment.

“I am very proud of UNC SNDA and the work members have done in order to give back to our local community,” said Zerita Buchanan, SNDA president and D.D.S. Candidate 2014. “As an organization we are committed to the delivery of quality dental care to all people, with an emphasis on minority and underserved populations. We truly believe that our work at the SNDA CAARE’s Clinic will continue to uphold the mission of our organization and the mission of UNC School of Dentistry.”

SNDA’s efforts to begin this clinic were supported by adjunct faculty member and former UNC SNDA president Vincent Allison, D.D.S. ’87. Buchanan also credits the successful launch of the clinic to the SNDA members who serve as clinic coordinators: D.D.S. Candidates 2013 Kareem Redmond and Natalie Jackson, D.D.S. Candidate 2014 Davia Nickelson, and D.D.S. Candidate 2015 Devinn Geeson.

The SNDA CAARE’s Clinic operates when school is in session on most Tuesday evenings. To send a tax-deductible donation to support the clinic, visit www.uncsnda.com or mail the donation to 214 Broadway Street, Durham, NC 27701.
The school’s Student Research Group (SRG) hosted four installments of what it named the Distinguished Speaker Series. This series of speakers was an ongoing project during the 2012–13 academic year and provided attendees the opportunity to hear from some of UNC’s esteemed researchers.

According to the chapter president, while the idea came from faculty member and SRG advisor Dr. Tim Wright, the chapter’s executive board embraced the idea with high hopes.

“We hoped to build off the School of Dentistry’s annual Dental Research and Review Day and create something that would allow for a year-long appreciation and celebration of research,” explained Ross Fahey, D.D.S. Candidate 2014 and chapter president. “Our first distinguished speaker was UNC’s renowned HIV researcher Dr. Myron Cohen and it was a tremendous success. The series took off from there and it has featured a variety of researchers, ranging from orthodontics to genetics. I look forward to future events where faculty and students can get together and enjoy learning about some of the great research being conducted here at UNC.”

Presenters included the Director of the UNC Institute for Global Health and Infectious Diseases Dr. Myron Cohen, the UNC School of Medicine’s Bryson Distinguished Professor of Genetics and Medicine Dr. James Evans, and two of the school’s own distinguished faculty: Dr. Bill Maixner and Dr. William Proffit. Speakers each presented on the research they conduct within their area of expertise. And, even though being a dental student is incredibly demanding, all presenters spoke to large crowds of interested students.

“The SRG Distinguished Speaker Series has had a tremendous impact on students here,” said Ashley Hill, the chapter’s secretary and D.D.S. Candidate 2014. “Most importantly, the lectures have increased student interest in research. I was really surprised to see so many students at the lectures. Students would stand or even sit on the floor during the lectures because there weren’t enough seats to accommodate everyone. We also saw the impact of the series within the Student Research Group; a record number of students joined SRG this year.”

Like all local SRG chapters, the UNC SRG chapter is a local chapter of the National Student Research Group. Aside from having additional access to research opportunities within the school, membership in SRG also includes being a student member of the American Association of Dental Research.
Students, Residents Receive National Recognition

Brittany Minichbauer, B.S.D.H. ’09
M.S.D.H. Candidate 2014, was named a recipient of the ADEA/Crest Oral-B Scholarship for Dental Hygiene Students Pursuing Academic Careers. The award, given to two applicants annually, supports dental hygiene students who want to work in academia with a $2,000 award towards tuition and fees.

The American Association of Endodontics (AAE) Foundation awarded two of the school’s endodontic residents with AAE Foundation Research Grants: Dr. Hsin Chen, D.D.S. ’11, M.S. Candidate 2014, and Dr. Johnah Galicia, M.S. Candidate 2014. The substantial grants, which are awarded by the AAE Foundation twice annually, will support Chen and Galicia’s master’s thesis research.

Shaoping Zhang, Ph.D. ’11, M.S. Candidate ’14, received the Balint Orban Award at the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) meeting. The award is recognized as the highest clinical research award annually offered in the field. Zhang was selected from a pool of 117 abstracts and eight finalists to win the award.

Also at the AAP meeting, Roger Arce, Ph.D. ’11, M.S. Candidate ’13, received the AAP Educators Scholarship. The award carries a $25,000 cash award and recognizes an outstanding student who aspires to pursue a dental career in education. Arce is one of two national recipients.

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry named two of the school’s pediatric residents as recipients of the 3M ESPE Research Fellows: Maggie Fetner, D.D.S. ’11, M.S. Candidate ’14, and Dr. Chien Sim, M.S. Candidate ’14. Fetner and Sim, two of three recipients nationally, each received a yearlong research fellowship to financially aid them in their individual research projects. They’ll both present their research at the AAPD annual session in Orlando, Fla. in May.

Justin Harlow, D.D.S. Candidate ’14, received the Colgate-Palmolive Scholarship through the National Dental Association Foundation, the non-profit arm of the National Dental Association. Harlow is one of 10 recipients nationally. He received a one-time scholarship of $5,000 to be used towards his dental education.

The ADA Foundation (ADAF) named two D.D.S. students as recipients of ADAF Scholarships. Lauren Katz, D.D.S. Candidate ’15, received one of the ADAF Predoctoral Student Scholarships, and Kiara Brown, D.D.S. Candidate ’15, received one of the ADAF Underrepresented Minority Predoctoral Dental Student Scholarships. Katz and Brown each received a $2,500 award to be used toward their dental education. They are two of 50 winners nationally.

The school’s outstanding students and residents continue to win national awards, scholarships and fellowships from a myriad of organizations. Here’s a snapshot of some of the noteworthy awards they’ve received recently.

James Phero, D.D.S. Candidate ’13, was awarded the International College of Dentists’ Richard C. Rice Scholars Award. The award is given annually to a student who has traveled internationally to provide dental care within the last year. Phero’s qualifying international trip was his week-long stay in Moldova caring for children from two orphanages and also in another local community.

Brandon Johnson, B.S.D.H. ’11, M.S.D.H. Candidate ’13, won the DENTSPLY/ADHA Graduate Student Clinician’s Research Program Competition. As the winner, Johnson will compete nationally at the American Dental Hygienists’ Association meeting in Boston in June. Should he win that competition, he will present his research at the ADA Annual Session this fall in New Orleans.
D.D.S. Students in Service through DISC

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 began more than 40 years ago in a similar format, was one of the first of its kind. It has remained a model program for other dental schools, emphasizing the psychosocial and organizational aspects of health care delivery, patient and personnel management, and the development of a better understanding of medical and dental needs of special patients. The program’s hallmark is the high level of direct student participation in the rotations program, rather than simply assigning students to rotation sites.

“We feel that it is incredibly important for our students to be exposed to a variety of patients and dental needs outside of what we can provide in our clinics,” said Dr. Bob Hollowell, interim director of the DISC program. “Health care is changing quickly and the number of dental patients who lack access to oral health care, who are underserved or uninsured is rising, so it’s critical that our students learn they must be prepared for anything clinically.”

Participation in the DISC extramural rotation program is a required part of the D.D.S. curriculum. The goals of the program are to expose the students to a diverse patient population and also to provide students an opportunity to observe and participate in a variety of different community-based health care systems. The assignments are varied; many conduct their rotations at federal and state health care institutions, county public health departments, hospitals or rural clinics, among other public settings, within NC, the US and even internationally.

“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. Hollowell. “It’s an experience we’re proud to offer to our students during their education here at UNC.”

Locations of student experiences profiled.

- Fayetteville VA Medical Center, Fayetteville, N.C.
- Penobscot Community Dental Center, Bangor, Maine
- Our Lady of Mercy Outreach Clinic, Johns Island, S.C.
- Carolina Medical Center, Charlotte, N.C.
- Windsnow Indian Health Clinic, Arizona
- Nthalire, Chatta, Malawi
I treated a female patient who’d been recently diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma on the left lateral border of the tongue. Her dental history included partial edentulism, severely decayed teeth, among other issues. Before she could undergo radiation therapy, she needed all remaining teeth extracted.

When she sat down, she was calm but apprehensive. I explained the procedure to make her more comfortable. She seemed ready but at the sight of the needle, she began to cry and tried to leave. I was surprised; she’d seemed cooperative. I put away the needle and explained that this procedure was necessary, then we kept talking. Our 20-minute conversation covered cars, cats, grandchildren and children — anything to distract her from her fear.

Once she let me try again, I proceeded with an IAN block on the left side. After confirming she was completely numb, I cut a flap and retracted the tissue. When I started elevating the root, the patient said she could feel it. She couldn’t decide if it was pressure or pain but I stopped and administered infiltration to make her feel better. Every time I tried to elevate, she complained of pain. I ended up only extracting four teeth because I didn’t want her to have another negative dental experience. After treatment, she apologized and thanked me for stopping whenever she asked me to stop.

Through this, I learned the importance of compassion and patience. Even though I knew she was numb and I could’ve extracted all her teeth at the appointment, I knew I made the correct decision. The next time I saw her, I was able to extract the remaining nine teeth and she was much more comfortable, making for a smoother appointment. This taught me to be considerate and compassionate whenever I treat any of my patients. Now I am always aware and cautious that the patient’s comfort comes first.
Appreciating What You’re Given
Nthalire, Chatipa * Fajovon Talley, D.D.S. Candidate 2013

While in Malawi, I went to Nthalire, Chatipa to treat people in a village without access
to dental care. We arrived to find about 60 people waiting for treatment, most of whom had
been there before sunrise. We saw patients from sun up to sun down, and worked with no
electricity and a limited number of instruments and supplies. Some people did triage and
others did restorative work, but the majority of us performed extractions.

One lady had an intra-oral lesion that had been there since 1980. She was not in pain
despite the hard outgrowth of her maxillary gingiva that had been growing for the past three
decades. It amazed me that she could live like that. Another day close to sundown a man
stopped us, saying that all his teeth hurt and gave him a headache. His severe periodontal
disease was visible, but we were running out of daylight so we could not treat him.

It touched me to know how hard it is to receive medical treatment if it is not in walking
distance. In order to get to many dental care facilities, it takes money. Most of the people do
not have much money, so they’re not able to travel long distances for care.

It bothered me that we were probably the only chance of help most of these people
would get for months or years. People in the U.S. wake up in the middle of the night in pain
and get treatment the next day; people in Nthalire learn how to live with the pain due to
poor access of care. Malawi taught me to be more patient and to appreciate what we have
in the U.S. I do not take for granted anything we are given, and I plan returning to Malawi
to give back to the people who need help most.
If we educate children on the importance of oral hygiene, hopefully we will change their lives for the better.

Educate Children, Improve Lives
Our Lady of Mercy Outreach Clinic, Johns Island, S.C. * McSherry Wells, D.D.S. Candidate 2013

The first day at the clinic, I learned I was to entertain a summer kids’ camp that Wednesday. My first thought was, “Oh no, I really don’t want to do this. I don’t know what I’m going to do.” I’m a shy person and the thought of standing in front of 40 children and several adult counselors was terrifying.

Fortunately, I put together a great dental education program for the kids that included a demonstration of a prophy appointment. A child volunteered to have her mouth disclosed, so we educated the children that all the “pink” stuff that we were seeing was plaque. Then the children watched very closely as I performed the prophy procedure and afterwards we talked about why and how dentists use x-rays. They had so many questions about the tools that we were using. They were simply amazed!

After the program, we handed out bags filled with oral care products; all the kids were so appreciative! After the program, my preceptor branded me the in-house pedodontist, saying that I should think about pediatric dentistry. The wheels in my head started turning. Should I now think about applying to a pediatric dentistry program? I’d never considered it before.

I also learned how important it is to educate children about oral health and good hygiene when they are young. After seeing how many kids didn’t even have a toothbrush and had never been to the dentist, I was amazed. I learned that, as dentists, we aren’t in the community just to fix dental problems. We are there to be educators for the public, especially children. If we educate children on the importance of oral hygiene, hopefully we will change their lives for the better.
I had several patients with special needs while I was at this clinic, but I am still unsure the condition of one patient; perhaps he was undiagnosed. The patient, a 56 year-old white male with a history of high blood pressure and epilepsy, was taking medication to control blood pressure and seizures. His remaining teeth were severely decayed and had previously been deemed unrestorable.

Upon greeting the patient, I realized he spoke very loud, short and somewhat childlike. I considered possible mental disability or deafness. Despite that, he’d come by himself and he seemed to be very capable.

This was his first appointment for treatment and he complained of severe pain in two teeth and moderate pain in two others. He’d taken his blood pressure and seizure medications pre-operatively, he said, to decrease risk of seizure. He handled the injection well and we started treatment. I extracted two teeth; one required a surgical extraction that caused me to run out of appointment time. The patient insisted that he felt fine, but I noticed his hands had started shaking. Since time was out anyway, we scheduled another appointment and let him go. He came back another day for me to extract two more teeth. Again, I noticed the shaking started near the end of the appointment.

In hindsight, it may have been a good idea to call his medical doctor prior to treatment to gain more insight to his mental status and medical history. I also could have checked his blood pressure through treatment to prevent cardiac and circulatory problems. The shaking concerned me and I’m not sure of its origin. It taught me that I cannot rely on my attending to prevent emergencies. It is my responsibility to know my patients and manage their conditions to prevent emergencies, and to be prepared in case one arises.
At the Winslow Indian Health Clinic, most dental assistants are extended function assistants, so they do cleanings and fill tooth preparations in addition to assisting. On my last day there, my assistant seated a patient and took a radiograph. When she came to get me, she pointed at the radiolucent area on the distal of tooth #30 near the cemento-enamel junction that spread to the root, saying, “Look at all that decay.” I agreed, but wondered if it was burnout. She began setting up for surgery and gave me the extraction consent form that she’d filled out — before I even examined the patient.

When I sat down, I asked the patient if he’d consent to the extraction, as the x-ray seemed to show considerable decay on one of his teeth. When I asked what brought him to the clinic, he said a filling had popped out from one of his teeth. He pointed at tooth #30 and I noticed that a small buccal filling had come out. I didn’t notice anything else suspicious, but I used my explorer to check the distal; the enamel felt sound. I called my attending over to check. He agreed that the tooth was fine except for the missing filling, and also confirmed that the radiograph showed cervical burnout. I told the patient that after clinical evaluation, his tooth did not appear to have decay, that we could replace the filling. There was no secondary decay, so I didn’t even need to anesthetize the tooth!

I realized how critical it is to take time to assess thoroughly before making treatment plans. As dental professionals, we’re responsible for accurately diagnosing and treating patients. We should always make sure we have all the necessary information before doing irreversible treatment. Even if it means I spend more time with each patient, it’s worth it because I know that will allow me to provide appropriate, safe treatment.

Lessons on Assumptions
Fayetteville VA Medical Center, Fayetteville, N.C. * Magi Youssef, D.D.S. Candidate 2013

Around 4 p.m. on the last day of my rotation, an older gentleman came to check in for placement of his final three-unit fixed partial denture. When told his appointment was canceled, he seemed confused and explained he’d had it in his agenda for months. The front desk clerk assumed the patient was mistaken and told him that no one was available and there was no way he’d be seen that day.

The patient was a former patient of the hospital primary care chief, who no longer performs clinical dentistry but who was ironically in the clinic at that time. After speaking with the patient, he asked me to deliver the bridge.

During the appointment, I learned the patient had driven over three hours immediately after receiving treatment for prostate cancer. The last thing he needed was to be told that his appointment was cancelled, and although treating him kept us at the clinic a little later, it was worth it. Later, we learned the patient was right; someone on staff had accidentally canceled his appointment.

This experience taught me volumes regarding assumptions. It would have been easy to assume the patient was wrong and send him away with another appointment in three to four months. However, the ethical and professional thing to do was to investigate the confusion and do everything possible to provide treatment.

This will cause me to never assume about a patient’s circumstances. Our interaction with a patient can significantly affect their physical and psychological well-being. We must always remember our true purpose: to serve others. After delivering the final fixed-partial denture, the patient was extremely grateful. Although what I did was very small in the grand scheme of things, I made his day better and his circumstances slightly improved — all due to the staff and dentists who took the time to find a solution rather than simply dismissing the patient.

I realized how critical it is to ask the appropriate questions and take time to assess thoroughly before making treatment plans. As dental professionals, we’re responsible for accurately diagnosing and treating patients. We should always make sure we have all the necessary information before doing irreversible treatment. Even if it means I spend more time with each patient, it’s worth it because I know that will allow me to provide appropriate, safe treatment.
2012-13 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 $340,000 in scholarships and fellowships to dental assisting, dental hygiene, D.D.S. and post-D.D.S. students for the 2012-13 academic year.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Claude Adams Jr. Scholarship
Dr. Claude Adams III established this fund to honor the memory of his late father, Dr. Claude Adams, Jr., a dentist in Durham.
Devin Geeson, D.D.S. 2015
Alex Kurey, D.D.S. 2015
Jessica Peele, D.D.S. 2015
David Whitlow, D.D.S. 2015

Dr. Rex B. Card Scholarship
Dr. Card, a 1980 graduate of the school, practices dentistry in Raleigh.
Harold Frazier, D.D.S. 2014

Carolina First Campaign Scholarship
Made possible by many generous donors to the School of Dentistry’s Carolina First Campaign.
Jamillea Brown, D.A. 2013
Beth Ann Knox, D.H. 2014

Dr. Robert Russell Clark Memorial Scholarship
Made possible by a generous bequest from the late Anne Mills Clark to honor her husband, Dr. Robert Russell Clark.
Ashley Morgenstern, D.D.S. 2015
Laura Phelps, D.D.S. 2014
Matt Scheske, D.D.S. 2015
Melissa Smith, D.D.S. 2013
George Soung, D.D.S. 2013
Jason Strein, D.D.S. 2013
Michael Cliff Wilson, D.D.S. 2015

Helen Holland Establishes Holland Award in Prosthodontic Dentistry

Mrs. Helen Holland recently donated $50,000 to the DFNC to establish the Dr. Murry Holland and Mrs. Helen H. Holland Award in Prosthodontic Dentistry. The award will honor her late husband, Murry, and will benefit prosthodontics students.

“Murry passed away in June 2005, and over the past couple of years I kept thinking that I would like to do something to honor him in some way,” said Mrs. Holland. “This seemed just right. He enjoyed his profession very much and always considered it a privilege and an honor to be in the third graduating UNC dental class and to remain here for 17 years with the faculty. It was important to me and I am happy to honor him in this way.”

Each year, the Holland Award will be presented to the D.D.S. student who best exemplifies Dr. Holland’s professionalism and proficient skill in prosthodontics and aesthetic dentistry. Nominations will come from school faculty and a committee will select the recipient based on his or her excellence in the classroom, laboratory and/or clinics.

“The Department of Prosthodontics is grateful for the support that Mrs. Holland is generously providing our students in memory of her husband,” said Dr. Thomas Ziemiecki, interim chair of the Department of Prosthodontics. “It is a wonderful way to honor her husband’s love for dentistry while supporting the next generation of prosthodontists.”

Dr. Holland was a 1956 D.D.S. graduate of the UNC School of Dentistry, after which he joined the faculty in the school’s Fixed Prosthodontics Department. In 1973, he retired from teaching and opened a dental practice in Chapel Hill. Mrs. Holland resides in Chapel Hill.

“It is a wonderful way to honor [Dr. Holland’s] love for dentistry while supporting the next generation of prosthodontists.”
Sowter Family Bequest Establishes Sowter Merit Scholarship

The DFNC is establishing a new merit-based scholarship for UNC School of Dentistry D.D.S. students thanks to a $366,000 charitable remainder trust donated by the late Dr. John “Jack” Sowter and Mrs. Jackie Sowter. The scholarship will be named for Dr. Sowter, who taught at the school for nearly 40 years before retiring in 2010. Dr. Sowter also spent a number of years in private practice.

Bill Sowter, D.D.S. ’80, son of Dr. Sowter, worked closely with the DFNC to oversee the set-up of the scholarship, which will be awarded for the first time in the 2013–14 academic year. He believes his father would be pleased the generous contribution will assist D.D.S. students financially for years to come.

“My dad was generous and giving, and loved working with his students,” said Dr. Bill Sowter. “I think he’d be happy the money is going into a merit scholarship to help dental students lessen their financial burden.”

DFNC annually awards approximately $350,000 in scholarships and fellowships to students and residents. Of the scholarships awarded, the majority are considered need-based scholarships. While they take into account the student’s academic qualifications, the primary criteria is that the student qualifies for financial aid. Merit-based scholarships, such as the one that will carry Dr. Sowter’s name, can go to a D.D.S. student who does not qualify for financial aid.

“We’re looking forward to being able to award another scholarship to deserving students each year based on merit,” said Paul Gardner, executive director of DFNC. “One of the things DFNC is most proud of is our ability to assist all types of students, but we wouldn’t be able to do that without generous contributions from people like the Sowters. We’re grateful for their generous gift.”

Dr. Sowter passed away on April 11, 2012 and Mrs. Sowter died on August 21, 2012. Dr. Bill Sowter lives in Morrisville and practices in Raleigh.

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Miguel and Carolina Hernandez Memorial Scholarship
Dr. Dag Zapatero, D.D.S. ’90, along with his family and friends, established this scholarship to honor the memory of his grandparents, Miguel and Carolina Hernandez.
Dom Medina, D.D.S. 2015

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

Dr. Edmund Baxter Hopkins Memorial Scholarship
Established by Dr. Ken Glazener, friends and family of Dr. Edmund B. Hopkins, a ’58 graduate of the school, who passed away in 2001.
Zachary Albertson, D.D.S. 2015

Linda Paschall Jarvis Scholarship
Established by the friends and family of Linda Paschall Jarvis, a 1975 graduate of the UNC dental hygiene program, who passed away in 1996.
Sonal Patel, D.H. 2014

Kendrick, Kendrick & 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. Vaiden Kendrick. When Dr. Sidney D. Petersen passed away, his name was also added to the scholarship fund.
Raghar Sundaresh, D.D.S. 2016

Priscilla Levine Scholarship
Created in memory of a beloved patient care coordinator at the school who died in 1989.
Shemeka Harvey, D.H. 2013

Linville Family Scholarship
This scholarship was made possible by Dr. Walter S. Linville, Jr., D.D.S. ’56, his daughter Dr. Lynn Linville-Laurentano, D.D.S. ’82, and their family to ease the financial burden of attending dental school.
Sara Valencia, D.D.S. 2013

Loblolly Dental Study Club
The Loblolly Study Club has been a longtime supporter of the UNC School of Dentistry and established this scholarship to assist future generations of North Carolina dentists.
Leslie Yuan, D.D.S. 2013

Keith T. Macdonald and Family Scholarship
Dr. Macdonald is a 1981 graduate of the school and practices in Archdale.
Courtney Aman, D.D.S. 2015

Kenneth N. and Georgia S. May Memorial Scholarship
Dr. Ken May, D.D.S. ’78, established this scholarship to honor his parents’ memory.
Suzanne Davis, D.D.S. 2015

Medical Security Scholarship for Leadership in Dentistry
Established in 2008 by the Medical Security Insurance Company.
Bryan Whetcotton, D.D.S. 2014

Morgan Family Scholarship
Dr. Kenneth Morgan, Sr., D.D.S. ’59, and family established this scholarship in 1994.
Jeff Duffy, D.D.S. 2014
Andrew McNeal, D.D.S. 2014

Dr. H.V. Murray, Jr. Scholarship
The late Dr. Murray was a long-time teacher in the Department of Prosthodontics at the UNC School of Dentistry.
Joel Stroot, D.D.S. 2013

Old North State Dental Society Scholarship
Made possible by many generous members of the Old North State Dental Society.
Kiara Danielle Brown, D.D.S. 2015

Robert W. and Maude B. Outland Scholarship
With his father, who received scholarship assistance during the Great Depression, Dr. Robert Outland, Jr., D.D.S. ’63, set up a scholarship fund to help outstanding students who will contribute to the future of health care in NC.
Mary Virginia Mayo, D.D.S. 2016

Eldon and Zetta Parks Scholarship
The late Dr. Eldon Parks, D.D.S. ’63, served as a dentist in Elkin for 40 years.
Molly Tesch, D.D.S. 2014

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.
Ariel Levy, D.D.S. 2013

Mrs. Margaret & Dr. Bobby C. Raynor and Mrs. Jane & Dr. George W. Ferguson Scholarship
Both Dr. B.C. Raynor, D.D.S. ’67, and Mrs. Margaret Raynor are graduates and loyal supporters of UNC. The Raynors established this scholarship to honor Mrs. Raynor’s parents, Mrs. Jane Boos Ferguson and Dr. George William Ferguson.

Mrs. Margaret & Dr. Bobby C. Raynor and Mrs. Gretchen and Dr. Robert A. 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.
Justin Harlow, D.D.S. 2014

Mrs. Margaret & Dr. Bobby C. Raynor and Mrs. Helen and Dr. Murry W. Holland Scholarship
The Raynors established this scholarship to honor Mrs. Raynor’s sister, Gretchen Garcia and Mrs. Garcia’s late husband, Dr. Robert Anthony Garcia.
Justine Harlow, D.D.S. 2014

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, Dr. Murry W. Holland and Mrs. Helen Harrell Holland.
Ann Kennedy, D.D.S. 2015

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 G. Miska and Mrs. Myra Phelps Miska.
Pablo Ramos, D.D.S. 2013
Mrs. Bertie Eleanor Raynor & Mr. Dervy William Raynor Scholarship
The Raynors established this scholarship to honor Dr. Raynor’s parents. Mr. and Mrs. Dervy Raynor.
Rebekah McPherson, D.D.S. 2015

Eugene Rossitch Family Scholarship Fund
Mr. Rossitch is the father of two dental school graduates (Alex and Michael) and the grandfather of a current student (Katie). He loves his family and UNC, and saw this scholarship as a good way to honor his family and the University.
Meredith Gentry Lasater, D.D.S. 2015

Dr. and Mrs. J. Ronald Sain Scholarship
Dr. Ron Sain, D.D.S. ’71, M.S. ’73, and his wife, Karen, established this scholarship to help students and to provide quality dental care to the people of their region of the state.

Jack P. and Grace Silvers Scholarship
The late Dr. Jack Silvers was a 1958 D.D.S. and 1966 orthodontics graduate who established this scholarship in 1988.
Shango Etienne, D.D.S. 2014
Tawana Jenkins, D.D.S. 2014
Brenda Lopez, D.D.S. 2015

Dr. Troy B. Sluder, Jr. Scholarship
Dr. Roy Corderman, D.D.S. ’55, and his wife Ann established this fund to honor their friend Dr. Troy Sluder, a beloved professor and classmate of Dr. Corderman’s.
Ashley Porter, D.D.S. 2014

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. “Dink” Styers Scholarship
Dr. Thomas Styers, Jr., D.D.S. ’63, and his wife, Janet, wanted to honor his father and mother with this fund that they established in 1999.
David Samuelson, D.D.S. 2015

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.
Steve Bridges, D.D.S. 2015

Lois E. Taylor Scholarship
Dr. Sarah Taylor Morrow and Mr. Frank Taylor, Jr. established this fund to honor their extraordinary mother, who was the first female dentist in Charlotte.
Min Yan Dong, D.D.S. 2016

Markie Wicker Thomas Memorial Scholarship
The Kuhn family, David, Mandy and Ritt, along with friends and family of Markie, established this scholarship to honor the memory of Markie Wicker Thomas, a 1973 dental hygiene graduate who was part of the Kuhn Family Dentistry practice for almost 35 years.
Antonella Garces, D.H. 2013

Dr. William “Bill” Tulloch Memorial Scholarship
Dr. Lynn Smith, D.D.S. ’64, M.S. ’73, established this scholarship to honor the memory of his best friend for more than 30 years, Dr. Bill Tulloch, a general dentist in Broadway, NC.
Annie Brooks, D.D.S. 2014

UNC DAA/DFNC Merit Scholarship
Dr. David Jarvis, D.D.S. ’85, from Rocky Mount, NC. led the effort to create this recurring scholarship.

UNC Dental Alumni Association Scholarship
The UNCDAA established this fund for third-year dental students.
Karen Carver, D.D.S. 2014
Justin Harlow, D.D.S. 2014
Li Qian, D.D.S. 2014
John Zerneno, D.D.S. 2014

UNC School of Dentistry Golf Tournament Scholarship
This scholarship was created using proceeds from the school’s annual golf tournament, now in its 19th year. The tournament is chaired by Dr. Lynn Smith (D.D.S. ’64, M.S. ’73) who practices in Sanford with his son, Brian.
Brett Henson, D.D.S. 2015
James Purvis, D.D.S. 2013

United Concordia Companies, Inc. Scholarship
United Concordia Companies, Inc. established this scholarship to show their support for the education of future dental professionals.
Josh Blake, D.D.S. 2016
Chanel Neal, D.D.S. 2016

University Dental Associates Scholarship
University Dental Associates and the American Dental Partners Foundation established this fund in 2003.
Natalia Nunez-Antley, D.D.S. 2014

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, D.D.S. ’79.

Bryant Wicker Memorial Scholarship Fund
This scholarship was established by the family and friends of the late Dr. Bryant Wicker, D.D.S. ’62, of Maxton, NC.
Ben Cozart, D.D.S. 2014

James Gurney and Ruth Williams Scholarship
The late Dr. Lowell Williams, D.D.S. ’57, honored the memory of his parents with this fund established in 1990.
Astin Barnes, D.D.S. 2016

Dr. Douglas and Ursula Young Scholarship
This fund was established by Dr. Douglas Young and his wife, Ursula, on the occasion of his 50th School of Dentistry reunion. Dr. Young is a ’58 graduate of the school who practiced general dentistry in Winston-Salem for many years.
Trang Quynh Nguyen, D.D.S. 2015
Vann Endowment Fund Established

The DFNC has announced a new fund to honor the legacy of Bill Vann, a longtime member of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. The Vann Endowment Fund (VEF) is earmarked to support several initiatives, including the strengthening of collaborations with departmental alumni and the North Carolina Academy of Pediatric Dentistry; however, the lion’s share of the endowment will support activities focused on enhancing the learning experiences of residents in the department.

Under the leadership of Michael Hasty, D.D.S. ’98, M.S. ’89, of Virginia Beach and Michael Ignelzi, D.D.S. ’87, Ph.D. ’92, of Greensboro, the VEF was announced publicly in May 2012, by which time its steering committee, composed of alumni and friends of the department, had garnered leadership pledges of nearly $300,000. Less than 12 months after going public, the VEF has accumulated cash gifts of more than $200,000, with additional pledges elevating the VEF to more than $600,000.

Vann joined the department in 1978, serving as the D.D.S. program director until 1985, as chair from 1985-94 and as the graduate program director from 1994-2005. From 1992-2007, he served also as the director of one of three federally-funded MCH Centers for Excellence in Pediatric Dentistry. He was named Demeritt Distinguished Professor in 1998 and served in that capacity until he retired from full-time teaching in 2010. He continues to work part-time and remains involved in departmental teaching and research, as well as several state-wide initiatives focusing on children’s oral health.

In addition to alumni and friends of the department, many former dental students have contributed to the VEF. Anyone wishing to donate should send contributions to the DFNC (VEF Fund), 1090 Old Dental Building, CB #7450, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7450, and those wishing to make pledges should contact Paul Gardner, associate dean for development and executive director of the DFNC (paul_gardner@dentistry.unc.edu; 919-537-3258). Pledge payments can be made over up to five years.

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FELLOWSHIPS

Advanced Education Fellowships
Established in 1990 to provide support for post-D.D.S. students pursuing advanced degrees in the School of Dentistry.
Dr. Abdelghany Al saidi, Periodontology
Dr. David Walker, Orthodontics

Ann and G. Randolph Babcock Fellowship
Established in 1991 with contributions from the Babcocks. Mrs. Babcock’s father, Dr. R.M. Pelton, started Pelton & Crane in 1900, and Mr. Babcock was president of the company for many years.
Dr. Julie Adamczyk, Prosthodontics
Dr. Maggie Fetner, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Shijia Hu, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Bryan Jacobs, Prosthodontics
Mr. Kenneth (Brandon) Johnson, Dental Hygiene
Dr. Austin Leong, Prosthodontics
Dr. Alison McGuire, Periodontology

Miriam Easterling Baker Fellowship
Established by Dr. Edgar D. Baker in memory of his late wife in 1990. Dr. Baker practiced orthodontics in Raleigh and these fellowships are solely for the benefit of residents in the Department of Orthodontics.
Dr. Neker Bernuy, Orthodontics
Dr. Neil Kessel, Orthodontics
Dr. Megan Lecornu, Orthodontics
Dr. Stephanie Rhoads, Orthodontics
Dr. David Walker, Orthodontics

Dr. Danny Mora, Oral Pathology
Ms. Megan Mosley, Dental Hygiene
Dr. Hiroko Nagaoka, Operative Dentistry
Dr. Tiffany Peters, Oral Pathology
Dr. Stephanie Rhoads, Orthodontics
Dr. Michael Stella, Periodontology
Dr. Felicia Swinney, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Shaoping Zhang, Periodontology
Mary Jean Breeland Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry
Established through a bequest from Ms. Breeland, who passed away in 2002. She had unpleasant experiences with dentistry as a child and wanted to ensure that children wouldn’t experience the pain and trauma she did.
Dr. Jordan Olsen, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Lauren Sanzone, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Chien Sim, Pediatric Dentistry

Andrew M. Brooks Fellowship in Orthodontics
Orthodontist Greg Brooks, D.D.S. ’76, M.S. ’78, and his wife, Martha, established these fellowships for orthodontic residents in 1993. The fund was established in loving memory of their son, Andrew.
Dr. Tom Covington, Orthodontics
Dr. Tate Jackson, Orthodontics
Dr. Peter Weber, Orthodontics

Caldwell-Christensen Fellowship
For students in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry:
Dr. Jordan Olsen, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Lauren Sanzone, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Chien Sim, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. James B. Congleton III Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Jim Congleton, D.D.S. ’75, M.S. ’77, who practices pediatric dentistry in New Bern, created this fund to provide support for residents in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry.
Dr. Alex Boudreau, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Kevin Ricker, Pediatric Dentistry

Jack and Renee Dunlevy Fellowship
Established in 2003 by Dr. Jack Dunlevy, an orthodontist in Midlothian, Va., and his wife, Renee.
Dr. Neker Bernuy, Orthodontics
Dr. Neil Kessel, Orthodontics

Dr. Jacob B. Freedland Advanced Dental Education Fellowship
Established in 1994 with contributions from Dr. Jacob B. Freedland, a generous friend of the School of Dentistry who practiced endodontics in Charlotte.
Dr. Roger Arce, Periodontology
Dr. Thomas Brown, Endodontics
Dr. Estephan Moana Filho, Oral Biology
Dr. Megan LeCornu, Orthodontics
Dr. Lu Zhang, Oral Biology

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. Thomas Brown, Endodontics
Dr. Linda Chan, Endodontics
Dr. Cristina Maresca, Endodontics

Dr. Sandy C. Marks Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry
Alumni and friends of D.D.S. ’67 graduate and longtime pediatric dentistry faculty member Dr. Sandy Marks established this fund in 2004 to provide support for pediatric dentistry residents.
Dr. Maggie Fetner, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Shijia Hu, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Felicia Swanney, 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. Alex Boudreau, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Jackie Horn, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Kevin Ricker, 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. Maggie Fetner, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Shijia Hu, Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Felicia Swanney, 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 post-D.D.S. students pursuing advanced degrees at the School of Dentistry.
Dr. Fernando Astorga, Operative Dentistry
Dr. Kristi Erickson, Operative Dentistry
Dr. Katherine Guilfoyle, Periodontology

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Prosthodontics Establishes Endowment and Symposium for Matt Wood

The school’s Department of Prosthodontics recently honored one of their own, Matt Wood, D.D.S. ’58, by creating a new endowment fund and an annual continuing education symposium. The Dr. Matthew T. Wood Faculty Support Endowment Fund honors Wood, a long-time faculty member.

“Dr. Wood’s outstanding knowledge of prosthodontics, his desire and ability to transmit this knowledge to students with a dash of good humor and well known Woodism’s, and his respect and affection for students make him one of the most respected and admired faculty ever to teach at the UNC School of Dentistry,” said Dr. Al Guckes, associate professor in the department.

The group kicked off the endowment fund with a dinner on November 29 in Chapel Hill to honor Wood at the Hill Alumni Center. About 95 people attended the dinner, which featured remarks from current prosthodontics faculty members and, of course, Wood himself. The first annual Matthew Wood Prosthodontics Symposium was held the following day and featured the presentation of the Matthew Wood Prosthodontics Faculty Excellence Award. The award, which honors a prosthodontic faculty member for significant contributions to prosthodontic education and practice, went to Wood. The 2013 symposium is scheduled for August 2.

The Matthew Wood Fund will be used to support clinical teaching in the Department of Prosthodontics, including the recruitment and retention of clinical faculty. To contribute to the fund, call Paul Gardner, associate dean for advancement, at (919) 537-3258.

“Dr. Wood’s outstanding knowledge of prosthodontics, his desire and ability to transmit this knowledge to students with a dash of good humor . . . and his respect and affection for students make his one of the most respected and admired faculty ever to teach at the school.”

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More than 20 years ago, Mark Bronsky, M.S. ’89, was making an important decision; he was choosing which university he would attend to pursue his dental education. Many years before, while working in his father’s orthodontist practice as a teenager, he witnessed first-hand how his father was making people happy by making them healthy and became inspired to pursue a similar career path.

When he visited the UNC School of Dentistry, he immediately felt intellectually stimulated by colleagues and soon became inspired by the faculty. After his visit, Bronsky chose to attend the university’s dentistry school to complete his master’s in orthodontics. Today, he chooses to give back to the UNC School of Dentistry as a thank you for the rewarding experience it provided for him.

Bronsky, who now lives in New York and maintains one orthodontics practice on the Upper East Side and a second in TriBeCa, says he gives back for many reasons. But the most prominent is because he appreciates the people he met and the relationships he cultivated while studying for his master’s — which is why he tends to give to the unrestricted fund for orthodontics.

“I made meaningful relationships with members of the faculty and fellow colleagues. In fact, the faculty at the UNC School of Dentistry has continued to remain inspirational to me until this day,” Bronsky said. Among those, specifically, is Dr. Bill Proffit, whom he describes as “a good person and deep thinker,” and for whom he says he’s grateful for each day.

When asked how he would encourage current students to give back when they too become alumni, Bronsky pointed out that many opportunities are available to students as a direct result of gifts from alumni. Besides, he said, it’s important to remember to pay it forward to those who will come after you.

“It’s hard to understand as a student how opportunities offered to them come to pass,” he said. “Opportunities like research and scholarships are funded by alumni. I think it’s important to remember to leave a place better than you found it — and that’s what I’d like to do.”
Dear Alumni,

The spring is upon us, and it’s again time to welcome a new group of UNC School of Dentistry alumni into our ranks. Soon the Class of 2013 will graduate from our prestigious alma mater and become our colleagues. I hope that you will join me in welcoming them into the profession with open arms and helpful words as they find their own ways to impact the future of dentistry.

Before their commencement, though, there were a number of other exciting events that I hope you attended. Notably, the largest celebration was the Second Annual Best of Dentistry Weekend, which was held in Chapel Hill on April 26–27. Although we didn’t open a building this time around, there was still the same great fellowship with old and new colleagues, great auction prizes to bid on, and the opportunity to tour our great school. The black-tie gala and auction took place on Friday night, and the UNCDAA-organized five-year-cycle D.D.S. class reunions were on Saturday evening. I hope you made it back for your reunion if possible; it’s a chance to reconnect that I’m sure those of you who attended enjoyed greatly.

In this issue, please take a moment to look over the list of dental alumni who are UNCDAA Lifetime Members (see page 34). These names are also permanently placed on the UNCDAA Life Membership Recognition Wall, which overlooks the UNCDAA Alumni Garden and encases the walkway of Brauer Hall. The wall of names is our way of saying thank you for your membership and investment in the UNCDAA.

Once Best of Dentistry Weekend and the school’s commencement passes, I’m sure everyone will be ready for a trip to the beach! I hope to see everyone at the NCDS Annual Session being held May 16–18 in Myrtle Beach, S.C. While you’re there, I hope you’ll come by the large UNC display in the Exhibit Hall and also join us for the UNCDAA Breakfast and Annual Meeting on Friday, May 17, beginning at 7:30 a.m. We promise that if you will be at breakfast promptly at 7:30, we will be finished with our meeting and will have you at your CE courses on time. Also we hope you’ll attend the Student/Mentor Reception from 6–7:30 p.m. that evening; the school is again co-sponsoring that event with NCDS and the ECU School of Dental Medicine. Registration for the NCDS Annual Session will be disseminated by NCDS.

I’m looking forward to seeing each of you soon! Thank you, as always, for your support of the UNC School of Dentistry and the UNC Dental Alumni Association.

All the best,

Jim B. Congleton III, D.D.S. ’75, M.S. ’77
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As a token of appreciation, a list of names of the UNCDAA Life Members is included on the UNC Dental Alumni Association Life Membership Recognition Wall that encases the walkway around Brauer Hall and overlooks the UNCDAA Alumni Garden.

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Whether due to the movie that was released in 2000 or its simple meaning, being asked to “pay it forward” means the same thing to all of us: do something good for someone and ask them to pass the goodwill onto others instead of repaying you. It’s a sentiment people strive to take to heart and a concept many put into action each day. Erick Steinbicker, D.D.S. ’06, is no different.

But his approach — it may surprise you.

Steinbicker wanted to do something big and out of the ordinary for his community of Mebane, N.C., so he contacted other local business owners and pitched his idea: Pay it Forward Day. For one day, February 1, his practice, Steinbicker Family Dentistry, would provide dental care at no cost. A local hair salon, Biz-Mari Hair Gallery, agreed to offer free haircuts that same day.

The only cost to those who took advantage of the free services? None, except to do three good deeds in their own way to others who needed assistance.

By the end of the day, Steinbicker’s practice provided nearly $10,000 of cost-free fillings, cleanings and extractions to 37 patients in Mebane. He said there were a lot of tears shed by the patients when they saw their newly-treated mouths, and many of the patients who also took advantage of the hair services came back to the office to show off their new looks.

“We really have a lot to be thankful for,” said Steinbicker. “I think my staff and I can all say we feel that we were the ones being ‘helped’ as it felt great giving back, and we enjoyed getting to know the stories of people we didn’t know but in essence are all of our neighbors in this community of Mebane.”

Patients who received treatments had no problems paying the generosity shown to them forward, many reaching almost immediately out to their neighbors who needed help changing a tire, getting to the grocery store or affording dinner.

Donations from anonymous people have made their way to Steinbicker’s practice for him to use towards the care of other people who can’t afford their treatment. He plans to hold the event annually and encourage more businesses to pitch in next year to make a difference in Mebane.

“The day made us realize how much need there is for an event like this,” said Steinbicker. “We want to make a difference in our community — and I know that we’re doing just that by having events like this.”
1950's


Norman Grantham, D.D.S. '59, is pleased to announce that after more than five years as an active duty Air Force dentist, 30 years in private practice in Smithfield, 18 years as a dentist in the Department of Corrections and 29 years in the N.C. Army National Guard he has retired! He's now living in Clearwater, Fla. This is Laurel's hometown and with her mother being here in a retirement home and having two sisters, a brother, many nieces and nephews and two of her children and grandchildren close by, it was an easy decision. He moved his boat to a local marina and his airplane is now in a nice hangar in Lakeland, so he has his diversions. He's a member of the local Coast Guard Auxiliary because, well, after being in the Air Force and Army it seemed natural. Once settled, he plans to get into other adventures. He and his wife still make occasional trips to NC and plan to spend some time in the mountains there this summer. He is still a Tar Heel at heart and maintains his NC license.

Barbara Blanton Ramsey, D.H. '58, passed away on Thursday, August 9, 2012.

1960's

Eli E. White, Jr., D.D.S. '60, is still seeing Medicaid pediatric patients two days per week. He was recently appointed as a public policy advocate for the state of Florida to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.


Percy Wells "PW" Jessup, Jr., D.D.S. '67, was named to the Order of the Long Leaf Pine by Former Governor Beverly Perdue on August 23, 2012 upon nomination by Senator Tony Rand.


1970's

Dale Rhoney, D.D.S. '70, retired from his orthodontic practice in Portland, Oregon in 2009. After he realized he wanted to do something other than just "be retired," he began working in Germany as an orthodontist for the U.S. Army. He and his wife travel a lot and have seen much of Europe over the last few years. Additionally, he's the current president of the E.H. Angle Society of Orthodontists and has his biennial meeting in Vancouver, B.C. in September.

W. David Brunson, D.D.S. '71, retired as senior director for Access, Diversity and Inclusion with the American Dental Education Association on Friday, February 15 in order to spend more time with his family, travel and explore new areas. He has been with ADEA since 2005 where most of his time was dedicated to issues related to strengthening the academic pipeline into dentistry. He has been very involved with the Summer Medical and Dental Education Program, the ADEAGies Foundation/AADR Academic Dental Careers Fellowship Program (ADCFP), the Interprofessional Professionalism Collaborative (IPC), and serving as ADEA Liaison to the ADEA Academic Deans, as well as many other programs encompassing diversity and women's issues. He says he will miss everyone at ADEA, but that he's looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Anne, the kids and the grandkids in North Carolina and Kentucky. His new email is: davebrunson3654@gmail.com.


Irwin B. Sherman, D.D.S. '72, was recently elected as New Jersey's public policy advocate for dental health for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. In this position, he will promote pediatric dental care for children throughout the state of New Jersey.


Paul W. Stewart, Jr., D.D.S. '74, sold his practice in Louisburg to Dr. Don Lee effective December 31, 2012. He will continue working at the practice for one day a week for a number of months. Dr. Stewart and his wife, Emma, are looking forward to the arrival of their first grandchild in June and the wedding of their older son in the fall.

Gary Sugg, D.D.S. '75, M.S. '79, and his wife, Carol, recently celebrated 25 years of marriage by taking a UNC GAA-sponsored cruise of New England in October. The cruise was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Woody Durham and UNC professor Mr. Bill Leuchtenburg. They had a wonderful time, and met many interesting and fun fellow UNC alums. He is in his 34th year of practicing endodontics in Charlotte and is enjoying it immensely.

On November 30, 2012, James Menius, D.D.S. '76, sold his High Point dental practice to Dr. Cassidy Bray. He plans to maintain his licensure and possibly pursue a less demanding role in dentistry, like filling in for other dentists and doing some volunteer work. He says he is forever grateful to the school for providing him with the training to have a wonderful career!

In August 2011, David Felton, D.D.S. '77, M.S. '84, became dean of the WVU School of Dentistry. He had a big year in 2012: he was elected an examiner for the American Board of Prosthodontics in February, inducted into the Pierre Fauchard Academy at WVU in May, and inducted into the American College of Dentists in October at the ACD annual session. Also in October 2012, the International College of Dentists presented him with that year's Journalism Award Special Citation for his role as the editor of “Evidence-based guidelines for the care and maintenance of complete dentures,” a special supplement that
was published in *Journal of the American Dental Association* in February 2011. In January 2013, he spoke at the 24th Annual Saudi Dental Conference — but not before welcoming his granddaughter, Peyton Grace Smith, on January 9!

Steven A. Aquilino, D.D.S. '79, M.S. '82 was honored last spring by the University of Iowa D.D.S. Class of 2014 as their Instructor of the Year. In tribute to him, the students created a music video entitled “Pros, Pros, Baby,” which has gotten more than 29,000 hits on YouTube to date! The video can be viewed on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=CHFOpRbZztE.

Keith Yount, D.D.S. '79, was published in the November/December 2012 issue of *General Dentistry*. His article was titled “TMD Appliances: Type and Purpose.”

1980’s

After 32 years in private dental practice, Harry “Frosty” Culp, D.D.S. ’80 has retired from dentistry to pursue other passions.

Elliot R. Shulman, M.S. ’80, passed away on Sunday, February 17, 2013.

Colonel Charles “Chip” Huggins, D.D.S. ’82, retired from the U.S. Air Force after 30 years of active duty service. He was the Creech AFB Dental Flight Commander at Indian Springs, Nev. His distinguished career included assignments as the Cadet Dental Flight Commander at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado; Deputy Dental Squadron Commander at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey; Deputy Medical Group Commander at Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia; and Medical Group Commander at Masirah Island Air Base, Sultanate of Oman. His numerous awards include the Legion of Merit, five Meritorious Service Medals and two Commendation Medals. He is now semi-retired and living in Las Vegas, Nev. with his wife, Lynn, and daughter, Katelyn.

John Saunders, D.D.S. '82, along with some friends, has started a new movie production company! The company, called Wicked Monkey Productions, currently has two films in pre-production, one in production and one complete. The completed film is entitled “Compound Fracture” and premiered in North Carolina at the end of March. Be sure to visit their website: www.wickedmonkeyproductions.com!

Mark Hyman, D.D.S. ’84, gave two presentations at the recent ADA meeting in October: one at a seminar called “Top 20 Game Changers of 2012,” and the second called “A Day in the Life of a Top-Gun Dental Team.” He was also asked to submit content for CareCredit’s 25 Great Ideas, which they distributed in honor of their 25th anniversary. Dr. Hyman also gave two presentations to a packed house at the 2013 Chicago Midwinter Dental Meeting.

Captain Jeff Gaskin, D.D.S. ’84, is currently serving as chief dental officer in the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) at the Federal Correctional Institution in Berlin, New Hampshire. He was presented the first ever USPHS 2012 John P. Rossetti Mentor of the Year Award. This award will be presented annually to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of a USPHS dental officer serving in an exemplary mentoring role. He is very proud that a UNC dental graduate won this award in its first year of issuance. The 2012 Mentor of the Year Award was not Dr. Gaskin’s first major USPHS award; he was previously named the co-recipient of 2011 USPHS Dental Responder of the Year Award. The dental responder award was established to recognize a dentist’s impact on disaster response and contributions to local, national and/or international public health. He’d also like to note that he and his brothers Dennis Gaskin, D.D.S. ’90, and Robert Gaskin, D.D.S. ’87, tie the record for the most brothers from the same family ever to graduate from the UNC School of Dentistry!

David Burton, D.D.S. ’85, is the president of EasyNotesPro, a software company dedicated to helping dentists provide the best possible care for their patients by creating software that allows dentists and dental personnel to input patient clinical notes without typing or using voice recognition. This increase in efficiency allows doctors to spend more one on one clinical time with their patients and less time sitting and typing at a computer. Learn more by visiting www.easynotespro.com!

Nona I. Breeland, D.D.S. ’87, says she’s had a very busy year! She and her husband, Frank Maness, D.D.S. ’79, hosted her 25th D.D.S. class reunion last spring. They welcomed 60 classmates and spouses to Chapel Hill for CE, a tour
of the new Koury Oral Health Sciences Building, golf and the evening cocktail party in their home. Everyone had a wonderful time. This past year, she has continued her same level of commitment with the ADA (Council on Annual Sessions chair, 2000), North Carolina Dental Society (NCDS president, 2005) and UNC School of Dentistry (DFNC president, 1998; Koury Building Steering Committee member, 2012). She served as delegate to the 2012 ADA House of Delegates in San Francisco and as chairman of the Norman for ADA President-Elect Campaign Committee. The campaign was a resounding success and she says it was thrilling to be a part of Chuck Norman’s, D.D.S. ’77, victory team. Frank and she spent several days in Carmel at the conclusion of the meeting, enjoying both Big Sur and Pebble Beach. She now serves as vice president of North Carolina Services for Dentistry, the for-profit subsidiary of the NCDS. On a personal level, she continues to enjoy practicing endodontics, traveling, playing golf, and spending time with family and friends.

David M. H. Lambert, D.D.S. ’87, joined the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery as an adjunct professor where he supervises the undergraduate oral surgery clinic twice monthly. He recently completed his 10-year certification maintenance as a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and successfully launched iTero, a digital implant imaging system for “pushed” implant restorations, which is a first in the region. Additionally, he’s been invited to give presentations at the UNC Update in General Practice in 2012 and the Highlands Dental Society Annual Meeting in Florida.

Patricia Poole, B.S.D.H. ’87, M.S. ’90, participated as part of a research team from the UNC Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research on Aging, Disability and Long-term Care. She and her fellow researchers released a training video for nurses and CNAs about delivering oral care to those with Alzheimer’s disease titled “Mouth Care Without a Battle;” they have also launched a corresponding website: www.mouthcarewithoutabattle.org. The video will be distributed to nursing homes across NC and may be purchased online. Ms. Poole also has a CE course on dementia that she’s presenting to the NC Dental Hygiene Association about how to communicate with and care for patients at various stages of dementia and Alzheimer’s.

1990’s

Marie Collins, D.H. ’94, M.S.D.H. ’98, was appointed district dean of the School of Health Sciences at Edison State College in Fort Myers, Fla. Prior to this appointment, she served 14 years at Georgia Health Sciences University as department chair of dental hygiene and professor in the Colleges of Allied Health Sciences, Dental Medicine (Periodontics) and Graduate Studies. For over two years, she served as interim associate dean for student, faculty and community affairs in the College of Allied Health Sciences. Dr. Collins was the recipient of the 2005 Outstanding Faculty Award from the Medical College of Georgia Greenblatt Library in recognition for her research methods course teaching strategies for dental and dental hygiene students. She is a consultant for the Commission on Dental Accreditation and she serves on the editorial review boards for the International Journal of Medical Education and for the Journal of Dental Hygiene. She earned a doctorate in education from Georgia Southern University in 2006.

Phillip Woods, D.D.S. ’84, is an active duty Captain (O-6) in the U.S. Public Health Service and is stationed with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He lives in Seattle where he serves as both a national periodontal consultant for the 117-facility federal prison system and locally as chief dentist for FDC SeaTac. He earned his periodontal certificate in 1986 from Tufts University and is a 2002 graduate of the Harvard School of Public Health. He was recently awarded the Ruth E. Lashley Dental Award, presented by the U.S. Public Health Service, for exceptional program management and significant contributions to the advancement of oral health. Outside of dentistry, he teaches gospel music workshops (locally and abroad!) and recently presented 21 oil paintings at his first full art showing. He invites everyone to visit www.phillip-woods.com to learn more about his “non-dental” life.

Chris Martin, D.D.S. ’96, and his wife, Maja Martin, D.D.S. ’02, are still living in Raleigh. Maja has opened her own practice in North Raleigh and Chris is still enjoying his practice as well. Chris added an
Robert David Elliot, M.S. ’98, in conjunction with his private practice in Cary, NC, founded Pedo Springboard, a national pediatric consulting business that helps other pediatric dentists establish their own practices successfully.

2000’s

Christopher Roberts, D.D.S. ’00, and his wife, Timberli Roberts, D.H. ’95, recently purchased and remodeled a previously closed local landmark, The Coffee Tavern, into their dental practice! Their new facility, on the Greenway in Wilkes, is one of the remodel they were careful to preserve the integrity of the original building to make it a comfortable place for their patients. They invite everyone to come by and see them — or at least visit www.smiles4wilkes.com and check out their renovations!

John H. Knight, Jr., D.D.S. ’01, received his fellowship in the International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI) in a ceremony held on December 8, 2012 at NYU in New York. Dr. Knight also completed a Dental Implant Continuum at the Triangle Dental Institute.

Jason Leroux, D.D.S. ’01, has opened a new office in San Luis Obispo, California. It’s called Palm Dental Care and it’s a state-of-the-art, five-operating facility to handle his growing family of patients.


Julie Robinson Molina, D.D.S. ’05, M.S. ’07, became a partner at Cary Pediatric Dentistry, joining Robert David Elliot, M.S. ’98.

Following his time at UNC, Breck Brewer, D.D.S. ’06, graduated with his M.S. from TriService Orthodontic Program (TORP) in San Antonio, Tex. He joined the U.S. Army Dental Corps, where he rose to the rank of Major. He now serves as a staff orthodontist at Fort Bliss Dental Activity in El Paso, Tex.

Crystal Watson, D.D.S. ’06, and her husband, David, welcomed their third child on December 12, 2012 — a little girl! All the children are doing well and getting along, although it can be a little challenging with three children, ages 3 (Joshua David), 2 (Grace Elizabeth) and a newborn (Faith Olivia)!

Julie Davis Sutton, D.H. ’07, M.S.D.H. ’11, and her husband, Josh, are thrilled to announce that they welcomed their son, Caleb Joshua, on November 25, 2012. She has also accepted a full-time academic position at Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo, Iowa, where she’s teaching fundamentals of clinical dental hygiene, tooth morphology, community oral health and pathology.

Nazir Ahmad, D.D.S. ’08, is the current Raleigh-Wake County Dental Society secretary.

George “Chip” Getz, D.D.S. ’09, is engaged to Veronica Acut, a 2010 graduate of the UNC School of Public Health. They plan to get married in 2014 in Charlotte, N.C., where Chip maintains his private practice, serves as a director of the Charlotte Dental Society and sits on the advisory board for the CPCC Hygiene Program. Veronica is the associate administrator of the general surgery department at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.
2010’s


Mario Ramos, M.S. ’11, is a full-time faculty member at Nova Southeastern University Dental School. He and his wife, Rosa, recently had a son, Mario C. Ramos, on September 18, 2012. He says it is indeed the best experience in the world.

Lauren Kennedy Russell, D.D.S. ’11, and Brad Russell, D.D.S. ’11, were married on November 10, 2013. Brad is currently in his second year of OMFS residency at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. Lauren finished her AEGD residency at the same hospital in June 2012. Following the completion of her residency, Lauren helped open and still works at a new non-profit practice outside Cincinnati called HealthSource Eastgate Dental.

Cynthia Lambert, M.S.D.H. ’12, accepted a full-time position at the UNC School of Dentistry teaching in the dental assisting program.

Alex Gause, D.D.S. ’10, joined Smile Design Manhattan upon completion of his residency in 2011. Located in the heart of Midtown and started by his brother, Dr. Lee Gause, Smile Design Manhattan is a full-scope dental practice with a concentration on cosmetic and implant dentistry, and Invisalign. The practice is also very active in charitable dentistry, providing over $75,000 worth of dental care to uninsured and underserved communities in New York through the Smile Design Gallery initiative. This endeavor partners the practice with different artists to sell art and the proceeds are used to fund dental care.

Qun Tang, M.S.D.H. ’12, accepted a full-time academic position at Milwaukee Area Technical College’s dental hygiene program.

Avie “Jackie” Thompson, D.H. ’12, is working full-time at the Dental Care Center in Greenville, N.C.

Lydia Hormenoo, D.H. ’12, traveled to Ghana recently to provide oral health education to children.

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