From De Rossi's Desk

The new calendar year is often filled with new resolutions, the new year’s clean slate, giving us yet one more shot at getting things right or at least making them better. Yet we all know too well that many of these efforts fail, and our intentions to change do not actually result in any meaningful change at all.

Why is that?

Well, change is difficult, often painful, and sometimes messy; we like the status quo, it is easy, it is comfortable. Yet change is exactly what we have committed to do through our strategic plan – *Moving Beyond Excellence* – and the implementation of our strategic priorities:

- Retaining and recruiting the very best people
- Revolutionizing the curriculum and operations
- Embracing an entrepreneurial mindset

These changes and improvements are happening daily here at UNC Dentistry and the updates and achievement highlighted in this issue of *Chairside Chatter* are just a small sampling of the amazing things that are happening at our school as we become the global model for oral health education, in care and discovery.

Here is to a great 2018!

Professionally yours,

Scott S. De Rossi, DMD, MBA
Dean and Professor

Reminder -- Open Forum Feb. 12!

The school’s quarterly Open Forum is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 12 at 1 p.m. in Kirkland Auditorium! Please plan to attend, and do not forget to bring your lunch and questions!

Ahead of the Open Forum (and at any time) you are invited to share your thoughts, opinions, suggestions or concerns about any topic through our anonymous online suggestion box. [Click here to share your thoughts](#) (Be sure to include your name if you would like follow-up!)

School News

**Cain Begins Appointment as Assistant Dean and Chief Operating Officer of the Dental Faculty Practice**

In his role as assistant dean, Cain will oversee all operations of the UNC Dental Faculty Practice (DFP). The DFP is one of the school’s three clinical practices and is the umbrella under which the school’s faculty provide patient care. Cain returns to UNC from Augusta University, where he was an assistant professor of management at James M. Hull College of Business, taught graduate and undergraduate strategy and entrepreneurship courses, and guest lectured in the practice management course at the Dental College of Georgia. His research focuses on business and entrepreneurship in dentistry and he previously co-founded several dental-related ventures.
Quinonez Appointed Associate Dean for Educational Leadership and Innovation
In this new role, Quinonez will lead the efforts to examine the school’s existing curricula and reinvent a contemporary curriculum. Along with the rest of the Office of Academic Affairs, Quinonez will evaluate new technologies, improve the sequence of courses offered and develop a curriculum blueprint. Quinonez will continue to have a presence in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, where she will see patients in the Dental Faculty Practice and teach in the DDS pediatric dentistry clinic.

Frazier-Bowers Appointed Assistant Dean for Inclusive Excellence and Equity Initiatives
In this role, Frazier-Bowers will spearhead diversity efforts related to the school’s strategic priority to retain and recruit the very best people in a collaborative environment. Her work will focus on the identification and creation of initiatives and programs that enhance the school’s culture and environment. She will continue her appointment as an associate professor in the Department of Orthodontics.

Lampiris to Lead New Office of Community Engagement as Assistant Dean
Under Lampiris’s guidance, the Office of Community Engagement and Outreach will promote, monitor and advance the school’s service activities. These efforts support the mission of ‘transforming dentistry for better health’ and give a formal home to the school’s ongoing, countless service efforts across the state of North Carolina and the United States. Lampiris will continue to serve as director of the Dentistry in Service to Communities (DISC) Program, which facilitates eight weeks of service rotations for the Doctor of Dental Surgery students during the summer between their third and fourth years of dental school.

Endodontics Residents Hold Third Annual Humanitarian Trip to Jamaica
Under the direction of Peter Tawil, DMD, MS, a team of six made the trip to the Sugar Cane Parish of Grange Hill in Jamaica. The trip, now in its third year, is a partnership with the 1,000 Smile Project in Jamaica. The group was abroad Nov. 13-17, 2017 and, according to second-year resident Elisa Arnarsdottir, "It changed my perspective on life and taught me to be really thankful for everything."

Human Resources to Pilot a Staff Mentoring Program
As part of the school’s efforts to retain and recruit the very best people, the Office of Human Resources is beginning a pilot staff mentoring program.

The three-month pilot program will include six staff members: three mentor volunteers and three mentee volunteers. Interested employees should apply via the forms linked below; selections are on a first-come, first-serve basis. If deemed successful, the program will be open to all school permanent staff interested in becoming a mentor or a mentee.

Questions should be emailed to Assistant Dean for Human Resources Jaime Kelsky at jkelsky@unc.edu. Related documents are available below:
- School of Dentistry Staff Mentoring Program
- Mentor Application
- Mentee Application
- Mentoring Agreement
- Mentor/Mentee Meeting Prep Form
Reminder -- Laptop SPA Days Happening Now!

Be sure to treat your laptop to a SPA day at OCIS! Take your device to 036 Brauer this week between 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for security compliance checks, patches and asset inventory.

Bring your power cord, and allow one business day for turn around!

Student and Resident News

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Reminder -- DRRD 2018

Do not miss this year's exciting Dental Research in Review Day event! The school is holding its 34th annual DRRD on **Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018**.

Program highlights include keynote speaker Valeria V. Gordon, lunch and learns by your School of Dentistry colleagues, and hands-on workshops!

For more information, [visit the website](#).

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**New Hires**

- **Susan Andrews**: Social/Clinical Research Associate, Oral and Craniofacial Health Sciences
- **Juan Sanchez Aguirre**: Administrative Support Associate, Clinical Affairs
- **Jaared Brown**: Materials Management Technician, Clinical Affairs
- **Joselin Melchor Caamano**: Dental Assistant, Pediatric Dentistry
- **Kevin Cain**: Assistant Dean and Chief Operating Officer, Dental Faculty Practice
- **Lisa Clement**: Student Services Manager, Dental Ecology
- **Li Jing**: Research Technician, Oral and Craniofacial Health Sciences
- **Lynn Martin**: Laboratory Professional, Oral and Craniofacial Health Sciences
- **Angie Castillo Miranda**: Student Services Manager, Clinical Affairs
- **Nikki Perkinson**: Student Services Specialist, Dental Hygiene Programs
- **Meenu Sharma**: Patient Care Coordinator, Periodontology
- **Leslie Zeldin**: Research Associate, Oral and Craniofacial Health Sciences

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**Promotions and New Appointments**

- **Sylvia Frazier-Bowers**: Assistant Dean for Inclusive Excellence and Equity Initiatives
- **Lew Lampiris**: Assistant Dean for Community Outreach and Engagement
- **Rocio Quinonez**: Associate Dean for Educational Leadership and Innovation
- **Sheri Tate**: Administrative Support Associate, Diagnostic Sciences

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**Publications Update**

**Manuscripts**


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**Upcoming Events**
Jan. 29-Feb. 2: OCIS Laptop SPA Days
Feb. 2, 9 a.m.: Give Kids a Smile Day
Feb. 7, All Day: Dental Research in Review Day
Feb. 9, 8 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] Veneers for Everyday Practice: Practical, Esthetic and Ethical Considerations
Feb. 9, 8:30 a.m.: ADA Requirements Workshop
Feb. 9, 1 p.m.: DRRD Awards Ceremony
Feb. 12, 1 p.m.: Quarterly School of Dentistry Open Forum
Feb. 14, 1 p.m.: General Faculty Meeting
Feb. 19, 5 p.m.: Dean’s Art Series – Mobile Shakes, A Midsummer Night’s Dream
Feb. 26, 5:30 p.m.: SNDA Black History Month Celebration
Mar. 2, 8:30 p.m.: Curriculum Summit
Mar. 2, 7:30 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] Dental Sleep Medicine Mini Residency (cont. through Mar. 3)
Mar. 2, 8:30 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] Annual R.J. Shankle Lecture: Recent Concepts and Technologies in Endodontics: Do They Improve Outcomes?
Mar. 7, 1 p.m.: General Faculty Meeting
Mar. 16, 8 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] Advanced Cone Beam CT Interpretation
Mar. 23, 8:30 a.m.: Third Annual Staff Retreat
Mar. 26, 1 p.m.: Dean’s Lecture Series -- Angus Walls, president of IADR
Mar. 26, 3 p.m.: IPE Roundtable featuring Angus Walls and others
Mar. 30, All Day: School Closed -- Spring Holiday

School Events Calendar -- Now Live!

The UNC School of Dentistry has so many great things going on all the time -- so to keep things straight, we have created a school-wide events calendar! Note that this calendar is not intended to replace the academic calendar, but rather to share important, interesting events happening at our school.

Prior to scheduling an event to which you intend to invite a portion of or the whole school, you are encouraged to check this calendar to ensure we do not have too many great things going on at once!

How do I view this calendar?
Easy! You access this new calendar just like any shared calendar in Outlook! Just search for the shared calendar: SOD - SOD Events

How do I add things to this calendar?
Right now, permissions to edit this calendar are restricted to a small group of people. So if you have an addition to the calendar, email our Chief Communications and Marketing Officer, Tiffany Brannan (tiffany_brannan@unc.edu).

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This message is sent to all faculty, staff and students affiliated with the UNC School of Dentistry. Please submit content and corrections to Tiffany Brannan (tiffany_brannan@unc.edu, 919.537.3260).

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