From De Rossi’s Desk

As most of you read this edition of the Chairside Chatter many of our students are preparing for a monumental event in their lives, commencement.

On May 11, 2018 we will graduate our last class of dental assisting students, along with students in dental hygiene, DDS and a host of graduate programs and specialties.

For many, this graduation is seen as an end, but in reality it is a beginning. This momentous event marks a transition of our students and graduate students into the next phase of their careers.

Our role as faculty and staff has been to support them, and to impart knowledge, wisdom and clinical skills. Yet, in my many years in academia, I have found that I learn much more from them than they do from me! Our students continue to inspire us with their zeal for learning, their commitment to discovery, and their passion for serving.

As we say so long to the class of 2018, I want to thank our faculty for your continued commitment to our educational mission. I want to thank our outstanding staff for making the School of Dentistry a kind, professional, and efficient environment.

And I want to encourage you to read all of the amazing accomplishments highlighted below. This truly is a special place, with special programs, and special people.

Professionally yours,

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

Website Redesign Survey

The UNC-CH School of Dentistry is in the early phase of redesigning its website, and we want to hear from you!

Below you will find a link to a brief, anonymous, task-based survey that allows us to test potential website navigation and also get your thoughts on what information needs to be the most readily accessible. It should take no more than five minutes of your time.

Please visit this link to take the survey: http://ows.io/tj/56x16ce4

School News
The American Academy of Oral Medicine Recognizes Dean De Rossi
The American Academy of Oral Medicine (AAOM) recognized Dean Scott De Rossi, DMD, MBA, with the Organization of Teachers of Oral Diagnosis Award (OTOD) for his educational contributions to the discipline of oral medicine. The AAOM presented the award at the Annual Conference President’s Award Banquet in San Antonio, Texas.

De Rossi has been a long time member of the AAOM, and served the organization in many capacities including his time as a recognized Diplomate of the American Board of Oral Medicine, and as trustee and treasurer on the executive committee. In 2017, he received the AAOM’s Herschfus Memorial Award for services to the Academy and in the field of oral medicine.

Frazier-Bowers Receives NC AHEC Campus Innovation Grant
The North Carolina Area Health Education Centers (NC AHEC) selected a proposal from Sylvia Frazier-Bowers, DDS, PhD, to receive a Campus Innovation Grant. Her proposal, “Dental and Oral Health Community Scholars Program,” (DOCS) will receive funding to support administrative assistants and guest speakers at interactive forums.

Frazier-Bowers’ proposal addresses the challenge of providing healthcare in the ever-evolving political and social climate. Her proposal focuses on the intersection of cultural factors and social inequity in the delivery of health, especially dentistry.

“The Dental and Oral Health Scholars project will pilot a School of Dentistry professional learning community and explore an infrastructure that integrates the discussion of culture and health among a diverse group of students and faculty,” said Frazier-Bowers.

Wu Named Recipient of CEHS Pilot Project Grant
Di Wu, PhD, assistant professor at the School of Dentistry and research assistant professor at the UNC-CH Gillings School of Public Health, is one of five recipients of a UNC-CH Center for Environmental Health and Susceptibility (CEHS) Pilot Project Grant.

“The proposal seeks to provide a new solution to the scientific problems of how tumor-suppressive mechanisms protect against solar radiation-induced skin cancer and how those protective mechanisms are overwhelmed in some sunlight-exposed individuals,” said Wu.

Her team hopes to uncover a solution that leads to a better understanding of sun-induced skin cancer, which may help future research determine prevention and better treatment.

Four School of Dentistry Students Named Albert Schweitzer Fellows
The Albert Schweitzer Fellows has selected four dental students, Meagan Laframboise Inclan, Katrina Ashlin, Beth Haymore and Minka Hotic, all DDS Candidates 2019, as North Carolina Fellows. Beau Meyer, DDS, MPH, will be working with Hotic and Haymore, and Michael Milano, DMD, will be working with Inclan and Ashlin.

The North Carolina Fellows Program is a part of the U.S. Schweitzer Fellows Program, and provides a one-year interdisciplinary, mentored fellowship program focused on health-related community service and leadership development.

(Image from left to right: Beth Haymore, Katrina Ashlin, Meagan Laframboise Inclan, Minka Hotic)

Meyer Receives NC AHEC Campus Innovation Grant
The North Carolina Area Health Education Centers (NC AHEC) has selected a
proposal from Beau Meyer, DDS, MPH, to receive a Campus Innovation Grant. His proposal, “Preparing Dentists for Medicaid Reform: Planning Oral Health Policy, Advocacy and Leadership Curriculum Revolution within the School of Dentistry,” will receive nearly $40,000 in funding.

Meyer’s proposal utilizes the School of Dentistry’s strategic plan, “Moving Beyond Excellence,” and seeks to introduce opportunities into the curriculum for policy, advocacy and leadership related to Medicaid reform.

“One of my favorite parts of residency was the formalized advocacy training I received,” said Meyer. “I took advocacy and Medicaid reform coursework during my MPH at Gillings [School of Public Health] and then had the chance to apply those skills during the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry’s Public Policy and Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C., three years in a row.”

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**Weintraub Receives the AAPHD Distinguished Service Award**

The American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD) Distinguished Service Award recognizes excellent service in the field of public health dentistry. Jane Weintraub, DDS, MPH, was presented with the award at the AAPHD Awards Ceremony as a part of the National Oral Health Conference on Sunday, April 15 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Weintraub is the second person in the history of the AAPHD to receive three of the major AAPHD awards: the President’s Award (1998), Special Merit Award (1999) and the Distinguished Service Award.

“I am very grateful to the many talented and generous people who have mentored me in my career so that we can prevent disease and improve the oral health of as many people as possible,” said Weintraub.

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**McPherson Named National Legislative Liaison of the Year**

The American Dental Political Action Committee of the American Dental Association (ADA) presented Kate McPherson, DDS Candidate 2020, with the American Student Dental Association’s National Legislative Liaison of the Year award, recognizing her work motivating and organizing the UNC-CH ASDA chapter in the legislative arena.

“Receiving this award was an unbelievable surprise and an incredible honor,” said McPherson. “Advocating for advancements in dentistry has become a powerful part of my time as a dental student at UNC. I feel very fortunate to have had such a strong backing from our UNC ASDA Executive Board and Legislative Committee, who have helped make this such a successful year for dental advocacy.”

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**Byrd Earns First Place in 2018 AADR Hatton Competition and Awards**

Kevin Byrd, DDS, PhD, and postdoctoral research associate, received first place in the postdoctoral category in the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) Hatton Competition under the mentorship of Scott Williams, PhD, at the UNC-CH School of Medicine. Byrd will compete in the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) Unilever Hatton Competition and Awards held during IADR’s 96th General Session and Exhibition in London, England this July.

“I am excited to have been recognized for my research at the national level and will be proud to represent the UNC School of Dentistry at the IADR Unilever Hatton Competition this year,” said Byrd. “UNC has been such an excellent place to create and to collaborate. Though I am specifically being awarded, there are many individuals—from undergraduates to senior mentors—who have supported me to make this award possible.”

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**Dental Hygiene Students Volunteer for Women’s Health Awareness Day**

In honor of Women’s Health Awareness Day, dental hygiene students worked with the Medical-Dental Ministry Bus of Baptist Men and Women on Mission to provide oral health education to more than 150 people.
They helped conduct oral health screenings for 40 people and provided treatment for 20. We're so proud of our dental hygiene students and their dedication to passionately serving those in need!

Shaun Matthews Featured in Campaign for Carolina Newsletter
We're thrilled to see N. Shaun Matthews, DDS, MD, highlighted in the latest campaign newsletter for UNC-CH. The article features Dr. Matthews' work with temporomandibular (TMJ) joints at the dental school and his goal to create collaborative teams across UNC-CH and beyond.

Click here to read the full article, "Dr. N. Shaun Matthews: Combining Medicine And Dentistry For Better Overall Health."

UNC-CH School of Dentistry Received the International Student Experience Check
Drs. Scott Eidson and Bettie McKaig presented the International Student Experience check to the UNC-CH School of Dentistry’s international student experience program. The money from the ICD's USA Section and the USA Section Foundation will help defray the costs of the Global Education Mission.

The popularity of global programs continues to grow. In 2017, 17 US dental schools participated in ICD's program, representing approximately 35 international trips.

Click here to read more on the International College of Dentists’ website.

Photo: Dr. Scott Eidson, Dean Scott De Rossi and Dr. Bettie McKaig

Human Resources Workshop
Join us for a workshop on "How To Deal With a Difficult Person," on May 16th, 1-2 p.m. in Kirkland Auditorium.

At one time or another, we have all dealt with a difficult person. Whether the individual is hard to communicate with, acts defensive or just handles a situation inappropriately, interactions with difficult people can affect our confidence, mood and focus. Learning to recognize and cope with common difficult behaviors in ourselves and others can help make difficult encounters much more manageable.

At the end of this workshop, you will be able to:
• Identify common “difficult” behaviors
• Describe what motivates most difficult behaviors
• Identify distinctions between passive, aggressive and passive/aggressive behaviors
• Identify the positive intent behind many difficult-to-understand behaviors
• Identify appropriate strategies for dealing with difficult behaviors
• Describe how to maintain composure when responding to difficult behaviors
• Describe ways to defuse aggressive acts in the workplace
• Describe five methods for resolving conflict
• Identify your favored style
• Identify tips for improving communication

2018 Spurgeon Banquet

Thank you all for attending this year’s Spurgeon Banquet! Enjoy a few photos below and click here to see the full album! Photography by Chris Pope

2018 Spurgeon Banquet

Justin Nunes (DDS2021); Dr. Scott De Rossi

LaShawn Hart (DDS2019); Eva Desai (DDS2021)

Talia Johnson (DDS2019); Mr. Randy DeMarco

Prof. Lynn Smith; Hannah Chandler (DA2018); Dr. Bobby Elliott

Dr. Darryn Weinstein; Dr. Silvana Barros

Guildford/Rockingham County Relief Drive

The UNC ASDA and the School of Dentistry have organized a relief drive for those affected by the tornadoes in North Carolina on April 15. Supplies may be dropped off May 7-18th in the Koury Atrium.

Donations of supplies are greatly appreciated – please see a list of needed items below:
• Canned food
• Non-perishable food
• Bottled water
• Flashlights
• Batteries
• Toiletries
• Blankets
• Socks
• Baby supplies
• Medical supplies
• School supplies

Thank you for your help!
Student and Resident News

- **Catherine Campbell, DMD, MSED** and **Laura Jacox, DMD, PhD**, were awarded the 2018 American Association of Orthodontics Foundation (AAOF) Research Aid Award for their proposal, "Identifying factors that impact orthodontist decision making, job satisfaction and earning potential." Drs. Campbell and Jacox are mentored by Dr. Rick Steedle, DMD, MS, and Dr. Ching-Chang Ko, DDS, MS, PhD.

- **Wenjing Pang**, DDS candidate 2020, visited the Qingdao Stomatological Hospital in China last year with the China Global Team. This month, she helped host two Chinese scholars, Dr. Sun, chair of endodontics and Dr. Hou, chair of orthodontics, at the Qingdao Hospital. Drs. Sun and Hou had the opportunity to meet colleagues within the school and visit the research and clinical facilities.  
  (Photo: Drs. Sun and Hou with Pang)

- The **prosthodontics residents** presented on the importance and advancements of digital dentistry within prosthodontics during **National Prosthodontics Awareness Week (NPAW)**. NPAW is a way to create understanding and interactions between patients, dental professionals, and prosthodontists.  
  (Photo left to right: Jackson Blackburn, Tessa Kim, Chris Castelin, Sarah Lee, Renata Camino, Gabriella Jackson, Brandon Peters, Hector Saenz de Viteri Tejeda, Ryan Abbott, Lauren Katz)

- The **Pros Interest Group** went on the road to make a difference in the community with their first ever nursing home event at the Senior CommUnity Care of North Carolina. After a brief presentation to 40 people, the students worked in groups, demonstrating and discussing best hygiene care practices on denture models. The participants asked many questions and were truly appreciative of the denture care bags the students had prepared for them.

Employee News

- **Massimiliano Di Giosia, DDS**, was appointed a fellow of the American Academy of Orofacial Pain, and appointed a member of the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine's research committee for 2018-2019.

- **Ashraf Fouad, DDS, MS**, was invited by the Danish Dental Association and the University of Aarhus, Denmark to give a one day course to a group of Danish dentists. The program aims to enhance the knowledge and skills in endodontics among Danish dentists, as there are very few endodontics specialists in Denmark. An international group of endodontists have been invited to participate at different times in the program.

- **Asma Khan, DDS, PhD**, presented a continuing education lecture at the Edward E. Pennick Endodontic study club entitled, “Acute Orofacial Pain Management.” Dr. Khan also presented, “Inflammation and Immunity, Diagnosis, NSAIDs and Local Anesthetics,” at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School in Bethesda, Maryland. Her publication titled, "A Randomized Clinical Trial Comparing 2 Ibuprofen Formulations in Patients with Acute Odontogenic Pain," along with Dr. Tanjit Taggar and Dr. Di Wu, was selected for the Class of 1958 Distinguished Service Award.

The International Association of Dental Research accepted an abstract on "Use of Stationary Digital Intraoral Tomosynthesis (sIOT) for Bitewing Radiography," from **Sally M. Mauriello, M.Ed, Enrique Platin, MS, Angela Broome, DDS, MS, Christina R. Inscoe, André Mol, DDS, MS, PhD, and Janki Patel.**

**Beau Meyer, DDS, MPH, and Michael Milano, DMD,** are mentors for 2018-2019 Albert Schweitzer Fellows **Minka Hotic, Beth Haymore, Meagan Inclan** and **Katrina Ashlin,** all DDS candidates 2019. Dr. Milano is mentoring Inclan and Ashlin on a project providing oral health services and education for members of the Triangle Down Syndrome Network. Dr. Meyer, along with Allen Samuelson, is mentoring Hotic and Haymore on a project that will expand services and oral health education at the Wednesday night Student Health Action Coalition (SHAC) free clinic to teenage and adolescent patients (ages 14-17 years old).

**André Mol, DDS, MS, PhD,** traveled to the Eastman Institute of Oral Health in Rochester, New York to give a lecture on "Radiology in the Scientific Basis for Safe Dental Practice" course.

**Valerie Murrah, DMD, MS,** gave a presentation to the Sandhills Dental Study Club on “Risk Issues Associated with Oral Cancer” in honor of Oral Cancer Awareness Month. Dr. Murrah recently completed her 95th marathon in Rome, Italy.

**Gustavo Oliveira, DDS,** won the Faculty of the Year Award from the class of 2021 at the Annual Pankey Lecture.

**Lauren Patton, DDS,** presented, "How to Get Your Paper Published," as an invited speaker to the Meet the Research Expert session at the American Academy of Oral Medicine annual meeting.

**Mary Pettiette, DDS,** was appointed the President of the Foundation for Endodontics. Her appointment will last two years.

**Rocio Quinonez, DMD, MS, MPH,** was contacted by Sesame Street as part of the #SesameHero Campaign, where Sesame Street highlights and celebrates the amazing work community service providers do everyday.

**Mike Roberts, DDS,** was awarded the 2018 Dr. Ronald A. Bell Mentor of the Year Award from the Foundation of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. The award will be presented to Dr. Roberts during the Annual Session of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry in Honolulu, Hawaii.

**Peter Tawil, DMD, MS,** was appointed as the editor for the endodontic section of the Journal of Esthetic and Restorative Dentistry. He also gave a presentation at the American Association of Endodontists. Dr. Tawil and his wife, Laura, welcomed their daughter, Liv Katherine Tawil, on March 31.

**Don Tyndall, DDS, MPH, PhD,** and **André Mol, DDS, MS, PhD,** were invited to Germany as consultants on the development of dental MRI.

**Jennifer Webster-Cyriaque, DDS, PhD,** received a Linked Training Award from the Department of Health and Human Services at the National Institute of Health for her post-doctoral program, "North Carolina Translational and Clinical Science Institute (NC TraCS) TL1."

**Alex White, DDS, MPH,** and **Jane Weintraub, DDS, MPH,** along with Jacqueline Burgette, DMD, PhD, Sarah Birken, PhD, and Teresa Lewis, presented "Implementation of silver diamine fluoride in safety net clinics," at the National Oral Health Conference.

**Tim Wright, DDS,** was named the president-elect of the American Association for Dental Research (AADR). Dr. Wright was also recently invited to speak at the International Ectodermal Dysplasia Conference in Murcia, Spain.

**Andrea Ferreira Zandoná, DDS, MS, PhD,** was elected secretary of the cariology section at ADEA, participated in the NHANES Gold Standard Examiner Training, and served as HRSA grant reviewer.

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*Photos: Dr. Tawil, Laura and Liv*
School of Dentistry Employees Honored for 20 Years of Service

Twelve School of Dentistry employees were among those honored for 20 years of service to UNC-CH at the Chancellor’s service recognition banquet. Some of the honorees with Vice Chancellor Felicia Washington and Provost Robert Blouin are pictured above. For the full list of honorees, click here.

New Hires/Appointments

- **Erica Baillif:** Materials Management Technician, Clinical Affairs
- **Ada Benitez-Rodriguez:** Foundation Accountant, Office of the Dean
- **Hannah Brown:** Work Study Student, Department of Oral Surgery
- **Cathy Gordon:** Materials Management Coordinator, Clinical Affairs
- **Steven Kim:** Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Periodontology
- **Erinn Nichols:** Executive Assistant, Office of Advancement
- **Ling Zheng:** Dental Assistant, Department of Endodontics

Clinical Update Series

Thank you to all who attended part two of the clinical update series with Kate Ciarrocca, DMD. Click here to view her presentation, "Medically Complex Patients Part II: An Update on Anticoagulation and Antibiotic Prophylaxis."

ADEA Teachback

The Office of Professional Development and Faculty Affairs held an ADEA Teachback where the following faculty presented their highlights from ADEA 2018:

- **Wendy Clark, DDS, MS,** Prosthodontics, "Introducing a Digital Dentistry Curriculum."
- **Beth Kornegay, CDA, RDH, MSDH,** Dental Ecology, "Fostering Self-Assessment with Effective Feedback: Preparing Our Future Dental Professionals."
- **Taiseer Sulaiman, DDS, PhD,** Operative Dentistry, "Appraising Systematic Reviews."
Submitting a Program or Poster for Presentation at ADEA

Assistant Dean for Professional Development and Faculty Affairs Rebecca Wilder, will present at the next Faculty Development Series, **Tuesday, May 1 from 1-2 in Koury G508.** Her presentation is on how to prepare a competitive proposal for the 2019 ADEA meeting.

The theme for next year is "**Celebrating Our Collaborative Spirit.**" An ADEA program or poster presentation is a great way to showcase your ideas and activities in innovation and collaboration!

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**Publications Update**

**Manuscripts**
- **Beck JD, Moss K, Morelli T, Offenbacher S.** In search of appropriate measures of periodontal status: The Periodontal Profile Phenotype (P3) System. J Periodontol 2018;89(2):166-175.
- **Beck JD, Moss K, Morelli T, Offenbacher S.** Periodontal Profile Class (PPC) is associated with prevalent diabetes, coronary heart disease, stroke, and systemic markers of C-Reactive Protein and Interleukin 6. J Periodontol 2018;89(2):157-165.
- **Hyman, Mark E.** "3 technologies that cost less than $500." Science & Tech Feb. 2018: 48-49. Print
- Masood M, **Dí Giosia M,** Hackman T. Chronic Atypical First Bite Syndrome and Primary Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Parotid. Head & Neck (in press)

**Grants**
- **Patricia Miguez, DDS, MS,** received an Osteology Foundation Grant for the proposal, "Effect of a Dietary Phytochemical on the Healing of the Aging Bone."
- **David Zajac, PhD,** was awarded the Subtelny Speech Research Grant by the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association for his work on the Development of Stop Fricative Frenetic Contrast in Young Children with Repaired Cleft Palate.
Upcoming Events

- May 2, 1 p.m.: General Faculty Meeting
- May 8, 5 p.m.: Employee Appreciation: Night at the Bosh (RSVP to dayne_harrison@unc.edu)
- May 10, 1 p.m.: Dean's Lecture Series -- Michael Glick, School of Dental Medicine, University at Buffalo, NYU
- May 10, 5 p.m.: Class of 2018 Celebration
- May 10, 7 p.m.: Student National Dental Association Senior Banquet
- May 11, 6 p.m.: School of Dentistry Commencement
- May 17-20: NCDS Annual Session, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
- May 21, 1 p.m. Quarterly Open Forum, Kirkland Auditorium
- May 28, All Day: School Closed, Memorial Holiday
- May 31, 8 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] The Frank Brantley Update in General Practice
- June 1, 8 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] The Frank Brantley Update in General Practice
- June 1-2, 8 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] Surgical-Orthodontic Treatment Circa 2018 (two-day course)
- June 4, 1 p.m.: Faculty Development Seminar with Dr. Adam Persky
- June 6, 1 p.m.: Faculty Curriculum Summit
- June 8, 9 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] 6-Hour Medical Emergencies
- June 13, 7:30 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] 35th Annual Dental Review - Hands-On Session
- June 14-16, 7:30 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] 35th Annual Dental Review (two-day course)
- June 22, 8:30 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] Diagnosis and Management of Acute and Chronic Orofacial Pain
- July 4, All Day: School Closed, Independence Day Holiday
- July 16-19: [CE Opportunity] Concepts and Teaching Strategies for the Oral Radiology Educator (four-day course)
- July 23, 7:30 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] 34th Annual Prosthodontics, Dental Implants, Digital Dentistry and Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology for General Practitioners
- July 23-25: [CE Opportunity] 9th Annual Oral Pathology Institute for Educators (three-day course)

Anonymous Suggestion Box

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 Events Calendar -- Now Live!

The UNC-CH 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 Event Calendar**.

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