From De Rossi's Desk

My welcome week at UNC was mid-January and the welcome I received was incredible and gave new meaning to southern hospitality. Last week, we welcomed our DDS Class of 2021 and DH Class of 2019, and in a way I feel we are connected as being the newest members of the UNC School of Dentistry community. Hopefully, we all made them feel equally welcomed.

I am so delighted that all our students have chosen an oral health profession – dentistry and hygiene. Our profession is an awesome privilege, and with that privilege comes great responsibility. Our school is an incredible place to learn, receive care and amazing place to work. Each of us daily comes with a commitment to transform dentistry for better health and to be the global model for oral health education. We do this through our passion - in learning, in clinical care, in research, and in service. As we begin this new academic year, I ask that everyone who roams our halls rededicates themselves to our new mission, vision, and values as we continue to lead the nation and the world, moving beyond excellence.

Professionally yours,

Scott S. De Rossi, DMD, MBA
Dean

CODA Reminder

Our school is fast approaching its Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) site visit. Please:
- Be on the lookout for CODA update emails from Dr. Ed Swift every few weeks. Those emails are a way to inform you about CODA, the timeline and on what we are being scored.
- Be sure that you note the dates of our site visit: November 7-9, 2017.

National Boards Policy Update

For the past several years, the school’s National Board policy required our DDS students to pass National Boards Part I to move to the third year of their DDS training, and that they must pass National Boards Part II to receive their DDS degree.

The organization that runs the boards is phasing out National Boards Parts I and II, and will replace them with an "integrated exam" in 2020. The phase-out of National Boards Part I and II will first impact our DDS Class of 2021, who will be eligible to take the new integrated board in 2020 between their third and fourth years of dental school. You can find more information about the integrated exam on the ADA’s website.

In anticipation of these changes coming to the National Boards, the school administration has decided to discontinue its previous policy of students needing to pass National Boards Parts I and II. Students in the DDS Classes of 2018, 2019 and 2020 are taking the National Boards Parts I and II, and those in the DDS Class of 2021 (and for a couple of succeeding years) will have the option of taking the current exams or the new integrated exam. Beyond that, only the integrated exam will be offered. The administration and faculty expect out students to continue their traditionally high pass rates for the National Boards exam(s). This change in policy will not adversely affect our commitment to graduating highly qualified dental professionals.
Help for Houston!

As we all watch the utter devastation transpiring as a result of Hurricane Harvey, many within our school community are looking for ways to lend a hand from afar. There are two efforts in which you may participate, if you would like to help:

- **ENNEAD and ASDA Supply Drive**
  - **Dates**: Friday, Sept. 1-Friday, Sept. 8
  - **Open to**: Anyone who would like to contribute
  - **Items requested**: Oral hygiene supplies, buckets, paper towels, large garbage bags, rubber gloves, masks, scrub brushes, scouring pads, sponges, air fresheners, toiletries, hand sanitizer, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, hand soap, adult diapers, disposable razors, shaving cream, toilet paper, diapers for babies, baby wipes, baby food, baby formula, sippy cups and bottles, bottled water, non perishable food items and school supplies
  - **Collection area**: Boxes in the atrium

- **Dean’s Office Shirt Drive**
  - **Dates**: Friday, Sept. 1-Friday, Sept. 8
  - **Open to**: Anyone who would like to contribute
  - **Items requested**: Shirts. Any t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. are welcome in this drive. (This request is based on the request from the University of Houston Basketball Coach Kelvin Sampson.)
  - **Collection area**: Dean’s Suite (1617 Koury Oral Health Sciences)

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**Top School News**

**School Rated Number Two Dental School Globally**
The UNC School of Dentistry was rated as the number two dental school in the world in the 2017 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) released by the Center for World Class Universities at Shanghai Jiao Tong University earlier this month.

**Lawson Named Rising Leader by National Student Organization**
The Rising Leader Award recognizes a student for outstanding leadership qualities, including volunteer service, commitment to collaboration, work ethic and passion for advancing the interest of fellow dental students across the country. Lawson was selected by the ASDA Board of Trustees from a competitive field of candidates nationwide.

**Professor Jennifer Brame Named Director of the Master in Science in Dental Hygiene Education Program**
Brame moved into this new role following Professor Rebecca Wilder’s transition to her new appointment as assistant dean of professional development and faculty affairs.

**Website Created for Faculty Senate**
Faculty Senate leadership has developed an online home for our faculty members to receive information. Bookmark dentfaculty.web.unc.edu and visit often so you do not miss out on important messages, general faculty meeting agendas, meeting minutes and other announcements!
Removable Recall Program Begins in Predoctoral Clinics
The school’s new Removable Recall Program serves patients who had dentures delivered at the school’s clinics previously, and seeks to have them return to the school for an exam. The appointment includes a pathology exam, denture fit assessment, basic denture adjustment, home care education, a new denture brush and a prosthetic cleaning. In addition to providing our patients with improved care, this afford our DDS students the chance to learn how to perform a denture maintenance visit.

CSU is Ready for the New Academic Year!
At the foundation of the UNC School of Dentistry, the Central Sterilization Unit (CSU) diligently worked to ensure the highest quality of dental instruments for all faculty, staff and students to assist them in providing the best care possible to our valued patients. The CSU team prepared for the new academic year by breaking down cassettes and sorting instruments to ensure the quality assurance of our school’s instruments. Through careful inspection of all the instruments, the CSU team seamlessly worked together to ensure the best instruments were provided to the clinics. CSU’s top goal is to ensure excellent quality dental instruments for exceptional patient care at chairside. The group says they, “are proud to be at the foundation of the UNC School of Dentistry serving the faculty, staff, students and patients, while being a part of the UNC School of Dentistry’s plan to MOVE BEYOND EXCELLENCE!”

Student and Resident News

- Kevin Byrd, periodontology post-doc, is a finalist for the 2017 AAP Educator Scholarship. He also led a custom webinar entitled “Visualizing divisions and development in 3D.” He presented his research in epithelial development and the implications for developmental biology, oral tumorigenesis, and stem cell therapies. He also discussed how his research utilized Bitplane Imaris software in unique and creative ways that will inform new or even frequent users of the software.
- Miranda Carper, postdoctoral researcher in the Amelio Lab, won second place in the 2017 Women in Science Symposium Postdoc Poster Presentation. She also was selected for an appointment to the recently-awarded NCI T32 Duke-UNC Immunotherapy Training Program.
- Brenda Lopez, periodontology resident, received the Nobel Biocare Student Member Annual Meeting Scholarship to attend the 2017 AAP meeting in Boston.
- Adele Musicant, PhD candidate in the Amelio Lab, received a UNC-CH Graduate Student Travel Award.

Employee News

- Dr. Antonio Amelio, Dental Ecology, was awarded NIH Innovation Grants to Nurture Initial Translational Efforts (IGNITE): Development and Validation of Model Systems and/or Pharmacodynamic Markers to Facilitate the Discovery of Neurotherapeutics (Parent R21/R33), RFA-NS-16-013. Project Title: “Development and validation of a genetically engineered model of neurofibromatosis type 2 to facilitate discovery of neurotherapeutics.” Role: co-principal investigator.
- Dr. Silvana Barros, Periodontology, received the Global Partnership Award for collaborative exchange with Qingdao Hospital and Peking University from UNC Global.
- Professor Jennie Brame, Dental Ecology, completed the 2017 ADEA Allied Dental Faculty Leadership Development Program.
- Ms. Hallie Butler, Dental Ecology, is expecting her first child on December 10, and "it's a girl!"
- Dr. Christine Downey, Dental Ecology, is a new member of the editorial advisory board for the multidisciplinary journal Decisions in Dentistry.
- Professor Jennifer Harmon, Dental Ecology, and Dr. Gustavo Oliveira, Operative Dentistry, were selected to attend the ADEA Summer Program for Emerging Academic Leaders.
- Ms. Shayna Hill, Dental Ecology, was invited to present to the UNC Board of Trustees on July 26 in her new role as chair of the UNC Employee Forum.
- Dr. Julie Marchesan, Periodontology, received the NIH/NICDR Mentored Career Development Award to Promote Diversity in the Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Research Workforce (K01). Craniofacial Research Workforce (K01). The award will provide a total of $742K for salary and research support during a five-year period. Marchesan will collaborate with her co-mentors, Dr. Steve Offenbacher, Periodontology, and Dr. Jenny Ting, School of Medicine, evaluating a protein named IFI16 and its influence in the pathogenesis of periodontal diseases. The award period starts in September 2017.
- Professor Shannon Mitchell, Dental Ecology, led the Dental Hygiene team to complete accreditation documentation for CODA!
- Dr. Luiz Pimenta, Dental Ecology, visited the Qingdao Stomatological Hospital in China and gave a talk entitled "Comprehensive treatment of patients with craniofacial anomalies - team approach" as part of the activities to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Qingdao Stomatological Hospital. Pimenta also visited
Peking University in Beijing-China, where he met with the dean of the Hospital of Stomatology, Professor Chuanbin Guo, to discuss the continuation of the agreement between UNC and Peking University. After meeting with Dean Guo, Pimenta lectured to members of the faculty and residents.

- **Dr. Jonathan Reside**, Periodontology, was selected to be a fellow of the International College of Dentists.
- **Ms. Blair Smith** and **Ms. Meagan Solloway**, both of whom work in Graduate and Advanced Education, are both now mental health first aiders.
- **Dr. Ed Swift**, Operative Dentistry, and the rest of the CODA team sent all CODA documents to the printer!
- **Dr. Jennifer Webster-Cyriaque**, Dental Ecology, is the nominee for vice president of the American Association of Dental Research.
- **Dr. Shaoping Zhang**, Periodontology, received a NIDCR Dentist Scientist Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00). Zhang will be investigating “The role of tumor necrosis factor-receptor associated factor 3 interacting protein 2 (TRAP3IP2); A critical adaptor in IL-17 Pathway in periodontal disease.” The award period is from July 2017 to June 2022. Zhang will be working with his co-mentors, **Dr. Steve Offenbacher**, Periodontology, and **Dr. Flavia Teles**, Periodontology.

## New Hires

- **Karin Borthayre**: Social/Clinical Research Assistant, Oral and Craniofacial Health Sciences
- **Li Chen**: Clinical Assistant Professor, Dental Ecology
- **Kelly Howell**: Administrative Support Specialist, Clinical Affairs
- **Lindley Jones**: Administrative Support Associate, Orthodontics
- **Elizabeth Kornegay**: Clinical Assistant Professor, Dental Ecology
- **Marty Rudd**: Facilities Maintenance Technician, Support Services
- **Meenu Sharma**: Dental Hygienist, Periodontology
- **Elizabeth Taylor**: Social/Clinical Research Assistant, Oral and Craniofacial Health Sciences
- **Jhoana Canuto Tzintzun**: Dental Assistant, Pediatric Dentistry
- **Jeannette Williams**: Dental Assistant Supervisor, Periodontology
- **Shaoping Zhang**: Research Assistant Professor, Periodontology

## Promotions and New Appointments

- **Jennifer Brame**: Director, Master of Science in Dental Hygiene Education Program
- **Tiffany Brannan**: Chief Communications and Marketing Officer
- **Ingeborg De Kok**: Interim Chair, Prosthodontics
- **Jaime Kelsky**: Assistant Dean for Human Resources
- **Gina Moreland**: Business Manager, Finance
- **Ceib Phillips**: Associate Dean for Graduate/Advanced Education
- **Luiz Pimenta**: Assistant Dean for Global Initiatives
- **Melanie Raschke**: Patient Care Coordinator
- **Rebecca Wilder**: Assistant Dean for Professional Development and Faculty Affairs

This list is as of May 2017 as this contest was omitted from the last issue. Moving forward, this information will be shared on a monthly basis.

## Publications Update

### Manuscripts


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**Upcoming Events**

- **Sept. 4, 2017** [HOLIDAY]: School closed -- Labor Day
- **Sept. 8, 2017** [CONTINUING EDUCATION]: 3D Imaging -- The Path to the Future of Dentistry
- **Sept. 20, 2017** [SCHOOL EVENT]: Vendor Day
- **Sept. 28, 2017** [SCHOOL EVENT]: DEAH DAY -- Service Events
- **Sept. 28, 2017** [SCHOOL EVENT]: DEAH DAY -- Talent Show
- **Sept. 29, 2017** [CONTINUING EDUCATION]: THEA 2017

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