Your Monthly Update from the Dean

From De Rossi's Desk

Each month, Chairside Chatter continues to highlight three important things about our UNC-CH School of Dentistry: it is a special place with special programs and special people.

At the recent American Dental Education Association Annual Session in Orlando, Florida, we had the opportunity to hear a wonderful speaker, nationally recognized happiness expert Nataly Kogan, who encouraged attendees to stop searching for some elusive “big happy” in the future and start finding more joy in every day moments.

Sometimes it is very hard to do – there is lots to be done and little time to do it, especially at our School of Dentistry. Happiness in the workplace, however, is absolutely necessary so the “special people” who work at UNC Dentistry feel engaged and committed to our mission, vision and values -- all of which move us beyond excellence.

According to Nataly, there are five core happiness principles: acceptance, gratitude, kindness, the bigger why and self-care. You might practice some of them already. But when brought together and practiced regularly, they are an impressive powerhouse that helps us find joy in simple everyday moments and boosts our emotional immune system to get us through challenging times with resilience.

Focus on being happy; practice these five core skills; visit Nataly’s website; and help create a human-centered culture rooted in gratitude, kindness and safety as we transform dentistry for better health.

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

School News

Dsouza Selected as Student Delegate for the American Dental Hygienists' Association

Roxanne Dsouza, a second-year student in the Master of Science in Dental Hygiene Education (MSDH) Program, has been selected to serve as the American Dental Hygienists' Association District IV Student Delegate.

“I’m so grateful for the opportunity to represent District IV as a student delegate for the American Dental Hygienists Association (ADHA),” said Dsouza. “I look forward to advocating for my profession as a current and future leader in dental hygiene education at the ADHA Annual Conference in June.”

In this role, Dsouza has been appointed to lead in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. She will have the opportunity to represent student members of the ADHA, and also sit on the House of Delegates floor during all three meetings.
Byrd, Quinonez, Investigate Oral Health Counseling

Pediatric Dentistry Resident Gentry Byrd, DDS, and Associate Dean for Educational Leadership and Innovation Rocio Quinonez, DMD, MS, MPH, of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry are co-authors of a paper that investigates prenatal oral health counseling by primary care physicians.

This is the first study to provide national estimates and predictors of primary care providers prenatal oral health counseling using the data from the 2013 Survey of Primary Care Physicians on Oral Health by the United States Department of Health and Human Services' (US DHHS) Office of Women’s Health.

To read the full paper, published in The Journal of Maternal and Child Health, click here.

Khan Recognized with Best Article Award by the Journal of Endodontics

Asma Khan, BDS, PhD, associate professor of endodontics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, has been recognized by the Journal of Endodontics with the best article award in the category of “Basic Research – Biology” for her work, “Viral MicroRNAs Identified in Human Dental Pulp.”

For these awards, the Journal of Endodontics specifically honored papers which represented significant advances in endodontics. Papers were selected for their scientific merit and broad impact on dental research, originality of research objectives and ideas, creativity of study design and uniqueness of approach and concept, validity of statistical and/or epidemiological methods, and clarity of presentation. Congratulations, Dr. Khan!

UNC-CH School of Dentistry has Record Attendance at ASDA Conference

The School of Dentistry’s ASDA chapter attended the ASDA Annual Session on February 21-24, in Anaheim, California. The conference brings together hundreds of student leaders from all 66 U.S. dental schools.

It is the official meeting of ASDA’s House of Delegates and the meeting during which association policy is voted on. The week’s events also include a dental exposition to meet vendors; the Gold Crown Awards Ceremony to recognize chapter and member achievements; and the elections of new national leaders. This year a dozen of UNC-CH students attended the conference! Congratulations on their hard work!

Financial Fitness Workshops

The School of Dentistry Office of Human Resources has partnered with the UNC-CH Benefits Office and TIAA to support financial fitness for employees. There will be three workshops focused on managing personal finance and saving for the future.

Links to register for each workshop are below. All workshops will take place from 1-2 p.m. in G405. Lunch will be provided for each session.

• **Tuesday, April 10th, "Inside Money"**
  Objectives: How to make your money work, understanding debt and the importance of cash flow.

• **Tuesday, April 17th, "Money at Work"**
  Objectives: Managing risk vs. reward, understanding investing and investment risk, products and tools to manage a portfolio.

• **Tuesday, April 24th, "The Starting Line"**
School of Dentistry Students at TeamSmile in Charlotte, North Carolina

A group of UNC-CH dental students traveled to Charlotte, North Carolina to help with a TeamSmile event. The event organizers shared their thanks for the students’ support:

"I wanted to express my gratitude for the fine group of students who volunteered their time last Friday to help with the TeamSmile event in Charlotte, NC. They were a pleasure to deal with and worked hard all day. It’s the volunteers that make this possible and I hope they return as dentists after boards! I have always had the utmost respect for the UNC School of Dentistry and these future dentists just bolstered my positive opinion!"

Thank you to our incredible students for their hard work and for being a positive representation of the university. We are so proud of you!

Fourth Annual Staff Retreat

On Friday, Mar. 23, the School of Dentistry held its Fourth Annual Staff Retreat, “The Evolution of You Continues.”

Judson Laipply, motivational speaker and Evolution of Dance YouTube sensation, gave an upbeat and engaging presentation. More than 180 staff members participated in the full-day event, and many gave of their own time and talents by teaching and/or leading sessions.

Thank you to everyone who participated! The staff retreat organizing committee would also like to thank school leadership for continuing to support this event.

Student and Resident News

- **Kevin Byrd, DDS, PhD**, resident in the Oral Biology PhD Curriculum, received first place in the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) Hatton Competition. Byrd will move on to compete in the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) Unilever Hatton Competition and Awards at the 96th General Session and Exhibition in London, England this July.

- **Roxanne Dsouza**, a second-year student in the Master of Science in Dental Hygiene
Students from the School of Dentistry traveled to **Nicaragua, Brazil** and the **Philippines** during their spring break. In Nicaragua, students provided free, comprehensive care to **228 patients**, and worked with Nicaraguan pediatric dentists, orthodontists, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, psychologists and more. In Brazil, students explored, observed and assisted with various dental procedures, including laser surgery, wisdom teeth extractions, special needs care, and much more. The students arrived back in Chapel Hill over the weekend and we hope to share more updates soon!

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**Next Clinical Update Series: April 16**

The next clinical update series will be held Monday, Apr. 16, 2018 from 1-2 p.m.

This lecture features Kate Ciarrocca, DDS, who will present her lecture "Medically Complex Patients Part II: An Update on Anticoagulation and Antibiotic Prophylaxis."

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**Employee News**

- **Li Chen, RDH, MS**, presented her research poster, "Surface Disinfection of PSP Barriers with H2O2 vs. Phenol Wipes," at the American Dental Education Association’s (ADEA) Annual Meeting.
- **Kimon Divaris, DDS, PhD**, and **Lewis Lampiris, DDS, MPH**, were invited presenters at ADEA. Their presentation was titled "Experiencing Poverty: Understanding Social Determinants of Health Through Simulation."
- **Ashraf Fouad, DDS, MS**, gave a presentation on endodontic microbiology at a board preparation course for the American Board of Endodontics at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Dr. Fouad also gave a presentation titled "The Role of Infection and Disinfection in Dental Pulp Regeneration" at the 47th Annual Meeting of the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) for the Pulp Biology and Regeneration group.
- **Jennifer Harmon, RDH, MS**, presented with her emerging leaders group at ADEA. Her presentation was titled, "Summer Program for Emerging Academic Leaders Fellows’ Symposium."
- **Asma Khan, DDS, PhD**, gave a presentation on "Epigenetic Modifications in Pulpits" at the AADR symposium.
- **Lewis Lampiris, DDS, MPH**, received a grant from the DentaQuest Foundation to serve on the Oral Health 2020 National Oral Health Connections Team.
- **Jessica Lee, DDS, MPH, PhD**, was awarded the 2018 Four Corners Study Club Faculty Mentoring Award.
- **Valerie Murrah, DMD, MS**, represented the American Academy of Oral and...
Maxillofacial Pathology at the annual meeting of the U.S. and Canadian Pathology Academy earlier this month. Dr. Murrah also presented the results of a pilot study titled "Revitalizing Senior Facility" to the Council of Faculties at ADEA.

- **Gustavo Oliveira, DDS**, was awarded the Inaugural 2017 Rising Star Faculty Award by the Academy of Operative Dentistry at their annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Oliveira also completed the ADEA Summer Program for Emerging Academic Leaders 2017, and presented the abstract developed by the group at the ADEA Annual Session in Orlando, Florida.

- **Lauren Patton, DDS, and Steven Offenbacher, DDS, MS**, were two out of the four presenters at the AADR symposium. Dr. Patton's presentation was titled "Improving Evaluation of Potentially Malignant Disorders in the Oral Cavity," and Dr. Offenbacher's presentation was titled "Building the Oral Health Research Pipeline to Measure and Improve Treatment Outcomes."

- **Luiz Pimenta, DDS, MS, PhD**, was one of 17 visiting scholars from around the world selected for a grant from the University of Sao Paulo - Brazil to visit the Hospital of Rehabilitation of Craniofacial Anomalies in Baaroo.

- **Lattice Sams, MS**, presented a research poster at the ADEA meeting. Her research, in collaboration with **Tiffanie White, MEd**, is titled, "Enhancing Allied Dental Student Understanding of Poverty Through Simulation."

- **Taiseer Sulaiman, DDS, PhD**, was invited by the National Consortium of Operative Dentistry Educators to lecture during the Annual Academy of Operative Dentistry meeting in Chicago.

- **Don Tyndall, DDS, MPH, PhD**, presented at the 38th Annual Continuing Medical & Dental Education Commission Conference in Marathon, Greece. The bi-annual conference provides continuing education courses for physicians and dentists practicing in Africa. Dr. Tyndall's presentations were, "Cone Beam CT: 3D Vision for Dentistry," "Principles of Radiographic Interpretation," and "Principles of Panoramic Imaging."

- **Carolina Vera, DDS**, faculty advisor for the Mexico Global Team, was an honorary guest at the Window of Education Orientation, an event held by the Mexican consulate in Raleigh, North Carolina.

- **Jane Weintraub, DDS, MPH**, gave several presentations at the AADR conference, including a faculty development workshop titled, "Mentoring Mentors and Mentees," and a poster presentation on "Relationships Between Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD) and Oral Health."

- **Alexandra Yarborough, DDS**, successfully challenged all four parts of her boards and is now a board-certified prosthodontist!

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**ADEA Teach Back Lunch and Learn: April 23**

The Office of Professional Development and Faculty Affairs will host the next ADEA Teach Back Lunch and Learn on Monday, April 23 from 1-2 p.m. in Koury G502.

Hear from the faculty who attended the annual session in Orlando, Florida. Lunch will be provided.

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**New Hires**

- **Erica Bailif**: Materials Management Technician, Central Sterilization, Clinical Affairs
- **Jaared Brown**: Materials Management Technician, Central Sterilization, Clinical Affairs
- **Antionette Bullock**: Administrative Support Associate, Clinical Affairs
- **Clementine Cigna**: Administrative Support Associate, Academic Affairs
- **Jenny Ramos**: Administrative Support Associate, Clinical Affairs
- **Stacey Solomon**: Dental Hygienist, Periodontology

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**Publications Update**

**Manuscripts**

Books

Dental Research in Review Day 2018

The 34th Dental Research and Review Day (DRRD) was held on February 7. Organized by the North Carolina section of the American Association of Dental Research (AADR), the event showcased more than 90 abstracts presented in poster or oral presentation format by undergraduate, dental and advanced education students, postdocs, research staff and faculty. Colleagues from East Carolina University, NIEHS and NC&AT also participated.

The day was filled with activities that attendees enjoyed including:

- Valeria V. Gordon, DDS, MS, MS-CI, professor in the Department of Restorative Dental Sciences and director of Practice-based Research at the University of Florida, came as the DRRD keynote speaker. She has dedicated her career to research in the area of caries diagnosis and preservation of tooth structure using minimally invasive restorative techniques through translational and clinical research applications. She presented on “Practice-Based Research: Linking Research Results to Everyday Clinical Care.”
- There were two workshops and six lunch and learn sessions, during which the latest updates in digital dentistry, biofilm management, gold foil to restore conservative lesions, alveolar ridge healing, tooth shade selection and enhancing dental student understanding of poverty through simulation were discussed.

The event was a success, culminating in several students and postdocs being honored with awards on February 9. The 2018 Derek T. Turner Award winners can be found here.

We hope to see you on February 6, 2019 for the 35th DRRD!

Upcoming Events
- Apr. 2, 5 p.m.: Mini Town Hall - Department of Oral and Craniofacial Health Sciences
- Apr. 3, 6 p.m.: Spurgeon Banquet
- Apr. 4, 1 p.m.: General Faculty Meeting
- Apr. 5, 1 p.m.: Mini Town Hall - Department of Oral and Craniofacial Health Sciences
- Apr. 5, 1 p.m.: Student Research Group Student/Faculty Mixer
- Apr. 6, 7:30 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] Dental Sleep Medicine Mini Residency (two-day course)
- Apr. 6, 1 p.m.: Dean’s Art Series: Marc Callahan // Arts Everywhere Day!
- Apr. 9, 1 p.m.: Staff Curriculum Town Hall (register here)
- Apr. 10, 1 p.m.: Financial Fitness Workshop #1: Inside Money
- Apr. 12, 10 a.m.: DDS Class of 2019 Student Poverty Simulation
- Apr. 13, 7:30 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] Educational Foundations and Clinical Application for Proprietary Radiology Educators
- Apr. 14, 8 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] Assessment and Management of the Dental Patient Utilizing Sedation and Alternative Analgesia
- Apr. 16, 1 p.m.: Clinical Update Series: Medically Complex Patients Part II
- Apr. 17, 1 p.m.: Financial Fitness Workshop #2: Money at Work
- Apr. 20, 8:30 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] 22nd Annual Hygiene Lecture
- Apr. 20, All Day: Preceptor Thank You Day
- Apr. 20, 4 p.m.: DDS Class of 2021 White Coat Ceremony
Anonymous Suggestion Box

At any time, you are invited to share your thoughts, opinions or suggestions 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!)

Note that if you have complaints or specific concerns about potential violations of University policy, you should report those to the University’s EOC Office.

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).