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Dear friends,

Here in Chapel Hill, our new students, new faculty and new staff members have certainly brought new excitement into this new academic year. Our DDS Class of 2018 is a highly select and accomplished group, chosen from close to 1,400 applicants. We continue to find ways to enjoy our wonderful Koury Oral Health Sciences Building and to promote school spirit for faculty, staff and students. Most recently we have had a Student Research Group mixer, a "think it pink" breast cancer awareness event, Monday night Zumba workouts and a celebration of Dr. Al Wilder’s 38-plus years of service — all in our Atrium. We also recently hosted faculty in one of the case study rooms for an all-day workshop to discuss the new DDS program competencies while the Tar Heel Endodontic Association held their annual meeting in Kirkland Auditorium. It’s hard to keep track of all the terrific extracurricular and fun activities taking place.

For me, one of the recent highlights was the Celebration of Dental Public Health, which occurred in June. We took the opportunity to honor the distinguished career of Dr. Gary Rozier and to celebrate the establishment of the Rozier-Douglass Distinguished Professorship, which is for a faculty member jointly appointed between our school and the Gillings School of Global Public Health who specializes in dental public health. It was a memorable day for the University and for dental public health, and one which you can read about in the following pages.

We’ve also had a number of administrative changes and new hires. You’ll find an overview of all of that in the magazine as well. I hope you’ll have the opportunity to meet our new Tar Heels in the future; please join with me in wishing them well in their new careers here.

Our researchers have been making biologic discoveries and identifying and understanding trends in oral disease and dental treatment in disparate populations, as you’ll note in the issue’s Research Review. The accomplishments range from new knowledge about a cholesterol drug linked to dental pulp calcification to genes linked to oral cancer that affect the salivary glands. I hope you’ll enjoy learning about the important research being conducted here at UNC.

In this issue, you’ll also find a recap of the 2014 Best of Dentistry Weekend. Over the two days, our school hosted more than 300 of our alumni and friends for reunions and the Best of Dentistry Gala. In total, thanks to the generosity of those who attended the events, we raised nearly $20,000 for the UNC Craniofacial Center, student scholarships and clinic upgrades. (Hold the date for the 2015 weekend on April 17–18, 2015!)

The final item to which I’ll call your attention is the 2013–14 Honor Roll of Giving. This is my opportunity to say thank you to each of you who generously give financially to our school. As state support continues to decrease across all the UNC system schools, our dental school relies more heavily on private contributions to remain a premier experience for our students and patients. Every contribution — large or small — makes a substantial impact on our school. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a wonderful base of alumni and friends, and the entire school is grateful beyond words for your support.

I hope you enjoy the Fall/Winter issue of the magazine, and I hope to see each of you soon.

Sincerely,

Jane A. Weintraub, DDS, MPH
Dean and Alumni Distinguished Professor
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LOCATION: UNC School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, N.C.

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SPEAKERS: Dr. Don Tyndall and Dr. Heidi Kohltfarber
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Establishing a Home for Dental Public Health at UNC

It was a celebration many years in the making and, in some ways, many years overdue. On June 5, 2014, the UNC School of Dentistry and the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health together honored dental public health in North Carolina: its past, its biggest players, its current state and, of course, its future.

In part born out of the desire to pay long overdue homage to Dr. Gary Rozier, who has spent 38 years working at UNC in dental public health and is stepping away from some responsibilities; in part to recognize Dr. Alex B. White, who joined the schools as a joint appointment to continue the work done by Rozier and to advance it; and in part excited to share news of a new professorship in dental public health (see page 6), the leadership of both schools began planning a multi-faceted day that would be both educational and celebratory.

It is no coincidence that the UNC School of Dentistry and the Gillings School of Global Public Health are a quick walk across one-way S. Columbia Street from each other. The schools share many of the same alumni, a number of faculty members and many of the same goals for the people of North Carolina. Collaboration between the schools has been ongoing for decades. Being so physically close benefits both schools in many ways.

"Interdisciplinary research is now quite trendy, but the specialty of dental public health, established in 1937, is built on this foundation," said Dean Jane Weintraub. "We are fortunate at UNC to have very strong schools of public health and dentistry across the street from each other, and leadership from both schools committed to the shared goal of improving oral care for North Carolinians and the world."

Both schools being located in such close proximity to the other also benefited the Celebration of Dental Public Health.

Each school was able to host a portion of both the afternoon and evening events, a feature that truly reflected the collaborative partnership that exists between the schools.

An Afternoon of Education and Reflection

After months of planning, the event kicked off at 1 p.m. on June 5, with more than 100 attendees arriving to sit in on panels examining dental public health in a number of ways. The excitement was palpable as colleagues from near and far came together to celebrate dental public health and Rozier.

The sequential panel presentations kicked off at the School of Dentistry, where the first panel focused on Rozier’s many accomplishments, his mentorship and his significant impact on dental public health. It featured esteemed guests Dr. Bill Bailey, who provided a national perspective; Rebecca King, DDS ’77, who provided a student perspective; Ms. Kelly Close, who provided a local perspective; Dr. Jacqueline Burgette Horn, who provided a current student’s perspective; and Dr. B. Alex White, who is a new, jointly appointed faculty member between the schools of dentistry and public health. White is charged with being the next dental public health leader at UNC as Rozier begins to look towards retirement.

The second of the afternoon panels focused on the future of dental public health. Taking place in the Gillings School of Global Public Health, it featured an equally esteemed panel — made up of Dr. Rick Valarovich, who spoke from an education point of view; Dr. Chris Fox, who spoke from a research point of view; Dr. Bill Maas, who spoke from a policy point of view; and Dr. Terri Dolan, who spoke from an industry point of view.

As an added bonus to the revered panelists, guests of the panels included event honorees Rozier and his wife, and Dr. Chet Douglass and Ms. Jay Douglass. Attendees were able to enjoy not only catching up amongst themselves, but also getting to know the members of the school’s ENNEAD group. These students assisted throughout the entire event, serving as a resource for attendees. They, too, were celebrating, a few weeks prior, the group had learned it was approved as a student chapter of the American Association of Public Health Dentists. (See page 8 for more information.)

An Evening of Celebration and Surprises

After a short break, the celebration began in the atrium of Koury Oral Health Sciences with a brief cocktail reception. The evening events focused on highlighting the accomplishments of Rozier and a new professorship, to be announced that night, that focused on dental public health. That professorship was made possible by the Douglasses. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (BCBSNC) Foundation and Delta Dental of North Carolina also are providing support for the dental public health program. (See page 6 for more on the professorship.)

Reception guests were treated to drinks and appetizers in the School of Dentistry atrium, and also to remarks from Weintraub, Vice Chancellor for University Development David Routh, and BCBSNC President and CEO and BCBSNC Foundation Chairman Brad Wilson.

"This is quite a celebration, honoring so much that is good about our University and an incredible collaboration that was made possible through philanthropy," Routh said about the new professorship. "So few of the great problems in our state and in our world are solved by the work of one of our departments or one of our schools. It will be critically important to this University that we continue working across schools and units to solve the problems of the great state of North Carolina."

Wilson, who has long been a proponent of dental public health and advancing North Carolina’s access to dental care, highlighted the trail-blazing of Rozier in his remarks.

"We are grateful to Dr. Rozier for his many, many years of service to our state and the people of North Carolina. It’s very clear that his reach far exceeds the confines of Chapel Hill and the boundaries of North Carolina; indeed, he has had national impact," Wilson said. "The leadership that
Dr. Rozier has put in place here is going to continue far into the future. And one of the things that we're most excited about at BCBSNC is to partner with all of you and him as this great work continues.”

The conclusion of the cocktail hour was easily identified when local Mandi Gras band The Bulltown Strutters Marching Band entered the atrium, played a song and led everyone across the street in Mandi Gras parade-style — minus the floats and beads.

The dinner, held in the atrium of Gillings School of Global Public Health, continued the celebratory feel of the evening. It also continued to focus the celebration on Rozier, his service and legacy, and the professorship. As guests gathered around their tables — each named for a dental public health initiative —

New Professorship in Dental Public Health Established

Made possible by the private donations of Dr and Ms. Chet and Joy Douglass, the R. Gary Rozier and Chetler W. Douglass Distinguished Professorship in Dental Public Health will support a jointly-appointed faculty member who specializes in dental public health.

The professorship is, in part, named to honor Dr. Gary Rozier, who has dedicated 38 years to his research at UNC. During that time, Rozier has created a legacy of impact, demonstrated through scores of peer-reviewed publications. His Into the Moulhes of Babes program is a proven, cost-effective measure to reduce dental caries and hospitalizations across the state, country and globe. Rozier has served as an extraordinary mentor to more than 100 students, many of whom have gone on to leadership roles in the dental profession.

“When we first heard about the professorship, we knew it was something that we had to support,” said Joy Douglass. “Dr. Rozier has been a role model for so many people, and we wanted to honor him in a way that will continue far into the future.”

Douglass, too, has dedicated his career to improving dental care for those in the U.S., with more than 140 papers published about dental public health, oral epidemiology and health policy, among others. He formerly chaired the Department of Oral Health Policy and Epidemiology at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, where he mentored scores of students. Douglass served on the UNC faculty from 1971-76, during which time he spent a year (1975-76) as a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow in Washington, D.C. as health staff in the U.S. Senate.

“Chet has mentored an amazing number of leaders in many different aspects of the dental profession. This generous gift from Chet and Joy allows us to create something special here at UNC — a true home for dental public health — while honoring Chet and Gary, who blazed the trail of dental public health research for all of us,” said School of Dentistry Dean Jane Weintraub.

The new professorship also benefits from the generous grant from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (BCBSNC). Foundation to support the Excellence in Dental Public Health initiative and a gift from Delta Dental to support dental public health.

“North Carolina has a proud history of coming together to find innovative solutions to improve the oral health of our most vulnerable populations. We need to do more and we need to do it now. We look forward to a continued and active partnership with the Gillings School and the School of Dentistry,” said Brad Wilson, president and CEO of BCBSNC and chairman of the BCBSNC Foundation.

“Delta Dental of North Carolina’s mission is to improve the oral health of the communities we serve, thus Delta Dental is pleased to be a partner in addressing critical dental public health issues in North Carolina with support for the North Carolina Collaborative for Excellence in Dental Public Health,” said Curtis Ladig, president and CEO of Delta Dental of North Carolina.

This group of generous gifts from the Douglasses, BCBSNC Foundation and Delta Dental will promote continued collaboration between the schools of dentistry and public health to improve the oral health of North Carolina. to take the dental public health program to an even higher level and to improve dental health for North Carolinians,” said Rimer.

The Gillings School of Global Public Health has a long tradition of providing chairs to those integral in establishing a professorship. These chairs are typically presented to the professorship recipient.

It seemed only appropriate that this be done in joint fashion during the Celebration of Dental Public Health. So as the event wound down, Birner and Weintraub again took the podium, this time inviting the Douglasses to join them on stage and sit in the two chairs.

Weintraub, who was Douglass’s first graduate student and one of his first mentees, was honored to make remarks about her former mentor and about the generosity he and his wife showed through endowing the new professorship.

“Chet, Barbara and I have had conversations over the last few years about how to create something special here at UNC, something that would continue UNC’s leadership role in dental public health research,” Weintraub said. “This generous gift, to create a professorship in dental public health, will provide assurance that this important academic discipline will have a home here, and a continued collaboration between the UNC schools of public health and dentistry — which are arguably the best in the country — will continue to have a well-beaten path between them.”

At the conclusion of recognizing the Douglasses and their incredible generosity, Chet took the podium and asked the
Rozier to take a seat in the professorship chairs. It was that time that the highlights of the evening arrived, a surprise for Rozier that had been months in the making. “There could not be a more appropriate use of these funds than to honor your career and the collaborative atmosphere that you have created between this school and the dental school,” Douglass said, addressing Rozier. “We are very happy to provide the funds to add to that legacy. I think we all have been inspired — your students and your colleagues from around the globe — by the quiet, competent, dependable, loyal and highly productive career of Gary Rozier.”

Douglass then asked Rozier to read the inscription on the chair in which he was sitting. “It says ... B. Gary Rozier and Chester W. Douglass Distinguished Professorship,” read Rozier. Rozier, surprised to learn the professorship which the Douglasses made possible would also bear his name, thanked Douglass and made his way to the podium to make remarks. When he turned, the dinner attendees were all on their feet, giving Rozier a long-awaited and well-deserved standing ovation. “Everyone involved with this professorship can really keep a secret,” Rozier remarked. “This has been a tremendous surprise. To share the name of a professorship with one of my mentors and most respected dental public health colleagues in the country is really an honor, and I’m humbled to be able to share the name with you, Chet.”

That wasn’t the last surprise for Rozier. Weintraub approached the podium at the conclusion of his remarks and asked him to remain for one final honor. Greg Chadwick, DDS ’73, MS ’76, dean of the ECU School of Dental Medicine and former president of the American Dental Association, joined the school centralized student outreach to the surrounding communities. The organization has become an integral part of how the school and the dental profession engage more projects this year as members strive to educate students about public health issues through invited speaker sessions. The first of these featured Leah Devlin, DDS ’79, past North Carolina health director, who spoke about how to be an advocate for dental health within a community.

ENNEAD Begins at the school in 2003 and has become an integral part of how the school centralized student outreach to the local community. The organization includes DDS, dental hygiene and dental assisting students, all committed to providing oral health education and services to the surrounding communities. ENNEAD began at the school in 2003 and has become an integral part of how the school centralized student outreach to the local community. The organization includes DDS, dental hygiene and dental assisting students, all committed to providing oral health education and services to the surrounding communities.

Peer Recognition Awards Presented

Twice annually, the school’s faculty and staff have the opportunity to nominate a colleague who stands out. Selected recipients are members of the school’s staff who go above and beyond their job description. Whether best known for their positive attitude, willingness to help or friendly disposition, the school is most certainly better off for having these people in its employ. Each recipient is awarded $500 and is recognized at either the summer ice cream social or the winter holiday breakfast. The support of BCBSNC Foundation and Delta Dental of North Carolina, the passing of the torch to Alex White to lead the way for UNC in dental public health and a new AAPHD chapter at UNC. It was certainly a day that none of the attendees will forget anytime soon.

ENNEAD Becomes AAPHD Student Chapter

Just weeks prior to the Celebration of Dental Public Health on June 5, the school received exciting news that its ENNEAD chapter had been accepted as a student chapter of the American Association of Public Health Dentists. The acceptance is the result of the work and vision of the ENNEAD student leadership. “We wanted to show students that volunteering and giving back to the community is something that can continue for the rest of their careers,” explained Katharine Rossitch, ENNEAD president and DDS Candidate 2016. “We understand that our members will not all become public health dentists, but they can still work to improve the overall health of their community through service and advocating for their patients’ health. We couldn’t be more excited about the future of ENNEAD.”

With the new classification as an AAPHD chapter, ENNEAD is continuing its momentum and engaging in more
A Time of Change: Leadership Transitions at the School

Since the last issue of the North Carolina Dental Review, the school has seen quite a few changes in its leadership.

New Administrative Leadership Appointments

Dr. Ed Swift, longtime chair of the Department of Operative Dentistry, began his appointment as interim associate dean for education in the Office of Academic Affairs, a position made available when Dr. Janet Guthmiller began her appointment as dean at the College of Dentistry at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. In this role, Swift will oversee the school’s educational programs and policies and weigh in on other decisions of administrative importance in the Office of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Mary Pettiette began her appointment as the school’s assistant dean for admissions and pre-doctoral education. This position was previously held by Dr. Al Wilde, who entered phased retirement. Pettiette will administer the DDS admissions process and chair the selection committee for dental school applicants. She will also continue practicing endodontics in the school’s Dental Faculty Practice.

Dr. Tim Wright, who served as chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, for 10 years, began his new appointment as interim associate dean for clinical affairs. In this capacity, Wright will work closely with the Office of Academic Affairs to advance the school’s curriculum review and revitalization process, among other school-wide initiatives.

New Departmental Leadership Appointments

Dr. Ralph Leonard, the long-time director of the Dental Faculty Practice, has been serving as the school’s interim associate dean for clinical affairs. In this capacity, he oversees his responsibilities at DFP and manages the student clinics.

Ms. Jackie Schroeders joined the school as the school’s new associate dean for finance. This position was originally vacated by Mr. Robert Foy, after which Mr. Walter Miller served as interim dean before pursuing other opportunities. Schroeders is responsible for finance strategy and internal controls, budgeting, audit support, and clinical financial operations, among other tasks.

Dr. Tim Wright was selected to serve as interim chair of the Department of Endodontics while a search for a new chair is conducted. Dr. Eric Rivera resigned as chair effective September 30; he continues to serve as the Endodontic Graduate Program director.

Dr. André Ritter is the new chair of the Department of Operative Dentistry. Ritter had been serving this role in an interim capacity since January, when Swift announced his new appointment as interim dean for clinical affairs.

Dr. Jessica Lee, William W. Dement Professor and director of the Pediatric Dentistry Graduate Program, is the new director of Pediatric Dentistry. She will continue to direct the graduate program until a new director is selected.

Dr. Lee Boushell began his new appointment as director of the Orthodontic Graduate Program. He had previously held this position in an interim capacity.

“Whether they’re new members of the school’s family or a long-time employee, I am excited to see each of these faculty and staff members excel in these leadership roles. I am incredibly grateful for their commitment to our school and our students.”

Dr. Jane Weintraub, dean

Isolite Donates Equipment Worth $200,000 to Student Clinics

Isolite Systems, a medical device manufacturer that specializes in dentistry, generously donated 650 Isovac™ Dental Isolation Adapters to the school’s student clinics. The contribution, which was made in honor of Mark Hyman, DDS ’84, is worth $200,000.

“The Isovac adaptor is the company’s newest product and is designed to replace the high volume evacuator at the hose, something its other products aren’t able to do. “We’re incredibly grateful for Isolite’s generosity,” said Paul Gardner, associate dean for advancement. “The students really enjoy using the Isovace adapters with patients, and we appreciate that they elected to contribute their technology to our students’ education.”

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Webster-Cyriaque Appointed Member of NIH Center for Scientific Review Cancer Etiology Study Section

Dr. Jennifer Webster-Cyriaque, associate professor in the Department of Dental Ecology, has accepted an invitation to serve as a member of the Cancer Etiology Study Section of the NIH Center for Scientific Review. Her membership with the section will run until June 30, 2020.

“This appointment to the Cancer Etiology Study Section is in recognition of Dr. Webster-Cyriaque’s longstanding track record in cancer etiology and pathogenesis research, especially in the areas of oral cancer and cancer ecology,” said Dr. Eric Everett, associate dean for research. “The NIH continues to be the pre-eminent funder of biomedical research and it is an honor for a faculty/researcher to be invited to participate in this important peer review process.”

As a member of the section, Webster-Cyriaque will review grant applications submitted to the NIH. Study section members also make recommendations on those applications to the appropriate NIH national advisory council or board and survey the status of research in their fields of science.

Membership to the section is extended annually to those meeting the qualifications of an outstanding employee. The recipient of the award receives a cash award. This recognition is made possible by OrthoCor.

Chambers Wins Denise Repass Hancock Memorial Award

The 2014 Denise Repass Hancock Memorial Award was awarded to Wendy Chambers at the annual Spurgeon Awards Banquet. Chambers is a dental assistant supervisor in the Department of Operative Dentistry. The award annually goes to a dental assistant or formal dental assistant employed at the school who exemplifies the qualities of an outstanding employee.

The recipient of the award receives a cash award. This recognition is made possible by OrthoCor.
Genetic Mutations Linked to Salivary Gland Tumors May Point to New Therapies

Lead by Dr. Antonio Amelio, researchers discovered links between a set of genes known to promote tumor growth and mucoepidermoid carcinoma, an oral cancer that affects the salivary glands. The research, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, shows that a pair of proteins joined together by a genetic mutation — known as CRTC1/MAML2 (C/M2) — work with MYC, a protein commonly associated with other cancers, to promote the oral cancer’s growth and spread.

“[The identification of unique interactions between C/M2 and MYC suggests that drugs capable of disrupting these interactions may have therapeutic potential in the treatment of mucoepidermoid carcinomas.]” Amelio. “We believe that cross-talk between the CREB signaling network and known cancer-causing networks such as MYC is important for the transition to metastatic disease and that we may be able to exploit this to develop a novel class of therapeutics to battle some cancers.”

Amelio’s co-authors comprised colleagues from a number of institutions, including The Scripps Research Institute (TSRI) where he was employed prior to joining UNC.

Slade, Others Find Tooth Loss in Adults Plummet, Expect Trend to Continue

Adults’ rate of complete tooth loss plummeted during the last half century and continued reductions are expected through 2050, according to a new study published by UNC researchers. In their analysis of U.S. national health surveys, Dr. Gary Slade and school colleagues found that the prevalence of complete tooth loss (edentulism) declined from 38.9 percent in 1957 to 4.9 percent in 2009-12. However, income inequalities increased and by 2010 complete tooth loss was found to have contracted geographically to states with historically high levels of poverty.

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“Because the surveys were repeated over such a long period, we were able to estimate future trends with greater precision than previous studies,” said Slade. “Our prediction that prevalence will halve, reaching 2.6 percent by 2050, refutes a widely held belief that tooth loss is poised to increase as a consequence of population aging.”

Beck Leads Report on Findings from First Large Scale Study of Oral Health among Latinos and Hispanics

Dr. James Beck was the primary author of an article describing a first-of-its-kind study of oral health among Latinos and Hispanics with specific regard to their national origin. The study was a cover story for The Journal of the American Dental Association.

“This is the largest, most diverse study done to date of U.S. Hispanics and Latinos and allowed us to look at subgroups of the Hispanic and Latino study participants to see where similarities and differences lie,” explained Beck. “It provided us a lot of good information about trends within the broad cohort and the more specific demographic groups. Being aware of the oral status within a demographic group can provide a better knowledge base about a patient’s predispositions to certain oral health conditions, which helps dentists provide better care for their patients.”

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Of note, Central American participants had the highest rate of decayed surfaces at 35.5 percent, closely followed by Mexican participants. Cuban participants showed the highest prevalence of root caries (17 percent) and the highest rate of edentulism (6.6 percent). South Americans, Central Americans, Dominicans, Cubans and Puerto Ricans all had missing teeth at a rate of more than 60 percent. All six background groups showed a prevalence of decayed and filled surfaces in more than 80 percent of participants.

Study Indicates Implant Patients May not Need Pre-operative Antibiotics

Though it’s long been believed that giving patients antibiotics either prior to or following implant surgery may prevent implant failure, a study published in the Journal of Oral Implantology led by Dr. Sompay Bencharit indicates that in healthy patients, pre-operation antibiotics may not be effective in helping to keep the implant in place.

The study examined the success of implants in patients, ages 19-70, who were not on any continuous antibiotic therapy for any other medical condition. Six patients were placed on an antibiotic regimen before the tooth extraction and implant placement procedure; the remaining nine subjects were given a placebo instead. Follow-ups were conducted at weeks one and four, as well as six and 12 months. By week four, two of the implants had failed — one from the placebo group, and one from the group receiving antibiotics prior to the implant.

“Antibiotic regimens leading up to an implant do not seem to have an impact on the success of the implant in our selected population.”

“What this study seems to indicate is that antibiotic regimens leading up to an implant do not seem to have an impact on the success of the implant in our selected population with this type of implant placement,” explained Bencharit. “However, this study was limited in scope to a very small subject pool, so further large-scale studies will be needed to validate these findings.”

Study Potentially Links Cholesterol Drugs and Tooth Pulp Calcification

The Journal of Endodontics published research findings which potentially link a popular class of cholesterol-controlling drug, statins, to increased calcification of the tooth’s pulp chamber.

“High cholesterol is a known risk factor for cardiovascular disease,” said Dr. Mary Pettiette, the study’s lead author. “Statins are used to lower the level of cholesterol in the blood by reducing its production in the liver. Typically, they’re the first-choice drug for reducing cholesterol levels.”

The study evaluated the effects on patients taking statin medication versus patients not taking statin medication. Through a power analysis, Pettiette and her team selected 90 patient records to review. These records needed to include quality digital bitewing x-rays of the molars, taken at six-month intervals, for any other medical condition. By measuring the dimensions of the pulp chambers, the study concluded, all of which were at least 60 years of age and half were on statins. The other half was not taking any medications.

“The results revealed that the patients taking statins showed a significant reduction in the pulp chamber height.”

The study confirmed that the results were not due to chance, but due to the use of statins, and further research is needed to determine the long-term effects. Though it’s long been believed that giving patients antibiotics either prior to or following implant surgery may prevent implant failure, a study published in the Journal of Oral Implantology led by Dr. Sompay Bencharit indicates that in healthy patients, pre-operation antibiotics may not be effective in helping to keep the implant in place.
Teaching the Faculty
Four dental school faculty received travel grants to attend the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) meeting in March 2014 held in San Antonio, Tex. One of the requirements for the faculty who receive a grant is to return to the ADEA and present a “Teach-Bacchus” session to the faculty, based on information learned at the meeting. The following topics were presented to the faculty:

• Best Practices to Facilitate Scholarship and Learning in the Classroom: taught by Dr. Sun-Yang Bak, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Prosthodontics
• A Mixture of Experiences and Opportunities for an Educator: presented by Dr. Carlos Barrero, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Prosthodontics
• Interprofessional Education Opportunities within a Community-Based Service Learning Environment: presented by Dr. Lew Lampiris, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Dental Ecology and director of the DISC Program

New Faculty Mentoring Award Established
Thanks to the generous donations and commitment to the UNC School of Dentistry, a new award was established in the spring of 2014: the Four Corners Study Club Faculty Mentoring Award. The award recognizes outstanding mentoring practices provided to UNC School of Dentistry faculty by full-time faculty members.

Started in 1986, the Four Corners Study Club was initiated to ensure the professional development of dentists in Nash, Pitt, Craven, Carteret, Beaufort and Wayne counties. The study club, named for Dean Smith’s famous “four corners offense,” was established by Billy Williams, DDS ’85, and Kenny Morgan, Jr., DDS ’85.

Each year the awardee will be selected from peer nominations via letters from faculty members, department chairs, or members of the administration who have directly benefited from the mentoring of the nominee or observed the impact he or she has had on other faculty. All forms of mentoring will be considered including mentoring in teaching, research, scholarship, service and patient care. Recipients will receive a monetary award, a plaque, as well as their names added to a perpetual plaque that will be placed in a prominent area of the School of Dentistry.

Rebecca S. Wilder professor in the Department of Dental Ecology and director of Faculty Development is the inaugural recipient of the award. Professor Wilder implemented the School’s Faculty Development Program in 2008 and the mentoring program for all School of Dentistry assistant professors in 2013. She has been a full-time faculty member at the school since 1981. She is also the director of the Graduate Dental Hygiene Education Program. Professor Wilder was honored with a surprise reception and later recognized at the Best of Dentistry Gala in April.

Formal Mentoring Program Updates
The Formal Mentoring Program, implemented in March 2013 for all assistant professors in the School of Dentistry, consists of 27 teams with approximately 50 faculty participating (excluding mentees). To recognize the dedication to mentoring in the School of Dentistry and the support of the faculty in the mentoring program, Dean Jane Weintraub and her husband, Dr. Chris Barker, hosted all of the mentors and mentees at a reception at their home in July. All mentoring teams were recognized and thanked for their efforts.

The program is receiving a great deal of recognition, both at UNC and nationally from other dental schools who wish to implement mentoring programs at their institutions. Following is a list of the mentors who are participating in the formal mentoring program.

Dr. Jim Beck
Dr. George Blakely
Dr. Lee Boussil
Dr. Lyndon Cooper
Dr. Alice Curtan
Dr. Ingeborg Dakos
Dr. Terry Donavan
Dr. Amalia Drake
Dr. Karen Erikson (UNC School of Medicine)
Dr. Greg Essick
Dr. Eric Everett
Dr. Richard Gracey
Dr. Al Guikes
Dr. Janet Guthmiller
Dr. Carol Hagerty
Dr. Harald Heymann
Dr. Jessica Lee

Dr. Ralph Leonard
Dr. Pei-Feng Lin
Dr. Bill Manier
Dr. Sally Mauriello
Dr. Ken May
Dr. Glenn Mirsky
Prof. Shannon Mitchell
Dr. Andrea Morretti
Dr. Sam Neibaur
Dr. Steve Offenbacher
Prof. Vickia Overman
Dr. Ricardo Padilla
Dr. Lauren Patton
Dr. Mary Pettitza
Dr. Celio Phillips
Dr. Luis Pimenta
Dr. Rocio Quintero
Dr. Matthew Reddick (Dept of Chemistry)
Dr. Glenn Roside
Dr. Andy Ritter
Dr. Gary Rozier
Dr. John Murzak
(Legend’s School of Global Public Health)
Dr. Allison Salmewater
Dr. Gary Slade
Dr. Phil Starks
(MCS School of Medicine)
Dr. Mangot Stein
Dr. Ron Straus
Dr. Ed Swift
Dr. Morris Weinberger
(Shprintz Center)
Dr. Ray White
Prof. Rebecca Wilder
Dr. Tom Wright
Dr. Mitsuo Yamauchi
Dr. Thom Ziemiecki

The School Welcomes New Faculty
Dr. Sumitha Ahmed
Clinical Assistant Professor, Operative Dentistry
BDS, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences
CDH, UNC School of Dentistry
MS, UNC School of Dentistry

Dr. Antonio (Tony) Amaillo
Assistant Professor, Dental Ecology Associate Member, UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center
BS, University of Florida
MBA, University of Florida
PhD, University of Florida

Dr. Creamon Downey
Clinical Assistant Professor, Dental Ecology
BS, Grove City College
MS, Wright State University
DDS, UNC School of Dentistry
GPR, UNC School of Dentistry

Ms. Cynthia Lambert was recognized by the Journal of Dental hygiene with the Best Paper Award for her paper, “Chronic HPA Axis Response to Stress in Temporomandibular Disorder.”

Dr. Jeff Phillips was invited to participate as the statistical consultant for a three-day clinical trials workshop offered by the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for junior faculty. She also recently traveled to the University of Texas Southwestern for a day of statistical consulting with oral and maxillofacial surgery residents and faculty, and to lecture on the orthodontist department’s current stability grant results.

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Dr. Peter Tawil has received the International French Research Award from the Paul Calas of the Societe Francaise d’Endodontie (SFP).

Dr. Tung Nguyen received notification that his grant to develop an intra-operative visualization technique that incorporates freehand ultrasound imaging technology and 3-D image registration techniques to assist maxillofacial surgeons has been funded. He also was an invited speaker at the XV International Congress of Orthodontics – Chilean Orthodontic Society meeting in Santiago, Chile.

Dr. Francaise d’Endodontie (SEF).

Dr. Tim Wright was awarded the IADR Basic Research in Biological Mineralization Award. He also presented an invited research seminar to the graduate programs at the UCF School of Dentistry on the topic of control and pathologies of human tooth development.

Dr. Thilo Morelli participated in the iTI conference and, while in Europe, also lectured in Italy.

Dr. Harald Heymann served as Kaplan Eminent Scholar at The University of Florida College of Dentistry April 23–25 and received an Award for Excellence in Research from that institution.

More than 200 students, faculty and staff members and other guests attended the 2014 Spurgeon Dental Society Annual Awards Banquet on April 9. The event recognizes faculty, staff and student contributions to the profession of dentistry and to the mission of the school.

Academy of Dentistry International Student Servant/Leadership Award
Elsie Rich, DDS ’14

Academy of General Dentistry Awards
Andrew McNeal, DDS ’14
Daniel Whiteley, DDS ’14

Academy of Operative Dentistry Award
Brittany McGurr, DDS ’14

Academy of Osseointegration Award
Boksoon Brenda Gong, DDS ’14

Alberta Beat Dolan Scholarship Award
Jaehee Yoo, DH ’15

Alpha Omega Award
Jeff Duffy, DDS ’14

American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry
Elizabeth Consly, DDS ’14

American Academy of Implant Dentistry
Catherine Doowell, DDS ’15

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dental Implant Student Award
Ross Fahey, DDS ’14

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award
Sasha Malinchoc, DDS ’14

Amma Academy of Periodontology Award
Elizabeth Robinson, DDS ’14

Annualy, the Spurgeon Award Banquet is coordinated by the Office of Academic Affairs and the Spurgeon Dental Society. Rebekah McPherson, DDS Candidate 2015, served as president of Spurgeon during 2013-14. The other executive board members included Vice President Omar Abdulbaky, DDS Candidate 2016; Treasurer Kaushal Ghandi, DDS Candidate 2017; Secretary Kimberly Chow, DDS Candidate 2015; and operative dentistry resident Clayton Rau as the graduate representative.

Dr. Ibrahim Daqum, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Prosthodontics, received the Richard F. Hunt, Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence in Predoctoral Teaching. The Hunt Award is considered the school’s most prestigious teaching award. Students nominate and select the recipient of this honor, named in memory of Dr. Richard F. Hunt, a member of the DDS Class of 1951.

American Association of Endodontics Student Achievement Award
Christopher Gray, DDS ’14

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award
Sasha Malinchoc, DDS ’14

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial surgeons Dental Implant Student Award
Ross Fahey, DDS ’14

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award (OMS and Anesthesiology)
Elizabeth Consly, DDS ’14

American Association of Orthodontists Award
Jad Aribon, DDS ’14

American Association of Public Health Dentistry Student Awards
Chimere Collins, DH ’14
Beth Ann Knox, DH ’14
Elizabeth Robinson, DDS ’14

The 2013-14 James Harrell Award for Citizenship and Leadership was awarded for bringing exceptional leadership, extraordinary enthusiasm, and strong sense of service to the community, went to David Samuelson, DDS Candidate 2015. Kerry Baumann, DDS Candidate 2014, received the Robert E. Tormey, Jr. Memorial Award, which is given annually in memory of Bob Tormey, DDS Candidate 1980, to a fourth-year student who demonstrates humor, loyalty and great caring for others. The Zane E. Earp, Jr. Memorial Award, which honors the late Zane Earp (DDS Class of 1980), was awarded to Min-Yang Dong, DDS Candidate 2016. Dong was nominated for the award by her classmates who identified her as the member of the class who best exemplifies a strong dedication to community, church and dental school. Following is a full list of the awards and recipients.

Drs. Gary Slade and Anne Sanders won the 2014 IADR Audrey Shadel Award for Distinguished Research in Dental Public Health Sciences for their paper regarding secondhand smoke exposure and periodontitis in U.S. non-smokers. The two had another paper published in Journal of Dental Research that investigated population trends in endodontism.

Dr. André Ritter authored a chapter in Mosby’s second edition of the Review for the NBDE prep book. He also was recommended for the Fulbright Specialist Roster by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the Institute of International Education’s Council for International Exchange of Scholars.
On May 9, the School of Dentistry conducted its 61st commencement exercise. The Class of 2014 included 150 students, who were especially honored to have school alumnus and then-ADA President Chuck Norman, DDS ’77, deliver the evening’s keynote address. Prior to the ceremony, the Dental Foundation of North Carolina sponsored a reception for the graduates and their families and friends.

Congratulations, Class of 2014! Be sure to visit us in Chapel Hill soon!
Welcoming our First-Year Students

During August 2014, the school welcomed first-year students across all its programs. Each program has its own orientation experience, as determined by those program directors.

For instance, the first-year dental hygiene students are “adopted” by second-year dental hygiene students, who give the first-year students survival kits. They include essential items for classes and clinics — like pens — and also include some fun, personalized items for the “adopted” first-year student — like stickers, a favorite candy or a favorite chapstick.

The first-year DDS students take a crash course in teamwork and trusting each other on a ropes course. The students break into small groups and do activities where, together, they solve puzzles that can’t be completed without working as a team.
Our students and residents continue to excel and be recognized at the highest levels. Here is a brief overview of what they’ve been accomplishing while working toward their degrees. Congratulations to all!

Gina Moreland, DH Candidate 2015, was selected as a recipient of the ADA Foundation Allied Dental Student Scholarship for Dental Hygiene. As a recipient, she received $1,000 toward her education.

Dr. Thatsanee Saladyanant, PhD Candidate 2015, was named the recipient of two awards that recognize her work and research. The first was the IADR Colgate Research Prevention Award. She also received a UNC CV-Starr Scholarship, which provides funding for international summer projects.

Catherine “Katie” Doswell, DDS Candidate 2015, received the 2014 American Association for Dental Research Bloc Travel Grant in recognition of the scientific excellence of the abstract she submitted.

Dr. Caitlin Magraw, third-year resident in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, won second place in the resident abstract session at the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Annual Meeting.

Lauren Katz, DDS Candidate 2015, was awarded one of 10 American Association of Women Dentists 2014 Colgate Research Awards as recognition of her academic excellence in research.

Dr. Tanya Al-Talib, Dr. Matthew Brown, Dr. Thomas Covington, Dr. Camille Guz, and Dr. Heather Hendricks, orthodontic residents, have all been awarded partial funding for their master’s research projects from the Southern Association of Orthodontists.

While they were still students, the Dental Hygiene Class of 2014 won first place in the 2014 American Dental Hygienists Association/Sunstar YouTube contest. The class’s winning video promoted good oral health habits.

At the conclusion of the DDS orientation events, Dean Weintraub and her husband, Dr. Chris Barker, have started a tradition of having the new first-year DDS students to their home for an hors d’oeuvres-style reception. The event, which is sponsored by the Dental Foundation of North Carolina, is a welcome opportunity for students to visit with each other, the dean, the DFNC staff, the academic affairs staff and the admissions committee.

Enjoy your first look at our new dental hygiene and DDS students!
Yoo Awarded Scholarship from Dental Hygiene Oral Health Institute

Jaehee Yoo, dental hygiene candidate 2015, recently received the American Dental Hygiene Association (ADHA) Institute for Oral Health Scholarship for Academic Excellence. The scholarship, which is sponsored by Johnson & Johnson, recognizes two students nationally for academic performance.

“I am deeply honored and humbled to have been selected for this scholarship,” said Yoo. “I want to thank the ADHA Institute for Oral Health, the scholarship selection committee, and the students, faculty, and staff at the UNC School of Dentistry for their contributions and incredible support for my future career in dentistry. They constantly motivate and inspire me!”

As a recipient, Yoo received $1,000 toward her educational expenses during the 2014-15 academic year. Criteria for the award included pursuing a bachelor’s degree in dental hygiene and earning a grade point average above 3.5. Applicants also included two recommendation letters from professors in their dental hygiene program. Yoo’s letters came from Program Director Vickie Overman and Clinical Associate Professor Shannon Mitchell. “Jaehee is an amazing student who excels not only in the classroom but in many community and voluntary endeavors,” explained Mitchell. “LENS is a project she started to help the less fortunate receive professional quality photographs at no cost. This is an outstanding program that has now developed LENS chapters on other college campuses, such as the University of South Carolina. Jaehee also volunteers at the UNC Hospital: in the transplant clinic, the dental clinic and the pediatric play room. Further activities include the ReCYCLEry program and teaching piano to low-income families. Through all of these activities her strongest leadership is with her classmates in the dental hygiene program where she serves as the class vice president, works on dental related community projects such as the school’s Dental SHAC and NC MOM clinics. Jaehee accomplishes all of these things while maintaining a 3.5 grade point average in a rigorous dental hygiene curriculum.”

ADA Honors Matthews for International Volunteer Service

Veronica Matthews, DDS Candidate 2015, was recently named a recipient of the American Dental Association’s Certificate for International Volunteer Service. The certificate is awarded to select dental students and dentists who spent at least 14 days performing dental services in a foreign country. Of the 75 recipients, Matthews was one of only 10 dental students honored.

“I am so grateful to have been nominated for this award, and for the school’s support of the Nepal Project, the Brazil Exchange and the Global Health Students Association international projects,” said Matthews. “Without this support I would not have had the international opportunities I have experienced while in school. I hope that my interest in international projects, which was fostered here at UNC, becomes a lifelong commitment to working with underserved populations around the world.”

During her time at the UNC School of Dentistry, Matthews has contributed to international endeavors as secretary and then president of the Global Health Students Association (GHSA), the student organization that facilitates dental outreach projects in Malawi, Mexico, Nepal, Uganda and Moldova. Matthews herself participated on the 2013 Nepal Project and on the inaugural Brazil Exchange as a member of the first UNC Craniofacial Learning Exchange Fellowship Team (CLEFT), which traveled to Bauru, Brazil in 2014.

“This is a well-deserved honor for Veronica,” said Dean Jane Weintraub. “I am incredibly proud of her work to improve oral health not only here in North Carolina, but around the world.”

Dr. Ron Strauss, executive vice provost of the University and Dental Friends Distinguished Professor in the school’s Department of Dental Ecology, echoed the dean’s comments. “Veronica’s work on global oral health is truly meaningful, and I celebrate her recognition.”
Six Students Named Schweitzer Fellows

Six UNC School of Dentistry DDS students have been awarded with 2013-14 North Carolina Albert Schweitzer Fellowships. The North Carolina Albert Schweitzer Fellows Program is a one-year program in which students focus on health-related community service to underserved populations. During the application process, students identify an underserved population and design a community service project that provides direct service to that population. Once selected, students deliver a minimum of 200 service hours to the selected underserved population via their project. The fellowships, given annually, provide selected students with a $3,000 stipend to fund the projects.

Omar Abdelbaky and Chris Walker, both DDS Candidates 2016, are addressing oral care specific to diabetic patients. They plan to collaborate with both the UNC School of Dentistry and the Gillings School of Global Public Health to develop personalized counseling, oral health education and dental treatment for patients with Type 2 diabetes. This project is a BCBSNC Foundation Fellowship, and Walker and Abdelbaky will be mentored by Dr. Lewis Lampiris and Dr. Ed Swift.

Eleni Boukas and Mackenzie Hatfield, both DDS Candidates 2016, will focus their project on disabled adults. Working with Residential Services Incorporated, a 501(c)(3) charity dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with disabilities, Boukas and Hatfield plan to provide oral health education to adults with both intellectual and developmental disabilities. The program will also offer education to the caregivers of those adults. The efforts will be centered at group homes in Orange County. Boukas and Hatfield will be monitored by Dr. Frank Thomas McIver and Sarah Harstok.

Gentry Lasater and Veronica Matthews, both DDS Candidates 2015, plan to expand upon the 2012-13 Schweitzer Fellowship project done by recent graduates Dr. Amanda Kerns and Dr. Jeff Jackson which focused on oral care for pregnant women. In the 2013-14 efforts, Lasater and Matthews plan to improve oral health care access for Medicaid and uninsured patients at UNC and public health OB/GYN clinics. They’ll continue to work interprofessionally with the UNC School of Dentistry, the UNC Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and local OB/GYN clinics.

Lasater and Matthews were also awarded a grant from the ADA Foundation to support this work. They received more than $3,000 from the Samuel D. Harris Fund for Children’s Dental Health. Their mentors for this project are Dr. Rocio Quinnones and Dr. Alice Chuang.

Schweitzer Fellowship—Let’s Talk about Your Teeth!

In 2010, the program’s Let’s Talk about Your Teeth or as it’s informally known—“The Tooth Fairy Project,” began as the result of a Schweitzer grant awarded to alumna Jessica Oliver, DDS ’11, and Maggie Fisher, DDS ’11, MS ’13. Upon learning that the Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Program of the N.C. Cancer Hospital lacked an oral health education program, Oliver and Fisher designed their Schweitzer project so that they could visit the outpatient children and parents to give oral health instructions tailored to the child’s condition. Children in the Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Program often face oral health challenges, sometimes for a very long period of time. The instruction not only benefitted the patients, but also helped the parents learn about the oral challenges their child may face, how to give palliative care and how to maintain the child’s oral health during and after treatment.

Since its inception, Let’s Talk about Your Teeth has been advised by Dr. Carol Haggerty, clinical associate professor in the Department of Operative Dentistry, and strongly supported by Stuart Gold, MD, chief of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Program, and Sandi Jarr, one of the center’s clinical nurse specialists. The program is ongoing and continues to benefit children in outpatient treatment, and has since been expanded to include those whose treatment is inpatient.

Ideally, Schweitzer grant projects are sustainable beyond the initial grant. Let’s Talk about Your Teeth has proven to be just that, as three to five students who are interested in this outreach are selected annually to participate. “Each student group has come away with a unique perspective and experiences that help shape their own futures in dentistry,” said Haggerty. “They also feel an immense appreciation for being a part of such an amazing interdisciplinary team. It’s a special project and a special group. I’m honored to serve as its advisor.”
Friday evening, the school hosted its Best of Dentistry Gala at the Carolina Inn. Attendees were again treated to enjoying Dr. Allen Mask, WRAL-TV’s health team physician, as the Gala Master of Ceremonies. Again featuring a silent auction, a live auction, the opportunity to catch up with colleagues, and presentations of the UNC Dental Alumni Association (UNCDAA) and the Dental Foundation of North Carolina (DFNC) annual awards. Those winners can be found on page 32.

More than 170 of the school’s alumni and friends attended the Gala. The auctions featured autographed Tar Heel memorabilia, weekend and week-long getaways to a variety of locations, wine dinners and artwork from various local artists.

“With two years of successful Best of Dentistry Weekend events under our proverbial belts, we felt confident that the third annual weekend would be a success — and it did not disappoint,” said Paul Gardner, associate dean for advancement. “Our school’s alumni and friends are a tight-knit, generous group of health care professionals who not only enjoy a chance to spend time together in Chapel Hill, but who also are happy to support the school financially. The Best of Dentistry Weekend has become the highlight of our annual calendar, in no small part because of those who attend.”

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On Saturday, five-year cycle anniversary DDS classes reunited at the Paul J. Rizzo Center for their DDS class reunions, all of which are hosted and organized by the UNCDAA. The nearly 200 dental alumni and their guests and spouses enjoyed a combined reception and individual DDS class dinners for a leisurely evening of reminiscing and reconnecting. “This was my first year to see the class reunions, and they absolutely did not disappoint,” said Nicole Quallen, assistant director of development and executive director of the UNCDAA. “The energy in the rooms was nothing short of contagious. It was a pleasure to see so many people catching up as if no time had passed since they’d last been together. I’m looking forward to doing it again next spring!”

The fourth annual Best of Dentistry Weekend is scheduled for April 17-18, 2015. The Office of Advancement is already busy planning the Best of Dentistry Gala — this year to include the DDS Class Reunions at the gala! Be on the lookout for more information, and contact Tiffany Brannan with questions: tiffany_brannan@unc.edu, (919) 537-3260.

The UNCDAA Past President Certificate, awarded to the person who has served as president of the UNC Dental Alumni Association during the previous academic year, was presented to Dr. Jim Congleton.

2013–14 Dental Foundation of North Carolina and Dental Alumni Association Awards — Presented April 25, 2014 at the Best of Dentistry Gala

The DFNC Four Corners Study Club Faculty Mentoring Award, presented for the first time this year, recognizes a full-time faculty member whose outstanding mentoring practices benefit other school faculty and was awarded to Professor Rebecca Wilder. (This award was presented early due to the recipient having a schedule conflict.)

Honorary UNCDAA Lifetime Membership, given in recognition of meritorious service and significant achievement on behalf of the UNC School of Dentistry and the dental profession in North Carolina, was awarded to Dr. C. Lee Sockwell and Dean Jane Weintraub.

The Distinguished Service Award, which honors exceptional service to the school and the profession of dentistry as well as a significant impact on the UNC Dental Alumni Association, was presented to Dr. Joe Camp.

The John C. Brauer Award, named for the first dean of the school and recognizing outstanding service to the UNC School of Dentistry, was presented to Dr. Mike Roberts.

The DFNC Distinguished Service Award, which honors someone who has made outstanding contributions to the Dental Foundation of North Carolina and the UNC School of Dentistry, was presented to Dr. B.C. Raynor and Mrs. Margaret Raynor.
D.D.S. CLASS REUNION PHOTOS

CLASS OF 1954

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CLASS OF 1994

NORTH CAROLINA DENTAL REVIEW
The Dental Foundation of North Carolina annually hosts the Scholarships, Fellowships and Awards dinner, which provides donors the opportunity to meet and speak with the student or resident who won the award, scholarship or fellowship they made possible through their generosity.

This year’s event included welcome remarks from Dean Jane Weintraub, while DFNC President-Elect Brad Adams, DDS ’07, served as the event emcee. Featured speakers at the 2013-14 event were Brett Henson, DDS Candidate 2015 and Dr. Ken Glazener. Henson provided his perspective on the gratitude of the students and also how important it is that, after graduation, he and his classmates remember to help the next generation of dental students. Glazener offered his thoughts on why he and his wife, Carolyn, established two scholarships and what it means to them to invest in the future of dentistry.

Thank you to all our donors for making it possible for the DFNC to provide such generous support to the school’s students. We hope everyone enjoyed the dinner!
The 20th UNC School of Dentistry Golf Tournament, held on April 11 at Carolina’s premier Finley Golf Course, raised approximately $3,000 for dental student scholarships. This year, the tournament — which has recently become an annual event — hosted 70 golfers competing for top prize. Chaired by Dr. Lynn H. Smith of Sanford, NC, the event raised its profits through individual players and also thanks to 10 paid sponsors. In addition to enjoying playing a round of golf with friends, players compete to win prizes based on team score and also each take a shot at sinking a hole-in-one to take home a $10,000 cash prize. This year, no one won the $10,000 prize, but golfers enjoyed awards and prizes in our raffle drawing and Closest to the Pin contest. Prizes were donated from 11 local businesses and ranged from football and basketball tickets to hotel stays and restaurant gift certificates. Congratulations to our winners, and to all players who enjoyed a great spring day on Finley with friends, colleagues, and fellow alumni!

Team winners for the tournament

FIRST PLACE
Eric Bufano
Kevin Dillard
Bob Marshall
Chris Saillant

SECOND PLACE
Brent Bundick
Chris Parker
Carol Stamm
John Stamm

THIRD PLACE
Lee Earp
Jay Mann
Daniel Sarlow
Matt Wagner

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The Dental Foundation of North Carolina and the UNC Dental Alumni Association would like to thank all of our sponsors who make the tournament such a success and so much fun.

A special thank you to our sponsors:
We appreciate your support!
John W. Stamm Planned Giving Society

Dr. John W. Stamm admits that when he was appointed to the deanship at the UNC School of Dentistry in 1989, he had never raised "one thin dime." During a 15-year tenure as dean that ended in 2004, then an interim deanship in 2010 and 2011, Stamm raised more than a few thin dimes to increase the Dental Foundation of North Carolina (DFNC) and the school’s financial assets from $3.3 million to nearly $35 million. His outreach efforts were critical to the construction of Tarrson Hall and Koury Oral Health Sciences Building, and the establishment of numerous endowed student aid and faculty support funds. Despite significant and steady state budget cuts during his tenure, Dr. Stamm maintained a stellar faculty that worked diligently to ensure the best in dental research, patient care, service, and teaching — qualities that helped educate and prepare nearly 2,100 graduates for the dental profession. In 2004, to honor all that Dr. Stamm did to strengthen the DFNC and ensure the school’s standing as one of the world’s best, the Dental Foundation of North Carolina’s Board of Directors established the John W. Stamm Planned Giving Society. The society recognizes alumni and friends who support the UNC School of Dentistry through planned gifts to the DFNC. Planned gifts include vehicles such as bequests, charitable remainder trusts, and life insurance.

Members of the John W. Stamm Planned Giving Society are also members of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill’s Gerrard Society, which was established to recognize planned donors to any area of the University. The Gerrard Society pays tribute to Major Charles Gerrard, a Revolutionary War hero who willed the University a large tract of land. The University eventually sold the land to finance the construction of Gerrard Hall, which was completed in 1837 and still stands today. Like Gerrard, these donors have made a planned gift, a gift for the ages. These gifts will ensure the school’s continued success and will create a permanent connection between the donors and the school. We encourage you to consider joining the Stamm Society by making a planned gift to the Dental Foundation of North Carolina. In addition to providing for the school, you could enjoy substantial tax benefits from such a gift. Other potential benefits include:

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

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For more information on ways to make a planned gift to the Dental Foundation of North Carolina to support the School of Dentistry, contact Paul Gardner at paul_gardner@unc.edu, (919) 537-3258, or Campus Box 7450, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7450.

Planned gifts always have important tax implications. They take a little more time and forethought to arrange in the most beneficial way for the donor and the School of Dentistry. If you are interested in making a planned gift, please seek the advice of your financial advisor. We will be glad to work with you and your advisor.

Followers are the members of the Stamm Society. If you would like to become a member, please call Paul Gardner at the Dental Foundation office. If you have placed the Dental Foundation in your will but have not notified the Foundation, please consider letting us know so that we can recognize you appropriately. It would also help us a great deal if you would consider giving us a copy of that portion of your will for our records. Thank you!

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Anonymously
For the Love of ANNE KENDRICK HALL

For some people, giving back is something they do not only because of how they were raised, but because of who raised them.

That’s the case with Anne Kendrick Hall, daughter of the late Dr. Vaiden Blankenship Kendrick.

“I grew up on how much my dad loved oral surgery,” Hall said. “In fact, one of my first memories is of him studying for his boards. He became the second board certified oral surgeon in North Carolina in 1956.”

Dr. Kendrick attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as an undergraduate alongside his twin brother, Vance. There was no dental school at Carolina in those days, so the two Charlotte boys went to the University of Maryland School of Dentistry, graduating magna cum laude — with identical grade point averages — in 1932. Dr. Vance Kendrick became an accomplished general dentist, but Mrs. Hall’s father, Dr. Vaiden Kendrick, found his true interest was surgery.

“After graduating, Daddy, for a time, practiced with his brother, but his real love was oral surgery. He did postgraduate work in Chicago, then an internship at Maryland General Hospital in Baltimore and opened his oral surgery practice in Charlotte in 1938,” said Hall. “The unit was called into service in March 1942 and was one of the first hospital units to land with the infantry, serving wounded troops as a mobile field hospital just behind the lines. The unit was featured in war correspondent Ernie Pyle’s 1943 book Here is Your War and in TIME and LIFE magazines. The TIME article described my father as ‘Charlotte’s ace tooth puller’.”

In recognition of the impact that both Drs. Vaiden and Vance Kendrick had on dentistry in Charlotte, the Charlotte Dental Society and Dr. Jacob Breedlove established a scholarship fund in their names with DFNC. What’s now known as the Kendrick, Kendrick and Petersen Scholarship — it was later expanded to include Dr. Sidney Petersen, who was Dr. Vance Kendrick’s dental partner — is awarded annually to a deserving second-year dental student.

“My father and Uncle Vance both received scholarship help while studying at the University of Maryland during the Depression,” Hall explained. “Dental education has only gotten more and more expensive, and I am aware today’s students often need financial help, especially when they’re pursuing advanced training beyond their DDS.”

That understanding coupled with her admiration and love for her father and the excellence of the UNC School of Dentistry is, she said, what lead her to consider establishing a fellowship.

“I wanted to do something to honor my dad and also reflect his love of oral surgery. The fellowship will be in his name and will benefit someone who shares a passion for oral surgery as he did,” she said.

The fellowship, which Hall has set up as a planned gift, will eventually be available to a UNC School of Dentistry oral surgery resident.

“At the end of the day, this fund is set up to honor my father and the way he lived his life,” said Hall. “I feel that he gave me so much, and this is something, in a way, that I can give to him. He would be both humbled and thrilled to have a fellowship in oral surgery named in his honor at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry. He was ‘Tar Heel born and Tar Heel bred.’ He loved dentistry, and he loved Carolina. The fellowship seems like a perfect match.”

Message from the UNCDAA President

Dear Alumni,

It’s hard to believe that 2014 is nearing its end, but the calendar has quickly turned from springtime alumni events to fall and football season! During the year I’ve truly enjoyed my role as the UNCDAA president, and I’m looking forward to continuing to represent our alumni during the first half of 2015. I am grateful that you have allowed me this wonderful opportunity.

Thank you to those of you who joined us at the UNC School of Dentistry Alumni Reception during the ADA Annual Session in San Antonio, Tex. The three-hour reception was well-attended and everyone had a great time and enjoyed great food. If you didn’t get to stop by this year, be ready to join us next fall!

The UNCDAA Dental Alumni Day tailgate and football party on November 14 was also great fun for everyone! The barbecue was hot, the bluegrass was swingin’ and the crowd was outstanding, as always. I hope you enjoyed catching up with your fellow alumni and, of course, that you enjoyed the Tar Heels’ exciting win over Pittsburgh.

I hope you’ll all go ahead and mark your calendar for the fourth annual Best of Dentistry Weekend—plan to reconnect with classmates and colleagues while supporting School of Dentistry groups in need.

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Robert Hollowell, DDS 2001
President, UNCDAA Alumni Association

All the best,
Alhadidi Becomes First Graduate of Cooperative Radiology Program between UNC, Kings College London

Abeer Alhadidi, MS ‘10, became the first graduate from the UNC Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Master of Science program to earn the PhD degree in oral and maxillofacial radiology from the Kings College London Dental Institute through a cooperative program with the UNC School of Dentistry. The cooperative program, established in 2011 by Dr. Don Tyndall, professor and director of radiology in the Department of Diagnostic Sciences, is designed to allow master's level graduates of the UNC radiology program to obtain a PhD in oral and maxillofacial radiology through the Kings College London Dental Institute.

"Dr. Alhadidi’s research project represents the collaborative efforts of the Departments of Orthodontics, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Diagnostic Sciences at UNC, and the collaboration between two institutions, UNC and Kings College,” said Tyndall. "This type of collaborative effort is critical in improving the care we provide patients.”

Alhadidi

Oldenburg Receives N.C. Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Oral Health Service Award

Theodore “Ted” Oldenburg, DDS ’57, was awarded the prestigious North Carolina Academy of Pediatric Dentistry’s Oral Health Service Award for 2014, recognizing his outstanding lifetime contributions in support of the oral health of North Carolina’s children.

Oldenburg’s legacy includes scores of pediatric dentists who trained under his mentorship, hundreds of general dentists who trained under his leadership and countless children who benefited from his care.

A native of Michigan who spent his formative years in Chattanooga, he graduated from Davidson College and the UNC School of Dentistry. After a stint in the U.S. Air Force, he completed a master’s degree and residency in pediatric dentistry at UNC before joining the faculty for a full-time career in teaching, scholarship, clinical practice and leadership, which eventually spanned 52 years.

At UNC, Oldenburg served 16 years as the chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, during which time it achieved national recognition. After a Kenan Scholarly Leave at the University of Zurich in 1985-86, he returned to Chapel Hill where he taught and mentored with distinction as a dental school-wide leader. Most notably, he served as the school’s assistant dean of academic affairs and as acting dean. In his final institution-wide assignment, he was assistant dean for administration, a role he held for more than a decade, a time which overlapped with his supervision of the construction of Tarson Hall.

Oldenburg was a prodigious leader for pediatric dentistry, serving as president of the NCDS and as executive officers in regional organizations. In the early 80s, he held the unusual distinction of serving as both president of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and president of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. The award was presented to Oldenburg at the UNC Alumni/NCAPD Fall Gala Event at the Kenan Center at UNC, with many alumni, friends and family present.

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School Hosts Hinman Alumni Reception

On March 28, more than 100 School of Dentistry alumni, students and friends gathered at the UNC School of Dentistry Alumni Reception at the 192nd Thomas P. Hinman Meeting in Atlanta. Attendees were able to enjoy food, drink and Tar Heel fellowship for a few hours before returning to the meeting. We hope you’ll plan to join the school for the UNC reception at the upcoming Hinman Meeting, scheduled for Friday, March 27, 2015!
Going the Distance for the Kids

Often times we find that the easiest way to give back is to find a harmony between doing something you love and a cause you believe in. That was also the case with Dennis Ross, DDS ’87, MS ’91. “I’ve always been into athletics, but I’ve also been raised to do for the less fortunate,” explained Ross. “So, honestly it was only a matter of time before I Hended the two.”

For many years, Ross tried himself with many outdoor activities: hiking, kayaking and running, to name a few. In fact, just a few years ago, Ross was training for the Boston Marathon. Then, every runner’s nightmare: a knee injury and subsequent surgery. He found himself not able to bounce back to his previous fitness level.

“I thought about it for a while, sure,” said Ross. “But then a friend said, Dennis, why don’t you try biking with me one day?” So I did — and as I got faster, I got hooked.”

Don’t you try biking with me one day? So I did the first ride, and then I was hooked. Ross did a second distance ride to benefit the Pitt County Boys and Girls Club, and this time going from Greenville to Canada, stopping only once in Maine to visit with a Boys and Girls Club. He rode 1,300 miles in six days, a feat that earned the remaining $25,000 to meet his goal of $100,000.

“I thought I was done, I did. And then I got to wondering what the world record was for biking across the U.S. for someone my age, and if I could beat it,” said Ross. After looking it up, Ross decided he’d give it a try — again to raise money for the local Boys and Girls Club. He trained for the better part of a year, riding up to Virginia and back on the days he didn’t see patients. With time, his already quick pace got even quicker, and he eventually felt ready to take on the challenge. With one van of two friends, and two others scheduled to switch with the first crew when they arrived in Dallas, Ross left from Atlantic Beach on the longest bike ride of his life.

On a trip where he averaged 320 miles and four hours of sleep per day, Ross was well on track to beat the world record. Unfortunately, along a long stretch of road in Arizona, his support vehicle was struck by another car, stopping the quest for the world record and sending everyone back to North Carolina.

“I tried to shake it off,” he said. “But I kept waking up with a raging headache. So I called the group and asked if they wanted to finish what we started.”

With everyone back on board, Ross and two of the volunteers flocked to Phoenix, rented a subarban and then drove to the site of the crash to finish the remaining 540 miles of the cross-country bike ride. His effort raised more than $90,000 for his local Boys and Girls Club. In total, Ross’s have now contributed more than $190,000 to the Pitt County Boys and Girls Club.

“I’m fortunate to be in a position to help these kids in my local community — and elsewhere, when I travel,” said Ross. “Service was a big part of my upbringing, and all of my time at UNC. I just can’t imagine not continuing to give back now that I’m a professional who’s been given so many opportunities and so many blessings.”

1950s

Ruth Paulson, DDS ’56, continues to enjoy her involvement with the enthusiastic young women of the OSU AANO chapter. She’s also glad to share that her husband just celebrated their 60th anniversary.

1960s

Den Linnbergy, DDS ’65 was inducted into the Ashland High School Athletic Hall of Fame in recognition of his talent playing basketball.

Irvin Al Roseman, DDS ’67, passed away on August 2, 2014 following a brief illness.

1970s

R. Lee Warren, DDS ’72, has officially confirmed his appointment as adjunct professor in the Department of Operative Dentistry. He is completing his sixteenth year with the Waltera County Board of Education, which he currently chairs. He is the proud father of three children: Blaire, fourth-year DDS student at UNC, and twins Robert and Debin. Robert is a first-year DDS student at UNC and Debin is a fourth-year dental hygiene student at East Tennessee State University, pursuing a BS degree. His wife, Debbie, is office manager for the past 35 years for their private office in Boone.

1980s

Eugene Young, DDS ’77, retired in September 2013 after 35 years in private practice. He now resides in Sarasota and participates in scu/row with the Sarasota Masters. He currently does some locum tenens and teaches part-time at the LECOM School of Dentistry.

Florence Storm Woolery, DH ’80, passed away on July 16, 2014 due to complications with Parkinson’s disease.

Jerre L Kennedy, BSOD ’91, DDS ’96, had a lot of “firsts” this year! She opened her new office location in Governors Village in Chapel Hill. As a result, she’s seen lots of happy faces in the office and loves practicing more than ever! She’s humbled to have been voted as one of the top dentists by her peers for the past five years. She and her husband recently celebrated their wedding by spending two weeks in the Hawaiian islands, including zip lining in Maui, which she highly recommends!

Carl N. Bean, Jr., MS ’73, reports that his son, Corey, Navy JAG officer stationed in Japan, will be transferred in February to the Navy Medical Center legal office in San Antonio, TX. His second son, Eric, will complete his training in anesthesiology in May and marry his fiancée, Kelly Pollok, in June. Carl and his wife, Betty, deliver meals-on-wheels on Fridays in Chapel Hill. He also volunteers as a front desk administrator at the Cardiac and Vein clinic at UNC Hospitals.

Thomas “Rick” Webb, DDS ’75, has retired from his periodontal practice to spend more time with his wife, Karen, and their four children and six grandchildren.

Willard (Will) D. Ferrell, DDS ’76, is still practicing part-time in High Point, N.C. He recently had the historic novel The Secrets of Steriling Shaein: The Noblest Cause published; the novel is set in N.C. in the 1790s.

Gordon Jones, DDS ’76, retired from the U.S. Navy eight years ago and sold his part-time practice five years ago. He’s now working full time at the Navy/VA Federal Health Care Center in North Chicago, III. on Navy recruits. In his spare time, he’s spending more and more time at the lake in Mansoc, N.C.

Alice Crowley Fortier, CDH ’77, BSOD ’79, is still working as a dental hygienist at Drs. Parnhurst and Balicki in Wilminton, N.C. Her husband, Ken, is an electrical designer who’s currently looking forward to hunting season. Her oldest son, U.S. Navy Lieutenant AJ, is a PS Orion pilot who just returned from a deployment to Okinawa. He and his wife, Rachel, will be stationed in Corpus Christi, TX. Alice’s middle child, Daniel, is in Wilmington and works as a police officer. Daniel and his wife, Jessica, are the proud parents of Alice’s first grandson, Henley Grace. Alice’s daughter, Allison, is a senior criminal justice major at UNC-W.

1990s

Grace Losch, DDS ’90, is proud to share that her youngest son, Sam, has been accepted to the UNC School of Law and will start classes in Chapel Hill in the fall. Her middle son, Matthew, earned his master’s degree in both chemistry and physics, and teaches in Charlotte, N.C. Her oldest son, Michael, is an attorney in Virginia.
Howie Shareff, DDS ’82, director of the SOLO 3 nonprofit You Call This Yoga, and his team produced two community events: an annual yoga retreat and successful fundraiser, YogaFest NC. They also put on YogaFest Raleigh, a 12-week series of free yoga classes, for an average of 140 attendees per class. The program has been distributed to 500 nursing homes across N.C. and Wi. She served as an adjunct assistant professor at the UNC School of Dentistry December 1999-2013, and worked with the school’s clinical affairs unit auditing fourth-year DDS student’s patient charts November 2013-April 2014.

Jeff Gaskin, DDS ’84, has changed jobs after 24 years as a public health service dentist with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He now works four miles from the Canadian border with the Indian Health Service (IHS) on the Turtle Mountain Reservation of the Chippewa Nation in North Dakota. Fun fact: the Chippewa were the original makers of the web-like dream catchers on many rearview mirrors!

Christopher Brown, DDS ’86, co-authored the book The Mona Lisa Myth, along with National Geographic author Dr. Jean-Pierre Isbouts. The book has also been developed into a movie of the same title. The storyline examines the discovery of a second Mona Lisa portrait by da Vinci that was held in a Swiss bank vault for more than 40 years. It discusses how that discovery shapes the understanding people have of the Mona Lisa that hangs in the Louvre and offers a new interpretation of the painting.

Nona Breland, DDS ’87, MS ’99, has been very busy with her full-time endodontic practice and commitments to organized dentistry. In May, she was re-elected to serve as ADA delegate, representing the NCDS and the 11th ADA district. This spring she also joined the UNCADA Board of Directors and looks forward to serving in this new role. At the end of the year, she will complete her term as president of the NC Services for Dentistry, the for-profit subsidiary of the NCDS. In her spare time, she and her husband, Frank Maness, DDS ’79, enjoy traveling, golfing and cheering for the Tar Heels.

2000s

Jeff Lineberry, DDS ’00, sold his practice in Boone, N.C. in 2013 when he and his family relocated to Mooresville, N.C. They now live on Lake Norman and are loving it. Jeff acquired a practice in Mooresville in late 2013 and also opened a satellite office in Denver, N.C. Earlier in 2014, he presented a lecture at the national ACD meeting in Orlando, Fla., and is involved with continuing education on a regular basis. He continues to be a visiting faculty and contributing author for Spear Education, a leader in continuing dental education.

Jennifer Brama, BSDH ’01, MS ’03, and her husband, Robert, are pleased to share the arrival of their daughter, Chandler Maki Brama, born on September 22, 2014.

Taylor Clark, DDS ’05, purchased his dental office in Durango, Colo. in July 2013. In addition to practicing out of his office, he also provides ambulatory anesthesia services in the Four Corners area of New Mexico and Colorado for young children and patients with special needs.

Jonelle Grant-Anamelauchi, DDS ’06, married Dr. Charles Anamelauchi on April 4, 2014 at Duke University Chapel. They met at Duke while she was an undergraduate student and he was a graduate student. The following month, she became the president of the District of

Suzanne Posner, BSDH ’87, retired from dentistry in 2010 following difficulty moving, which was eventually diagnosed as Parkinson’s disease. She currently has little physical challenge due to medication and her service dog, Brianna. Since 1994, she’s been working in sculpture, which she continues to do now that she’s no longer practicing dentistry.

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