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Friends and Colleagues,

So many aspects of this issue of the North Carolina Dental Review provide you with information on the amazing achievements of our faculty, staff, residents, and students. New faculty hires are highlighted, but quite frankly, a new, four-legged, and furry faculty member in the department of pediatric dentistry has been one of the most talked about hires in years. On the cover of this issue is, in my mind, the cutest faculty member in the history of the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry — GRAYSON.

In many respects, GRAYSON is the centerpiece to our ongoing commitment to focus on the engagement of faculty, staff, and students in work-life balance. As a school, we have long been committed to the wellness of our patients. Now, we focus on our people by promoting a deeper understanding of student, resident, faculty, and staff well-being and its importance in providing the highest quality of patient care. This is of paramount importance and central to our mission, vision, and values as a school. We are providing a curriculum and resources to enable clinicians and trainees to tend their personal well-being every day, and we are committed to fostering a learning environment that recognizes, supports, and responds effectively to our students, faculty, and staff in need of assistance.

We have reimagined our Office of Admissions and Student Life with a renewed focus on student success. Sumi Ahmed, DDS, MS, working as director of student life and academic success, is focused on guiding and advocating for students in the earlier part of their educational career at the school. At the same time, Jonathan Reside, DDS, MS, in his role as director of student life and career development, is concentrating his efforts on preparing students to enter post-graduate programs, practice or academia after graduation.

In early November, we welcomed our new Director of Student Wellness, Kate Thieda, MS, LPC, NCC, to the Office of Academic Affairs team, where she will focus on the well-being of our student body. We also welcomed August Mebane, MS, DM, our new assistant dean for human resources and staff engagement.

And of course, we are one of the first dental schools—if not the very first—in the country to have its own therapy dog, primarily to help with pediatric patients undergoing extensive dental care. But for those of us who have interacted with this new furry faculty member, we have learned that not only patients reap the benefits of her presence. Faculty members and friends who sit with her on her visits and those of us who get to pet and interact with her in the hallway or the atrium say they feel better, too.

I hope you enjoy learning about all we are doing at this amazing dental school as we embrace our vision to become the global model for oral health education, in care and discovery, and that you can join us in Chapel Hill sometime soon to see us up close transforming dentistry for better health.

Professionally yours,

Scott S. De Rossi, DMD, MBA
Dean and Professor
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http://www.prenataloralhealth.org/
When pediatric dental patients stop by for their appointment at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, there will be a new face to greet them. And she likes belly rubs.

Grayson, a two-year-old golden retriever and full-time adjunct professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, is the first full-time rehabilitative facility dog at a public dental school in the United States.

According to a 2015 study in the Journal of Dental Anesthesia and Pain Medicine, approximately 10 percent of children experience anxiety or fear of the dentist. At the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, the patients typically seen in their clinic are suffering from more severe or complicated dental disease. This often makes appointments even more stressful for children.

Sigurdur (Siggi) Saemundsson, DDS, MBA, MPH, PhD, professor in the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry Department of Pediatric Dentistry and graduate program director of pediatric dentistry, came up with a “paw-some” solution.

After reading about a dentist in Tromsø, Norway, who was planning to add a dog to her dental office, Saemundsson reached out to paw5people® to begin the process of bringing a dog to the pediatric clinic.

Based in Wilmington, North Carolina, paw5people® was founded in 1999 by 12-year-old Kyria Henry, with the goal of using dogs as a means of helping people. Henry worked with certified therapeutic facility and educational facility dogs in nursing homes, hospitals and special education classrooms throughout middle school and college. She now serves as the executive director for paw5people®.

Since the organization’s inception, they have placed more than 587 dogs who provide support in mobility, psychiatric service, educational and rehabilitative assistance and therapeutic visitation.

Training begins when the puppies are only three days old. By the time the puppies are three weeks old, they have learned basic commands and completed intense socialization and exposure. A network of staff, volunteers and families assist paw5people® in taking the puppies on outings to expose them to as many sights, sounds and textures as possible during this time — which helps puppies grow up extremely social, low stress and low arousal, and ready for specialized training.

After five months, the puppies are placed in the paw5prisons® program, where each puppy is paired with an inmate trainer or inmate trainer team for up to a year. There, puppies are cared for and trained 24/7 until the program is completed.

At paw5people®, dogs select their clients — with a little help from the staff — at approximately one year old. The matching process is called a “bump.” The foundation has found bumps are the best way to produce successful and lasting teams.

“When we approached paw5people®, they developed a plan to test several dogs that could potentially bump with us,” said Saemundsson. “Grayson was the first dog they tried, and we immediately clicked. It was an instant connection.”
paw4people® is the same organization that brought GRAYSON's brother, REMINGTON, the four-year-old medical alert assistance golden-retriever with a certification in psychiatric care, to the UNC–CH baseball team.

While in the clinic, GRAYSON is happy to offer fist bumps, handshakes and even deliver goodie bags to patients at the end of their appointments. But her role goes far beyond tricks.

GRAYSON works solely with pediatric dental patients and their families, providing comfort to children who may feel anxious. Her other clinic duties include reducing anxiety, stress and adjustment disorder related to diagnosis and treatment, and to foster socialization and morale with patients, their families and the pediatric dentistry team.

"Her controlled demeanor is incredibly essential," said Ivy Brisbin, DDS, a third-year pediatric dentistry resident at the School of Dentistry. "She never approaches someone who may be uncomfortable around dogs, but she will eagerly receive anyone who approaches her."

Even after just a few weeks, the pediatric dentistry team was able to see more positive and fun memories with each patient visit.

Erin E. Tilton, DMD, a third-year pediatric resident at the School of Dentistry, said prior to GRAYSON's arrival, she had no idea how profound an impact GRAYSON would have on patients. Now, she says, having GRAYSON has been a wonderful addition for the department and especially for her patients.

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—Erin E. Tilton, DMD

GRAYSON became a fully certified rehabilitative facility dog at a paw4people® graduation ceremony October 13, 2018, in Wilmington, North Carolina. She celebrated her accomplishment with a "pawty" at the UNC–CH School of Dentistry.

"GRAYSON is a treasure," said Dean Scott De Rossi, DMD, MBA. "She allows us to focus on our people and their wellness, in addition to providing an innovative solution for our stressed and anxious pediatric dental patients. She is an example of our continued commitment to fostering a learning environment that supports our students, residents, faculty and staff."

Saemundsson and his team find that GRAYSON provides a unique twist on being a dental student, in addition to her support of patients, their families, and the UNC–CH School of Dentistry.

"Being one of the first dental schools to have an official rehabilitative facility dog shows the steps the School of Dentistry is continually making to move beyond excellence in providing patient-centered care and in developing well-rounded dental professionals," said Brisbin.

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GRAYSON's Graduation Pawty

GRAYSON walked in with a bag of goodies for one of my anxious and nervous pediatric patients. Immediately upon receiving the goodie bag, my patient had the biggest smile on her face and warmed up to the dental environment," said Tilton. "She was eager to be a good patient as long as GRAYSON was near her, and she was super excited that GRAYSON stayed near her dental chair."

"In short, we love her," said Suzanne Baker, DDS, a third-year pediatric dentistry resident at the School.

The pediatric dentistry team finds that even children who are not afraid of the dentist are filled with joy when they see a dog in the clinic. They love to give GRAYSON a pat on the back on the way to their appointments.

"She's like the best kind of friend," said Brisbin. "Someone who is there whenever you need them for a little pick-me-up."

If you would like to learn more about the mission of paw4people® please visit: https://paw4people.org/
UNC-CH School of Dentistry Selected as ADA National Kickoff Site for Give Kids a Smile Day 2019

EMILIE POPPLETT, UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

The dental chair can be a scary place for any 5-year-old. Fortunately, the students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry have here to help children overcome that fear. For the past five years, the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry has hosted children from the local community in February for its annual Give Kids A Smile Day event. Each year, more than 200 dental students, residents, faculty and staff from the UNC-CH School of Dentistry provide oral health care services that include oral screenings, fluoride varnish treatment, and referrals for continued care to another facility as necessary.

Since the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry began holding an annual Give Kids A Smile Day event in 2014, the school has provided nearly $40,000 of in-kind care to nearly 300 children who attend Durham Head Start in Durham, North Carolina.

"Give Kids A Smile serves as an opportunity for us to reach deeper into our communities and help balance the scales of disparities among children," said Michael Davis, DDS Candidate 2020. "On February 1, 2019 we will have another chance to collaborate with our healthcare colleagues in not only change the oral health trajectory for many children in need, but their overall health. I’m honored that the American Dental Association Foundation selected us to kick off this nationwide initiative that began nearly 17 years ago in St. Louis, Missouri."

According to the 2014 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment report, more than 18 million low-income children went without dental care, including routine exams, in 2014.

The Give Kids A Smile program aims to address the need for oral health care across the country by providing free oral health care services, including screenings, fluoride treatments, and more, to children from low-income families, preserving their children’s smiles for their lifetime. Since the ADA Foundation’s GKAS program began in 2003, half a million volunteers have provided free oral health care to more than 5.5 million children. In 2018 alone, nearly 300,000 children received care at 1,469 events across the country.

A unique focus of the GKAS event at UNC-Chapel Hill is its interprofessional aspect, providing more than just free oral health care to the three-to-five-year-old children who attend the event. Students from the UNC-CH School of Medicine, School of Nursing, Eshelman School of Pharmacy, Gillings School of Global Public Health and the athletics department participate in the event, which includes a health fair that allows the children to learn age-appropriate tips and best practices for their overall health.

This February, the school will serve as the American Dental Association (ADA) Foundation’s national kickoff site for the Give Kids A Smile program.

"This is an incredible honor for our school, and we are humbled and excited that the ADA Foundation selected our school as its national kickoff site," said Dean Scott S. De Rossi, DMD, MBA. "Being selected is a tribute to our students, who tirelessly plan, organize and put on this event each year. Give Kids A Smile Day is another example of how our students, residents, staff and faculty passionately serve our community, and I could not be more proud that our school will serve as the national kickoff location in 2019."

The school expects to have more volunteers and serve more children than in previous years as the event will span an entire day, not just a morning.

"The ADA Foundation is excited about the 2019 GKAS national kickoff event being hosted by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry," said Dr. Bill Calnon, ADA Foundation president and interim executive director. "The enthusiasm already portrayed is palpable. This student-led program will provide education and treatment to more than 350 children. It will serve as an example to answer the challenge of UNC leadership to move ‘beyond excellence’."

School Rated Number Two Dental School Globally for Second Consecutive Year

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry maintained its rank as the number two dental school in the world in the 2018 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) released by the Center for World Class Universities at Shanghai Jiao Tong University earlier this month. This is the school’s second consecutive year of receiving this rating.

"Again being rated as the number two dental school in the world by ARWU is an incredible honor," said Dean Scott De Rossi, DMD, MBA. "As we strive to become the global model for oral health education, we endeavor to push ourselves beyond the excellence we have upheld for nearly 70 years into a new echelon.

This outstanding rating is the result of the dedication of our school’s faculty and staff, who believe in doing their part to transform dentistry for better health, and who work every day to help us achieve our ultimate goal of setting the standard for oral health education here in Chapel Hill."

Other dental schools in the top five include the University of Michigan (ranked number one), and the University of Washington, Harvard University and King’s College London, in that order.

The UNC-Ch School of Dentistry was not the only UNC-Ch entity to receive high marks. The University overall ranked 30th in the world and 22nd in the United States among global universities. Additionally, nine other subjects were ranked in the top 20 globally. Those include:

- 4th in public health
- 4th in statistics
- 5th in pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences
- 6th in nursing
- 11th in education
- 13th in library and information science
- 15th in biological sciences
- 15th in finance
- 18th in computer science and engineering

The ARWU rankings are compiled annually by the Shanghai Ranking Consultancy. For a full list of rankings and more information on the methodology, visit www.shanghairanking.com.
In Memoriam

Steven Offenbacher, Former Chair of Periodontology, Passes Away

Steven Offenbacher, DDS, PhD, MMSc, W.B. Kenan Distinguished Professor and former chair of the Department of Periodontology, passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 9, 2018. He was 67 years old.

“The passing of Dr. Offenbacher is completely shocking to us all,” said Dean Scott De Rossi, DMD, MBA. “In his field and across oral health, it is no exaggeration to say that Dr. Offenbacher’s name was synonymous with periodontology. He was truly a giant, and as much of a giant as he was in periodontology, his heart was bigger. He was larger than life in all aspects: his scholarship, his patient care, his laugh and, most important, his heart. Here in Chapel Hill, we had the opportunity to know Dr. Offenbacher as a colleague, a mentor, a trusted advisor, and a friend. While oral health across the world will greatly feel his loss, it goes without saying that those of us who spent our workdays alongside him certainly have a greater loss in his passing.”

After he graduated from Harvard School of Dental Medicine, Offenbacher earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree and his PhD in biochemistry from Virginia Commonwealth University. He completed his Master of Medical Science degree in oral biology from Harvard Medical School; the Department of Periodontology, at the Emory University School of Dentistry; the Harvard School of Dental Medicine; and returned to Harvard for post-doctoral training in pharmacology and periodontal medicine at the Forsyth Dental.

Offenbacher served as a faculty member, ascending to the role of chair of the Department of Periodontology, at the Emory University School of Dentistry before coming to UNC-Chapel Hill. He began his work at Emory University in 1980, after working as an instructor in at the Medical College of Virginia and as a research fellow at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine.

Offenbacher joined the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry faculty in 1991. In 2001, he was appointed the OralPharma Distinguished Professor of Periodontal Medicine. During his time at UNC-ChH, he also served as director of the Center for Oral and Systemic Diseases, and of the General and Oral Health Center — often called GO Health. He was appointed the chair of the Department of Periodontology, in 2010, after serving four months as interim chair, and stepped down from that position on July 30, 2018 with plans to remain on the school’s faculty and refocus his efforts on scholarship and mentorship.

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William R. Proffit, Former Chair of Orthodontics, Passes Away

William R. Proffit, DDS, MS, PhD, past W.R. Kenan Distinguished Professor, former chair of the Department of Orthodontics and professor emeritus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, passed away September 30, 2018. He was 82 years old.

“Dr. Proffit was well-known and extremely wise in the field of orthodontics. Almost every orthodontic resident has to read his book, and he mentored many successful orthodontists in the U.S. and worldwide,” said Ching-Chang Ko, DDS, present M.D.D., chair of the Department of Orthodontics. “His passing has been a shock to us all.”

Proffit is widely considered an extraordinary influence on the field of orthodontics in the U.S. and across the globe. He was the author of “Contemporary Orthodontics,” a book now printed in 12 languages and known worldwide as the definitive text for both pre-doctoral and post-doctoral orthodontic students; he had completed the sixth edition revisions earlier this year. He was co-author of “Surgical Correction of Dentofacial Deformity” and “Surgical-Orthodontic Treatment,” and published more than 200 research papers, 20 book chapters and gave many invited presentations.

Katherine Vig, BDS, met Proffit in 1975 after moving from England to North Carolina. She described Proffit’s encouragement, support and guidance as a defining part of her eight-year career with the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry.

“Bill Proffit’s enthusiasm and leadership defined the UNC-Chapel Hill orthodontic program,” said Vig. “He had a brilliant, analytical mind capable of unraveling complex concepts, which made him a sought-after speaker and a unique teacher. He was easily underestimated, with his measured speech and courteous demeanor. For those who decided to be combative, it was at their peril for Bill Proffit had a quick wit and an encyclopedic mind, which made him a formidable adversary. “From my perspective, it is the end of an era and throughout the world we are grieving the loss of a unique individual and leader in the orthodontic profession.”

H. Garland Hershey, Jr., DDS, MS, professor of orthodontics at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, has known Proffit for nearly 50 years. Throughout that time, Proffit has been a towering figure in academic orthodontics, he said.

“Through his prolific writings and lectures worldwide, he has been a teacher, mentor and role model for countless orthodontists and students at all levels,” said Hershey. “His imprint on orthodontics is indelible and his positive influence will continue to guide our profession far into the future.”

In 1992, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Board of Trustees named Proffit a W.R. Kenan, Jr. Distinguished Professor. The professorship is considered one of the University’s most prestigious honors.

He received many awards and accolades throughout his lifetime including the American Dental Association’s Norton Ross Award in 1994; the American Association of Orthodontists’ (AAO) Louise Ada Jarabak Memorial Teachers and Research Award in 2000; the Southern Association of Orthodontists/ Distinguished Service Award in 2001; the North Carolina Dental Society’s Meritorious Achievement Award in 2002; and the American Board of Orthodontics’ Ketcham Award in 2005. In 2017, he received the inaugural AAO Lifetime Achievement Award in Orthodontic Research. When presenting the award to Proffit, Rolf Behrents, editor-in-chief of the American Journal of Orthodontics, recognized Proffit’s extraordinary influence on orthodontics in the U.S. and across the world. “[Proffit’s] lifelong devotion to the specialty has clearly shaped our present and helped design our future,” said Behrents.

“Dr. Proffit was an innovative and compassionate leader who took orthodontics at UNC and around the world to a new level,” said Dean Scott De Rossi, DMD, MBA. “He was an innovative and compassionate leader who took orthodontics at UNC and around the world to a new level. To say that the global dental community has lost a significant influence would be an understatement, but there is no way to underestimate the loss our school is feeling.”

A native of Harnett County, North Carolina, he received both his undergraduate degree and his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He earned a doctorate of philosophy in physiology from the Medical College of Virginia, and a master’s in orthodontics from the University of Washington.

Proffit served as an investigator at the National Institute of Dental Research in Bethesda, Maryland, for two years before joining the faculty at the University of Kentucky as the first chair of the orthodontic department in 1965. In 1973, he was appointed professor of orthodontics and chair of pediatric dentistry at the University of Florida. He joined the faculty at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry in 1975, where he served as a professor and chair of the Department of Orthodontics for 26 years.

As the school works steadily toward the goals outlined in its strategic plan, a continual evaluation of the current status quo is underway. Knowing that this is the school’s opportunity to harness the best about the school and combine it with transformative organizational strategies, the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry recently created two new departments designed to find efficiency within its departmental structure. The school also undertook two noteworthy leadership transitions in departments left otherwise unaffected by the formation of the new departments: one in periodontology, and one in oral surgery.

The changes outlined below — whether sharing news of a new departmental chair or a brand new department — all work together with the school’s vision to become the global model for oral health education. Transforming the organizational structure of the school to execute meaningful change initiatives, encourage deeper levels of collaboration and identify new efficiencies equals one thing: progress toward the school’s ultimate goal of moving beyond excellence.
Cook has served as the program director of the prosthodontics advanced education program and as an associate professor within the department for the last two years. He completed undergraduate studies in biochemistry and chemistry at North Carolina State University. He earned his DDS at the University of Southern California. After dental school, he attended the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio where he received certificates in prosthodontics and periodontology, as well as a master’s degree. Cook is a diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and American Board of Periodontology.

George Blakey, DDS, Raymond F. White Distinguished Professor and director of the graduate program for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, was appointed to chair of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and also the school’s first assistant dean of hospital affairs in July 2018. As chair, he succeeds Timothy Turvey, DDS, FACS, who served as chair of the department for more than 20 years. As assistant dean of hospital affairs, Blakey will serve as the school’s primary liaison with UNC Health Care. In his role as chair, Blakey will provide administrative oversight and guidance for the department, including its faculty practice and research components, day-to-day administrative needs at the UNCG-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry and UNC Hospitals and the appointment of a new director of the residency program.

**Department of Restorative Sciences Created; Cook Appointed Chair**

The UNG-CH School of Dentistry’s Department of Prosthodontics and Department of Operative Dentistry formally merged to become the school’s Department of Restorative Sciences in a change approved by the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees, effective July 2, 2018. This collaborative department will bolster interdisciplinary research, expand academic programs and improve faculty workloads. Besides giving comprehensive (or general) dentistry at a home, the consolidation also offers the opportunity for a unified front in seeking support for a digital dentistry center for the entire restorative effort, among other opportunities to take advantage of increased resources and streamlined functions, allowing for heightened efficiency, strengthened programs and more. The department will better be able to recruit top residents and faculty through a broader approach to outreach and an expanded image.

“This convergence of disciplines will provide the greatest impact in teaching, research and service,” explained Dean Scott S. De Rossi, DMD, MBA. “Our school community believes this departmental restructure positions us to lead the way in prosthodontics, general dentistry, biomaterials and operative dentistry in new, exciting ways.”

The new, combined department is chaired by Ryan Cook, DDS, MS. On Cook, De Rossi said, “Dr. Cook is dynamic, visionary and personable. His energetic nature will allow him to navigate this consolidation and succeed in leading the department, and his integrity and compassion will make him a fair and respected chair. The school’s leadership and I agree that he will excel in this role, and we are excited to see him do so.”

The departmental leadership also consists of division directors for prosthodontics, operative dentistry and biomaterials and comprehensive dentistry. Busham Duqum, DDS, MS, Taisier Sulaiman, DDS, PhD, and Jack King, DDS, will serve in these roles, respectively.

**Blakey Begins Appointment as Chair of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Assistant Dean of Hospital Affairs as Turvey Steps Down**

George Blakey, DDS, Raymond F. White Distinguished Associate Professor in 2009, and in 2004 Blakey began a decorated career which demonstrates strength in patient care, education and scholarship, and the department will continue to flourish under his leadership. Out of our desire to continue working in a more integrated fashion with UNG Health Care, we simultaneously tapped Dr. Blakey as the school’s first assistant dean for hospital affairs. His relationships and presence within UNC Health Care are an invaluable part of this role, and we are grateful that he agreed to lead the way.”

In March 2018, Turvey announced his intention to step down as chair of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery effective June 2018 to refocus his efforts on mentoring and educating students and residents.

Turvey is considered a world-renowned expert in oral and maxillofacial surgery, lecturing worldwide on a variety of topics including orthognathic surgery, craniofacial abnormalities and surgical orthodontics.

Turvey has published more than 100 peer-reviewed manuscripts, numerous book chapters and co-edited two textbooks, in addition to having served on multiple peer-reviewed magazine editorial boards during his career. His research has primarily been dedicated to long-term stability and adaptation to the correction of facial deformities.

In recognition of his work, he has been distinguished with several awards, including the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons William Gies Award for the Advancement of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Distinguished Service Award; and the 2016 UNG-CH Dental Alumni Association John C. Brauer Award.

**Susin Begins Appointment as Chair of Periodontology**

Cristiano Susin, DDS, MDS, PhD, began his appointment as chair of the Department of Periodontology in August 2018. Susin is the sixth chair of the department since its inception in 1956 and most recently served as a professor at Augusta University Dental College of Georgia in the Department of Periodontics.

“It is a true honor to join the Department of Periodontology. I am very confident that together we will expand the department’s legacy in teaching, research, and patient care,” said Susin. “We will focus on developing our talented people, strengthening our collaborations, establishing new partnerships, and being innovative.”

While at Augusta University, he also served as the director for the laboratory for applied periodontal and craniofacial research, and the director for the center for clinical and translational research. Susin has been the recipient of several awards, including the R. Earl Robinson Periodontal Regeneration Award from the American Academy of Periodontology for the study, “Periodontal healing following reconstructive surgery: effect of guided tissue regeneration using a bioresorbable barrier device when combined with autogenous bone grafting. A randomized-controlled trial 10-year follow-up.”

De Rossi said he believes that Blakey will bring strong leadership and demonstrated expertise to both of these roles: “It did not take long to realize that Dr. Blakey would be the appropriate successor for Dr. Turvey. Dr. Blakey has built a decorated career which demonstrates strength in patient care, education and scholarship, and the department will continue to flourish under his leadership. Out of our desire to continue working in a more integrated fashion with UNG Health Care, we simultaneously tapped Dr. Blakey as the school’s first assistant dean for hospital affairs. His relationships and presence within UNC Health Care are an invaluable part of this role, and we are grateful that he agreed to lead the way.”
Reinvigorating Student Wellness
Ahmed and Reside Named Directors of Student Life

“They will ... help new graduates thrive and navigate the beginning stages of our professional careers, and to hopefully sidestep some of the avoidable pitfalls that may have hampered the success of young dentists in the past.”

— Jordan Sawyer, DDS Candidate 2019

Ahmed and Reside will also serve as liaisons for dental hygiene and advanced dental education students according to their outlined job duties. These appointments will consist with their existing appointments within their respective departments, and as such, both will continue some of their departmental teaching and patient care responsibilities. “These appointments reflect our strong commitment to the experience of our students,” explained Edward Swift, DDS, MS, visit dean for education. “The additions of Drs. Ahmed and Reside to the Office of Academic Affairs is a part of a restructuring that will help us better serve the student body and their evolving needs as their time in dental school progresses.”

The Office of Academic Affairs oversees the various educational programs and supports academic excellence at the UNC-CH School of Dentistry. The office provides a variety of services for both current and prospective students, including pre-admission evaluations for prospective students, and advocating for the student body to ensure needs are met.

School Forms New Department of Oral and Craniofacial Sciences; Everett Appointed Chair

Effective July 2, 2018, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Board of Trustees approved the formation of the Department of Oral and Craniofacial Health Sciences within the UNC-CH School of Dentistry.

This new department will serve as a home for faculty with concentrations in the biomedical sciences, epidemiology and other health sciences disciplines. Research staff, postdoctoral research fellows, visiting scholars, volunteers and others engaged primarily in research will continue to be appointed in the Department of Oral and Craniofacial Health Sciences. The department will also serve as the home for research administration and continue to serve the entire UNC-CH School of Dentistry.

Eric T. Everett, MS, PhD, has been appointed chair of the department.

“This is an exceptionally exciting opportunity to be the founding chair and to engage faculty who will define the department’s mission and vision,” said Everett. “The biomedical sciences in the broadest sense has been a key component in the different curricula housed within the School of Medicine. As the curricula evolve, the biomedical sciences will continue to play a critical role in our students’ growth and training to become outstanding oral health providers. The Department of Oral and Craniofacial Health Sciences will join the other departments and collectively will lead the way to discovery and innovation to improving health.”

Currently, Everett also serves as the school’s associate dean of research, but in August announced plans to step down from that appointment to focus on his role as department chair. He will continue to serve in both roles until a new permanent associate dean for research is appointed; a national search is underway.

According to Dr. Rootz, Sinai brings a lot to the table. “Dr. Sinai is a visionary and a scholar. His career thus far leaves no question that he will carry on the long legacy of respect for which the department is so well known. I am confident that Dr. Sinai will excel in this new role in Chapel Hill and look forward to seeing his success as chair.”

In July 2017, Steven Offenbacher, DDS, PhD, MMSc, W.B. Kean Distinguished Professor and former chair of the Department of Periodontology, shared his intention to step down as chair once a new permanent chair was in place. Offenbacher’s last day as chair was officially August 1, 2018, at which time he rejoined the school’s faculty with a commitment to refocus his efforts on mentoring students and scholarship.

Offenbacher passed away unexpectedly August 9, 2018. Read more about his life and career on page 10.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry’s Office of Academic Affairs announced that Sumitha Ahmed, DDS, MS, assistant professor in the Department of Restorative Sciences, and Jonathan Reside, DDS, MS, assistant professor in the Department of Periodontology, will begin appointments as new Directors of Student Life. Ahmed will serve as a Director of Student Life and Academic Success. Her primary focus will be on guiding and advocating for first- and second-year dental students, and she will be responsible for various activities such as first-year orientation.

With an emphasis on third- and fourth-year dental students, Reside will serve as a Director of Student Life and Career Development. His responsibilities include guiding students as they prepare to enter post-graduate programs or practice.

“Drs. Ahmed and Reside are incredibly personable educators. Even before their respective appointments as directors of student life, I appreciated their insight and seamless ability to make each student feel valued,” said Justin Nunes, DDS Candidate 2021.

“Their qualities reflect our strong commitment to the experience of our students,” explained Edward Swift, DDS, MS, visit dean for education. “The additions of Drs. Ahmed and Reside to the Office of Academic Affairs is a part of a restructuring that will help us better serve the student body and their evolving needs as their time in dental school progresses.”

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**Ciarrocca Named Director of Interprofessional Education and Practice for the School of Dentistry**

In July 2018, Katharine Ciarrocca, DMD, MSEd, began her appointment as the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry's director of interprofessional education and practice (IPEP). This role will be a function of the school’s Office of Academic Affairs.

“We are glad to have Dr. Ciarrocca lead our school’s work in interprofessional education and practice,” said Vice Dean for Education Ed Swift, DDS, MS. “She is passionate about this initiative and has a compelling vision for the integration of IPEP within both our school’s existing and new curricula. Dr. Ciarrocca will do a wonderful job as director of IPEP, and we are delighted to have her leading this effort.”

In this role, Ciarrocca will spearhead the school’s renewed commitment to IPEP and will report to Swift, who oversees the Office of Academic Affairs. Among her responsibilities, she will establish and maintain a school-wide IPEP committee, actively seek interprofessional education opportunities for students and faculty, and work collaboratively with the UNC-CH Office for IPEP and the University’s Assistant Provost for IPEP Meg Zomorodi, PhD, RN, CNL. Ciarrocca will continue many of her other current roles and functions, including teaching pre-doctoral students and serving on the school’s Curriculum Innovation Steering Committee, as well as her appointment within the school's Department of Dental Ecology.

“Health care is becoming more collaborative by the day, and that makes this an ideal time to re dedicate ourselves to excellence in IPEP at the UNC-CH School of Dentistry,” said Ciarrocca. “This is an exciting opportunity and I am thankful to have been tapped to lead this initiative.

“We have a lot of opportunities to reshape the IPEP experience of our students so that they learn with, about and from other professional students. Our students will be entering a world where collaborative practice is imperative for better patient outcomes.”

**Karunanayake Appointed Associate Professor in the Department of Endodontics**

Glen Karunanayake, BDS, MS, has joined the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry’s Department of Endodontics as a full-time associate professor. He is delighted to be part of the UNC-CH School of Dentistry—an excellent school, in beautiful surroundings with charming people,” said Karunanayake. “I am excited about the opportunities I have at UNC-Chapel Hill to exchange ideas, knowledge and techniques, leading to innovation and research.”

Karunanayake’s responsibilities as an associate professor with the department include teaching endodontics, working in the clinics and seeing patients at the Dental Faculty Practice. His research interests include differential diagnosis of oro-facial pain, non-surgical root canal retreatment, endodontic surgery and the restoration of root filled teeth.

“Dr. Karunanayake’s background and experience will make him a great asset to the department and allow us to address our increasing responsibilities more effectively,” said Chair of the Department of Endodontics Ashraf Fouad, DDS, MS. Karunanayake received his dental degree from United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy’s and St. Thomas’ Hospitals in London, England, and earned his master’s degree from the University College London (UCL) Eastman Dental Institute in London, England.

He is a member of the Royal College of Surgeons in restorative dentistry (MRD RCS), which is recognized by professionals in England as the end point of training in one of the restorative dentistry specialties, including endodontics, periodontics and fixed and removable prosthodontics.

Prior to joining the UNC-CH School of Dentistry, Karunanayake practiced endodontics for the past fourteen years in London, England. He also held a part-time faculty position at Guy’s and St. Thomas Hospitals and King’s College teaching endodontology from 2004-2014. In his more than ten years of teaching experience, he has contributed to the training of more than 130 undergraduate dental students and 64 graduate students. He also served as an honorary clinical supervisor with the UCL Eastman Dental Institute since 2008.

**Lim Appointed Assistant Professor in the Division of Prosthodontics**

Kevin Lim, DMD, MS, began his appointment as assistant professor with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry in the Department of Restorative Sciences, Division of Prosthodontics in August.

“Dr. Lim is an extremely talented clinician, researcher and educator. He is an innovative thinker whose ideas will move our profession forward improving patient care,” said Chair of the Department of Restorative Sciences Ryan Cook, DDS, MS. “The Department of Restorative Sciences and Division of Prosthodontics is excited to add him to our team.”
Ribeiro Appointed Associate Professor in the Department of Diagnostic Sciences

In August 2018, Apoena De Aguiar Ribeiro, DDS, MS, PhD, began her appointment as an associate professor in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry Department of Diagnostic Sciences. In her role at UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, she will provide didactic teaching to pre-doctoral and graduate students, participate in research and offer committee service.

She will also provide service to dentists around the country through her work with the school’s clinical microbiology service, performing analyses of cultures for identification and quantitation of potential pathogens and implementation of molecular techniques for diagnostic microbiology.

“Dr. Ribeiro brings a wealth of expertise to the Oral Microbiology Division of the Department of Diagnostic Sciences,” said Chair of the Department of Diagnostic Sciences, Valerie Murrah, DMD, MS, MAEd. “Her knowledge of pediatric caries and the oral microbiome adds significantly to the expertise of our Oral Microbiology Division. Her track record of recent publications and her national and international recognition will no doubt result in multiple invitations to present at national and international meetings and seminars.”

“Ribeiro's appointment is one of many recent faculty appointments that demonstrate the School of Dentistry's move beyond excellence!” said Dr. Ashraf Fouad, DDS, MS, chair of the Department of Endodontics. “With her long experience as an endodontist and an educator, she will help us make significant contributions to the school’s mission and the new curriculum.”

Ferreira Susin Appointed Associate Professor in the Department of Endodontics

Effective August 2018, Lislane Ferreira Susin was appointed as a full-time associate professor in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry Department of Endodontics. She will serve as director of both the pre-doctoral and graduate clinics. As an associate professor, she will be teaching endodontics in the undergraduate and graduate clinics, and seeing patients at the Dental Faculty Practice, in addition to participating in other research and service activities.

“I am very happy and proud to be part of the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry family,” said Susin. “In my role as director of pre-doctoral endodontics, I will dedicate all my energy to improve and expand the learning opportunities and experiences of our dental students. We have outstanding faculty in the department and I’m sure that our students will be very motivated to learn and practice endodontics beyond excellence.”

She has participated in numerous research studies funded by the American Association of Endodontists, including a 2017 project titled, “Effect of Canal Anastomosis on Periapical Fluid Pressure Build-up during Needle Irrigation in Single Roots with Double Canals.”

Most recently, Susin was an associate professor in the Department of Endodontics in the Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University, where she was a full-time faculty for six years. She serves as an ad-hoc reviewer for the Journal of Endodontics (since 2011), the Journal of Dentistry (since 2016) and the Journal of Physiology and Behavior (since 2016).

“One of Susin’s main research interests is in operative dentistry from the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry. She has published numerous papers on the topic, and her research team is currently working on an NIH grant addressing endodontic caries. She is a very valuable addition to our department.” said Dr. Brad Ashraf Fouad, DDS, MS, chair of the Department of Endodontics. “We are fortunate indeed to have Dr. Ferreira Susin join our department,” said Ashraf Fouad, DDS, MS, chair of the Department of Endodontics. “With her long experience as an endodontist and an educator, she will help us make significant contributions to the school's mission and the new curriculum.”

Nunes Named Assistant Professor in the Division of Operative Dentistry and Biomaterials

Effective August 2018, Maurao Nunes, DDS, MS, began his appointment as an assistant professor in the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry Department of Restorative Sciences, Division of Operative Dentistry and Biomaterials. Nunes will be teaching in the undergraduate and graduate clinics, seeing patients at the Dental Faculty Practice and participating in research activities.

“Dr. Nunes is an extremely talented clinician who brings years of private practice experience to the department. We are excited to support his growth in research and teaching as he makes the transition to academia,” said Ryan Cook, DDS, MS, chair of the Department of Restorative Sciences.

“Dr. Nunes’ attention to detail is impeccable; his experience utilizing microscopes during tooth preparation illustrates this attention to detail. He is incredibly personable with a strong clinical background. The Department of Restorative Sciences and Division of Operative Dentistry and Biomaterials are excited to add him to our team.”

Nunes’ research interests include in vivo evaluation of dentin and enamel adhesives, in vitro evaluation of composite resins, clinical performance of dentin adhesives, clinical performance of posterior composite resins, and clinical evaluation of tooth whitening systems.

For the last 17 years, Nunes has worked in private practice in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. He has been a member of the Brazilian Association of Dentistry Rio Grande do Sul Division and the Brazilian Federal Dental Association for more than 20 years.

“Words cannot describe how privileged I feel to join the top-ranked UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry,” said Nunes. “Regardless of being away from Chapel Hill for the last 17 years, I have always kept this stunning place in my mind, so it’s really amazing to move back to this vibrant city and be part of the School of Dentistry’s forthcoming transformation. The familiar faces, warm greetings and positive comments make me feel so welcomed and encouraged to be a new member of this globally respected institution. I’m truly honored and looking forward to help make positive changes both clinically and didactically.”

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Weintraub Receives Distinguished Service Awards from Two National Organizations

Jane A. Weintraub, DDS, MPH, Alumni Distinguished Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry and adjunct professor of health policy and management at the UNC-CH Gillings School of Global Public Health was recently named the recipient of two national Distinguished Service Awards. The awards were issued by the American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHPD) and the Oral Health Section of the American Public Health Association (APHA).

Weintraub has received three of the AAPHPD’s merit awards: the President’s Award, Special Merit Award and the Distinguished Service Award. Weintraub won the first two in 1998 and 1999 respectively. The AAPHPD Distinguished Service Award recognizes excellent service in the field of public health dentistry. Weintraub was presented with the award at the AAPHPD Awards Ceremony as a part of the National Oral Health Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

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Dean De Rossi Appointed a Consultant to the American Dental Association Council on Scientific Affairs

Effective October 23, 2018, the American Dental Association (ADA) appointed Dean Scott De Rossi, DMD, MBA, to be a consultant for the Council on Scientific Affairs (CSA) through the ADA office of research, beginning September 9, 2018. As a consultant, Dean Rossi will provide expertise as requested from the CSA on oral medicine and oral pathology.

“I am honored to be a consultant for the Council on Scientific Affairs for the ADA,” said Dean Rossi. “This is a unique opportunity to work with some of the great minds in our profession to ensure that not only the oral health community, but also the general public, receive the very best scientific information on developments within dentistry. Being selected for this post is quite humbling, and I am looking forward to the year ahead serving the ADA in this capacity.”

The CSA provides information on a broad range of critical scientific issues of interest to the dental profession and the public. The council also gives guidance to the ADA science staff in the ADA Seal of Acceptance Program, the Center for Evidence-Based Dentistry, the Center for Scientific Information, the Center for Research and Standards, and the Center for Product Evaluations.

Dean Rossi is a long-time member of the American Dental Association. He has been a reviewer for the Journal of the American Dental Association since 2000. He is also active in several other peer-reviewed dental organizations, including the American Association of Dental Research, the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) and the American Academy of Oral Medicine (AAOM). In 2017, Dr. Rossi received the AAOM’s Hershuls Memorial Award for services to the Academy and in the field of oral medicine. He was named the ADA’s Leadership Fellow in 2004. Through the International Association of Dental Research presented him with the Innovation in Oral Care Award. The premier source of oral health information, the ADA has advocated for the public’s health and promoted the art and science of dentistry since 1859. The nation’s largest dental association, representing 160,000 dentist members, the ADA represents dentists committed to the public’s oral health, ethics, science and professional advancement, and organizations, including the American Association of Dental Research, the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) and the American Academy of Oral Medicine (AAOM).

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New Faculty Orientation

In September, new UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry faculty were welcomed with an orientation which included presentations from key individuals listed below.

- Lislane Ferreira Susin, DDS, Associate Professor of Endodontics
- Glen Karunanayake, BDS, MS, Associate Professor of Endodontics
- Ana Rita Ribeiro, DDS, MS, PhD, Professor of Diagnostic Sciences
- Cristino Susin, DDS, MSD, PhD, Professor of Periodontology
- Kevin Lim, DMD, MS, Assistant Professor of Restorative Sciences
- Bitt Vaconcelos, DDS, MS, PhD, Assistant Professor of Restorative Sciences
- Mauro Nunes, DDS, MS, Assistant Professor of Restorative Sciences

Faculty Development Fridays

The UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry implemented Faculty Development Fridays for all full time faculty, and others who are interested, to provide additional time for learning. The inaugural session in August featured Todd Zakrajsek, PhD, Associate Professor of Fellowship Programs in the UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Family Medicine. His topic was, “Six Essential Components Necessary for Humans to Learn.”

In September, Jodi Hogan, PhD, Associate Dean of Instructional Innovation for the UNC-Chapel Hill College of Arts and Sciences and Vice Provost, Associate Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, presented on, “Improving Teaching through Active and Inclusive Instructional Design.”

The November Faculty Development Friday featured Christian Lundberg, PhD, from the UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Family Medicine. His topic was, “Six Essential Components Necessary for Humans to Learn.”

Consulting Visit from the AAL

Two consultants visited the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry to assess the Faculty Development and Mentoring Programs. The Faculty Development Program was initiated in 2008 and the Formal Mentoring Program in 2013. The consultants met with many faculty including school leadership, key individuals from the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine, School of Pharmacy, Center for Faculty Excellence, Office of the Provost, Office of Interprofessional Education, as well as student groups. The consultants will return in January to report their findings and make recommendations for future growth of the programs.

2018 Four Corners Study Club Faculty Mentoring Award Presented

Jessica Lee, DDS, MPH, PhD, was the recipient of the 2018 Four Corners Study Club Faculty Mentoring Award for outstanding mentoring provided to UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry faculty. Lee is the Dement Distinquished Professor and Chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry. In 2010, she was the first faculty recipient of this award. Previous recipients are Richard B. Platt, MS, PhD (2017); Cheryl Phillips, MPH, PhD (2016); Greg Essick, DDS, PhD (2015); Rebecca Wilder, MS (2014).

Clinical Update Series

- Antonio Moretti, DDS, MS, and Jonathan Reside, DDS, MS, will present the next Clinical Update Series in December. The topic is “The New Classification of Periodontal and Peri-Implant Diseases and Conditions.”

2018 AAL Institute Completion

Gustavo Oliveira, DDS, and Li Chen, RDH, MSDH, completed the 2018 Academy of Advanced Leadership (AAL) Institute for Teaching and Learning in Atlanta, Georgia.

Formal Mentoring Program Updates

The formal mentoring program for all assistant professors in the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry was implemented in March 2010. To date, 28 teams for assistant professors and three for associate professors have been formed, as well as five additional teams are being formed, for a total of 33 teams. Approximately 50 faculty mentors participate in the development of junior faculty through the mentoring program.

To recognize the dedication to mentoring in the School of Dentistry and the support of the faculty in the mentoring program, Dean Scott De Rossi, DMD, MBA, and Kate Ciarocco, DMD, MSEd, hosted all mentors and mentees at a reception at their home.

Following is a list of the mentors who are participating in the formal mentoring program this year. Special recognition and thanks go to the entire faculty who have enthusiastically embraced this program and have provided their time and expertise to the junior faculty.

- Roland Arnold, PhD, Department of Diagnostic Sciences
- Lee Bouchell, DMD, MS, Department of Dental Ecology
- Jennifer Braue, RDH, MSDH, Department of Dental Ecology
- Alice Curnan, DMD, MS, Department of Diagnostic Sciences
- Ingeborg De Kok, DDS, MS, Department of Dental Ecology
- Kimon Diviari, DDS, PhD, Department of Pediatric Dentistry
- Terry Donovan, DDS, Department of Restorative Sciences
- Amelia Drake, MD, Department of Dental Ecology
- Ibrahim Dourou, BDS, MS, Department of Restorative Sciences
- Greg Essick, DDS, PhD, Department of Restorative Sciences
- Eric Everett, MS, PhD, Department of Oral and Craniofacial Health Sciences
- Stefania Ferrieri, PharmD, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Pharmacy
- Ashraf Fouad, DDS, MS, Department of Endodontics
- Rick Gradal, PhD, Department of Endodontics
- Carol Haggerty, DDS, MPH, Department of Restorative Sciences
- Kent Healey, DDS, Department of Restorative Sciences
- Harald Haymann, DDS, Med, Department of Endodontics
- Asma Khan, BDS, PhD, Department of Endodontics
- Ching-Chang Kuo, DDS, MS, PhD, Department of Oral and Craniofacial Health Sciences
- Lew Lampiris, DDS, MPH, Department of Pediatric Dentistry
- Jessica Lee, DDS, MPH, PhD, Department of Pediatric Dentistry
- Pei-Feng Lin, BDS, MS, Department of Endodontics
- Danyu Lin, PhD, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Global Public Health
- Shannon Mitchell, MS, Department of Dental Ecology
- Andre Mol, DDS, MS, PhD, Department of Diagnostic Sciences
- Antonio Moretti, DDS, MS, Department of Endodontics
- Valerie Murray, DMD, MS, Med, Department of Diagnostic Sciences
- Warren Newton, MD, MPH, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine
- Kari North, PhD, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Global Public Health
- Tung Nguyen, DMD, MS, Department of Endodontics
- Ricardo Padilla, DDS, Department of Diagnostic Sciences
- Lauren Patton, DDS, Department of Dental Ecology
- Charles Perez, DMD, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine
- Mary Pattokatit, DDS, Department of Endodontics
- Cali Phillips, MPH, PhD, Department of Orthodontics
- Luis Pimenta, DDS, MS, PhD, Department of Oral and Craniofacial Health Sciences
- Rick Platin, MS, Department of Diagnostic Sciences
- Rocío Quinones, DDS, MS, MPH, Department of Pediatric Dentistry
- Glenn Riedel, DMD, Assistant Professor of Oral Surgery
- André Ritter, DDS, MS, Department of Restorative Sciences
- Allen Samuelson, DDS, Department of Dental Ecology
- Jeffrey Simms, MPH, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Global Public Health
- Gary Slade, BDS, BS, Department of Dental Ecology
- Ed Swift, DMD, Department of Restorative Sciences
- Don Tynjalo, DDS, MPH, PhD, Department of Diagnostic Sciences
- Shannon Wollin, PhD, East Carolina School of Dental Medicine
- Jennifer Webster-Curry, DDS, PhD, Department of Dental Ecology
- Jane Weintraub, DDS, MS, Department of Dental Ecology
- Bernard Weissman, PhD, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine
- Al Wilder, DDS, Department of Restorative Sciences
- Rebecca Wilder, MS, Department of Pediatric Dentistry

A lso, the following have received ADEA Travel Awards and TeachBack:

- Wendy Clark, DDS
  Introducing a Digital Dentistry Curriculum

- Beth Kornegay, RDH, MSDH
  Fostering Self-Assessment with Effective Feedback: Preparing Our Future Dental Professionals

- Taisa Salamaan, DDS, PhD
  Appraising Systematic Reviews

- Angela Broome, DDS, MS
  An invited speaker at the UNC-Chapel Hill Center for Faculty Excellence 7th Faculty Showcase on Teaching. Her topic was, “Beyond the Standard Course Evaluation: Effective Peer Evaluation Models.”
Sumitha Ahmed, BDS, MS, was selected to attend the Leadership Development Fundamentals Program at the UNC-Ch Center for Faculty Excellence. She also received the educational research funding grant at the UNC-Ch School of Dentistry.

George Blakey, DDS, participated in the Faculty Administrators Development Program through the UNC-Ch Center for Faculty Excellence.

Antonio Amelio, MBA, PhD, welcomed his first visiting MD-PhD scholar, Jason Tassios, DMD, from Athens, Greece. He shared that two of his lab team members recently got engaged: PhD candidate Kshitij Sharma is engaged to Nicole Angelica, and postdoctoral fellow Miranda Carper, PhD, is engaged to Chris Lawrence. He was invited by the UNC-Ch Eshelman School of Pharmacy Center for Nanotechnology in Drug Delivery to present at the annual Cancer Imaging and Non-Invasive Monitoring of Treatment Responses workshop.

Silvana Barros, DDS, MS, PhD, was quoted in an article on recording guns for Prevention Magazine.

James Beck, MS, PhD, presented the Tenerbaum Lecture, “Improving Cardiometabolic Disease Classification for Precision Oral Health,” at Columbia University College of Dental Medicine.

Jennie Brama, RDH, MS, presented at the International Dental Hygienists’ Forum and at the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Allied Dental Providers Conference. Brama and Kate Ciarrocca, DMD, MSEd, also presented at the 2018 Annual Health Professions Education Day, Fifth Annual Education Research Poster Symposium, at Duke University.

Angela Brome, DDS, MS, is a primary investigator on a clinical trial comparing intraoral tomosynthesis to standard 2D radiography for the detection of interproximal caries, with co-investigators André Mol, DDS, MS, PhD, Enrique Platin, MS, and Carol Haggerty, DDS, MPH.

Li Chen, MSDM, attended the AAL Institute for Teaching and Learning at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

Kate Ciarrocca, DMD, MSEd, presented a poster presentation titled, “Interprofessional collaboration among dental hygiene and nursing students on oral health for cancer patients.”

Wendy Clark, DDS, MS, was a speaker at the 34th Annual Prosthodontics Dental Implants, Digital Dentistry and Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology for General Practitioners continuing education course.

Ryan Cook, DDS, MS, participated in the Faculty Administrators Development Program through the UNC-Ch Center for Faculty Excellence. He was also a speaker at the 34th Annual Prosthodontics Dental Implants, Digital Dentistry and Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology for General Practitioners continuing education course.

Ingeborg De Kok, DDS, MS, gave a presentation at the Raleigh-Wake County Dental Society. She was also a speaker at the 34th Annual Prosthodontics Dental Implants, Digital Dentistry and Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology for General Practitioners continuing education course.

Ibrahim Dugum, BDS, MS, performed dental impressions with prosthodontics residents and the sport dentistry group for the football team as part of the annual UNC-Ch Athletics mouth guard project, sponsored by 3M Oral Care and the UNC Dental Faculty Practice. He participated in the Leadership Fundamentals Program through the UNC-Ch Center for Faculty Excellence. He served as course director and a speaker at the 34th Annual Prosthodontics Dental Implants, Digital Dentistry and Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology for General Practitioners continuing education course.

Eric Everett, MS, PhD, participated in the Faculty Administrators Development Program through the UNC-Ch Center for Faculty Excellence.

Andras Flores, MS, ran the DNA 5K to benefit science education in North Carolina.

Angela Broome, DDS, MS, was appointed fellow of the American Headache Society.

Kimon Divaris, DDS, PhD, continues to serve on the editorial board for Pediatric Dentistry, the official journal of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD). He presented at the Children’s Research Institute Seminar Series, sponsored by the UNC-Ch School of Medicine. He was recognized as one of two outstanding reviewers by the IADR. He was invited to give a one-day course on research methods at the international summit of Zhengzhou University in Hunan, China.

Roxanne Dsouza, MSDM, was awarded a Smile for Life Research Award for her work on interprofessional collaboration practice between oral health and nursing education. Her research committee members include Rosie Quinones, DMD, MS, MPH, Sara Hubbard, DNP, RN (UNC-Ch School of Nursing), and committee chair Jennie Brama, RDH, MS.

Lynn Fox, MA, MEd, presented a reading of “We Are All Wonders” by RJ Palacio and “Jack’s New Smile,” by Ruth Trampvies as part of Craniofacial Awareness Month.

Ashraf Fouad, DDS, MS, spoke at the Raleigh-Wake Dental Society Meeting. He was appointed to the International Association of Dental Traumatology Trauma Guidelines and Glossary Committee, and was a featured speaker at the annual session of the California State Association of Endodontists. He also lectured at the Grossman, Seltzer and Bender Review Course for the American Board of Endodontics examination; gave an invited key note presentation at the World Congress on Dental Traumatology; and gave an invited presentation at a symposium sponsored by the Pul Biology and Regeneration Group at IADR, as well as a lunch and learn session.

John Ludlow, DDS, MS, and Brandon Johnson, RDH, MS, completed a dissertation review for Trophy Caricremin France of their new dental CBCT unit that will be marketed in the U.S. soon.

Sally Maurielo, EdD, presented research at IADR on a new radiographic imaging technique developed by her co-authors titled, “Use of Stationary Digital Intraoral Tomosynthesis (SDIT) for Blowing Radiography.”

Lew Lampiris, DDS, MPH, was quoted in an article for North Carolina Health News and gave an interview on WCIV for the University’s series spotlighting faculty achievements called “Focus Carolina.” Lampiris presented the ADEA e-Lean Webinar “Poverty Simulation: Understanding Social Determinants of Health.”

Jessica Lee, DDS, MPH, PhD, began her term as vice president of the AAPD in May. Lee presented on behalf of the UNC-Ch School of Dentistry at the first University Board of Trustees meeting of the fiscal year. She also attended the National Advisory Committee on Health Literacy Dental meeting.

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Asma Khan, BDS, PhD, presented research titled, “Endosomal TLR-8 senses NFkB cytokines,” at IADR.

Bath Komeyag, CDA, RDH, MS, attended the Ultrasonic Scaling ‘Teaching Institute’ at Dentistry in York, Pennsylvania, by Dentistry Sirona Preventive. She also gave a six-hour continuing education course titled, “Prevention and Management for Medical Emergencies for Dental Hygienists.”

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Loma Koroluk, DMD, MS, presented a Mini-Oral at the 71st Annual American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Meeting. He will continue to serve on the editorial board for Pediatric Dentistry; the official journal of the AAPD.

Patricia Miguez, DDS, MS, was selected by the U.S. Bone and Joint Initiative to attend the Young Investigator Initiative Grant Mentoring and Career Development Program in spring 2019.

André Mol, DDS, MS, PhD, presented over the 2018 certifying examination of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (AAOMR), and was elected to the nominations committee of the AAOMR. Mol and Enrique Platin, MS, were granted a
patent for their work on intraoral tomosynthesis. This is the second patent they have been awarded in two years.

Valerie Murrah, DMD, MS, MEI, chaired the meeting of all oral and maxillofacial pathology laboratory directors in the U.S. and Canada at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (AAOMP) in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. She ran the DNA 5K to benefit science education in North Carolina.

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The Spurgeon Award Banquet is coordinated by the Office of Academic Affairs and the Spurgeon Dental Society. LaShawn Hart, DDS Candidate 2019, served as president of Spurgeon during 2017-18. The other executive board officers included Vice President Timothy Neal, DDS Candidate 2020; Treasurer Eva Desai, DDS Candidate 2021; Secretary Karleigh Bullard, DMD Candidate 2019; and periodontist resident Brenda Lopezes served as social representative. Associate professor of Operative Dentistry, Jack King, DDS, 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, Jr., a member of the DDS Class of 1955.

The 2017-18 James Harrell Award for Citizen Leadership, awarded for bringing exceptional leadership, extraordinary enthusiasm, and strong sense of service to the community, was awarded to Keyachika Hawkins, DDS Candidate 2018. Haldis Anderson, DDS Candidate 2018, received the Robert A. Tormey, Jr. Memorial Award, which is given annually in memory of Bob Tormey (DDS Class of 1948) to a fourth-year student who demonstrates humor, loyalty and great care for others. The Zane E. Eagle, Jr. Memorial Award, which honors the late Zane Eagle (DDS Class of 1988), was awarded to Desi Matthews, DDS Candidate 2020. Matthews’ classmates nominated him as the student who best exemplifies a strong dedication to community, faith and dental school. Following is a full list of the awards and recipients.

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### DA Clinical Achievement Award
- *Maddie Gerber*, DDS ’18

### DDS-1 Awards
- **Professor:** Dr. Gustavo Oliveira, Operative Dentistry
- **Student:** Ms. Tammy Collins, Clinical Affairs
  - **Faculty:** Dr. Baisam Al-Rawi
  - **Student:** Justin Nunez, DDS ’21

### DDS-2 Awards
- **Professor:** Dr. James Fiorello, School of Medicine
- **Student:** Ms. Tammy Collins, Clinical Affairs
  - **Faculty:** Dr. Hector Saenz de Viteri Tejeda

### DDS-3 Awards
- **Professor:** Dr. Jack King, Operative Dentistry
  - **Student:** Ms. Toby Lauster, Clinical Affairs
  - **Resident:** Dr. Nic Peltt

### DDS-4 Awards
- **Professor:** Dr. Jack King, Operative Dentistry
  - **Student:** Ms. Lisa MauKin, Operative Dentistry
  - **Resident:** Dr. Daniel Crossan, Operative Dentistry

### DH Alumni Award
- **Student:** Jingyi Zhang, DDS ’18

### DH-1 Awards
- **Faculty:** Prof. Jennifer Harmon, Dental Ecology
  - **Staff:** Mary Mackenzie, Clinical Affairs
  - **Student:** Sarah Liebkemann, DDS ’19

### DH-2 Awards
- **Faculty:** Prof. Beth Kornegay, Dental Ecology
  - **Staff:** Mary Mackenzie, Clinical Affairs
  - **Student:** Ashley Gregory, DDS ’18

### Dental Ecology Community Dentistry Award
- **Student:** Caroline Durham, DDS ’18

### DENTSPLY International Award in Removable Prosthodontics
- **Faculty:** Abby Becherer Bartholomew, DDS ’18

### Dr. Dwight Clark Memorial Awards
- **Senior:** Kathryn McTigue, DDS ’18
  - **Graduate:** Dr. Courtni Woźniak, DDS ’18
  - **Junior:** Claudia Lemon, DDS ’18

### Eleanor A. Forbes Clinical Achievement Award
- **Student:** Adriana Lambert, DH ’18

### Four Corners Study Club Faculty Mentoring Award
- **Professor:** Dr. Jessica Lesko, Operative Dentistry

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### Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics Award
- **Student:** Preston Ford, DDS ’18

### Student Research James Bawden Mentor Award
- **Student:** Dr. Jonathan Resilka, Periodontics

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- **Student:** Dasi Matthews, DDS ’20

### Syrian Association for Oral Implantology
- **Student:** Korry Tauber, DDS ’18

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### American Dental Association/DENTSPLY Student Clinician Research Program Award
- **Student:** Talia Johnson, DDS ’19

### American Dental Society of Anesthesiology Horace Wells Senior Student Award
- **Student:** Abby Becherer Bartholomew, DDS ’18

### American Student Dental Association Advocate Award
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### American Student Dental Association Award of Excellence
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### DDS-1 Awards
- **Resident:** Dr. Maria MacKenzie, Clinical Affairs
  - **Faculty:** Dr. Jack King, Operative Dentistry
  - **Student:** Ashley Gregory, DDS ’18

### DDS-2 Awards
- **Resident:** Dr. Daniel Crossan, Operative Dentistry
  - **Faculty:** Dr. Jack King, Operative Dentistry
  - **Student:** Mary Mackenzie, Clinical Affairs

### DDS-3 Awards
- **Resident:** Dr. Nic Peltt
  - **Faculty:** Dr. Jack King, Operative Dentistry
  - **Student:** Ms. Toby Lauster, Clinical Affairs

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- **Resident:** Dr. Daniel Crossan, Operative Dentistry
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  - **Staff:** Tiffany White, Dental Ecology
  - **Student:** Claudia Lemon, DA ’18

### DDS-1 Awards
- **Faculty:** Dr. Gustavo Oliveira, Operative Dentistry
  - **Student:** Ms. Tammy Collins, Clinical Affairs
  - **Faculty:** Dr. Baisam Al-Rawi

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### DH Alumni Award
- **Student:** Jingyi Zhang, DH ’18

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  - **Student:** Sarah Liebkemann, DDS ’19

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  - **Staff:** Mary Mackenzie, Clinical Affairs
  - **Student:** Ashley Gregory, DDS ’18

### Dental Ecology Community Dentistry Award
- **Student:** Caroline Durham, DDS ’18

### DENTSPLY International Award in Removable Prosthodontics
- **Faculty:** Abby Becherer Bartholomew, DDS ’18

### Dr. Dwight Clark Memorial Awards
- **Senior:** Kathryn McTigue, DDS ’18
  - **Graduate:** Dr. Courtni Woźniak, DDS ’18
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Congratulations

CLASS OF 2018

On May 11, the School of Dentistry conducted its 65th commencement exercise. The Class of 2018 and their guests were treated to a barbeque celebration on Thursday, sponsored by Delta Dental of NC and the Dental Foundation of North Carolina. Dr. Michael Glick, former dean of the SUNY Buffalo School of Dental Medicine and editor-in-chief of the Journal of the American Dental Association, delivered the keynote address at commencement. Congratulations, Class of 2018! We’re so proud of you! Be sure to visit us in Chapel Hill soon!
More than 400 UNC School of Dentistry students, staff and faculty provided 1,624 hours of service to the local community on its fourth annual day of service, conducted on Sept. 27, 2018. The school cancelled classes and clinics for the day to allow the volunteers to conduct community service work across the triangle area. The day of service was established in honor and memory of the late Deah Barakat and Yusor Abu-Salha and is called DEAH DAY: Directing Efforts And Honoring Deah And Yusor.

The 432 volunteers spread out across four counties and eight cities in North Carolina, giving back at 31 sites from food banks to elementary schools, for a total of 1,624 hours of service. Volunteers delivered food with Meals on Wheels, organized inventory at community stores, provided oral health education to children, constructed homes with Habitat for Humanity, facilitated sign-ups for Operation Christmas Angel with families who don’t speak English, landscaped, arranged and restocked food bank shelves, and much more.

“DEAH DAY allows us all to come together to serve our community while embodying the selfless and caring attitudes that Deah, Yusor, and Razan possessed. The significance of DEAH DAY extends beyond the service that we provide; we are also able to show our dedication to inclusivity.”

LaShawn Hart, DDS Candidate 2019 co-chair of DEAH DAY

More than 1,600 Hours of Service Provided on Fourth Annual Day of Service
The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship has selected four University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry 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.

Inclan and Ashlin will be addressing access to care in the special health care needs community by establishing an educational workshop series and screening event at the Triangle Down Syndrome Network. The educational workshop series will address the importance of dental hygiene and ways in which families can improve their dental hygiene routines at home. Their goal is to improve dental hygiene among special health care needs individuals, as well as enhance their home care and comfort levels while at the dentist.

"We are honored and excited to have received the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, which will enable us to serve a population that is close to both of our hearts," said Inclan and Ashlin.

Haymore and Hotic have served as coordinators of the School of Dentistry’s involvement in the UNC-CH Student Health Action Coalition (SHAC). "We are one of the oldest student-run free dental clinics in the United States," said Haymore and Hotic. "Students provide screenings, extractions, fillings, radiographs and cleaning services. All providers are volunteers, including the faculty who oversee the procedures. During the academic year, the clinic provides more than $100,000 worth of care to those in need."

Due to age restrictions, the dental SHAC typically provides care to those 18 years of age and older. Both students noticed a growing need among patients of adolescent age who often accompanied their parents to the clinic. Haymore and Hotic looked to expand the clinic’s offerings to address the unmet needs of adolescent teens (ages 14-17) in the North Carolina Triangle area (Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill) by establishing a free dental clinic for those who do not have a dental home or regular access to dental care.

Their service project involves three parts. The first component is to develop an interactive education program to provide oral health and hygiene education to teens. Second, they will provide individualized comprehensive treatment, including screening, radiographs, operations and extractions. Finally, the project will help patients find a permanent dental home.

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.

The program gives students the opportunity to provide health service to underserved populations with real-life situations where students can use their skills and knowledge, collaborate across disciplines, and exercise leadership skills by working with and influencing community-based organizations, local leaders and more.

"I think of DEAH DAY as a way to reconnect with one of our major roles as healthcare providers, which is to be leaders in serving our local communities. Deah and Yusor set the example for us with their selflessness and commitment, and it is an honor to carry on their legacy."

Ann Danello, DDS Candidate 2019 co-chair of DEAH DAY
Laura Sundmark, DDS Candidate 2023, is one of two national winners of the 2018 Pankey Institute Dr. Donald C. “Ozzie” Ashby Jr. Scholarship. The scholarship, named in honor of Dr. Donald C. “Ozzie” Ashby Jr., aims to support dental students and residents, and encourage a lifetime of learning.

The award provides complimentary registration to the Pankey Annual Meeting, “Dentistry in Harmony” in Nashville, Tennessee, and a travel stipend supplemented by the Dental Foundation of North Carolina. Award recipients are also paired with a mentor throughout the conference.

“Laura’s application for this scholarship, including a video presentation, was truly impressive,” said Vice Dean for Education, Ed Swift, DMD. “She is an outstanding example of dedication, perseverance and humanity” and a very worthy recipient of this prestigious award.”

Sundmark’s mentor, Sheri Kay, RDH, Pankey Institute advisor, has been involved with the Pankey Institute for decades. She expressed how proud she was of Sundmark, and how deeply committed Sundmark is to practicing dentistry in a way that embodies the Pankey philosophy.

“Laura’s natural gift of connecting with people and her dedication to providing clinical excellence is a natural match for what the Pankey Institute develops and teaches,” said Kay. “It is amazing to witness and support Laura on her dental journey, and I know that this award is the first of many ways that she will be recognized for her contributions to dentistry in the years to come.”

The Dr. Donald C. “Ozzie” Ashby Jr. Scholarship, now in its sixth year, is open to dental students and residents currently enrolled in an accredited dental school and in good academic standing. Applicants are selected for their dedication, perseverance and humanity shown to the dental profession.

“I was mentorized with the Pankey philosophy close to my heart and I truly believe I see dentistry through a Pankey lens,” said Sundmark. “I have no doubt that this award will be used to its fullest potential. I worked hard to get into dentistry. I plan to keep the same stamina as a lifelong learner, making connections and networking in the dental world. I want to be able to sit on the shoulders of giants, learn from the best and offer what I can in return.”

Sundmark’s video application is posted to the Pankey Institute’s YouTube channel, along with the other winner, David Markiewicz, a DDS Candidate 2019 from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry. She also is sharing her journey as a dental student on Instagram @thesmdentalstudent.

Founded in 1969, the L.D. Pankey Dental Foundation is the only nonprofit advanced dental education organization. Located in Key Biscayne, Florida, the Pankey Institute has a world renowned faculty of practicing dentists and dental technicians who help participants gain the clinical, leadership, management and human influence skills necessary to succeed in dentistry today and throughout their careers. It was the first institute of its kind and remains among the most prestigious in the world, attracting dentists from more than 40 nations. Over 25,000 dentists, dental laboratory technicians, and specialists have attended its courses and now serve millions of patients worldwide.

Laura Sundmark

Gharah-Bash and Gross Receive Awards from Hinman Dental Society

The Hinman Dental Society awarded scholarships to two students from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, Elmar “Elle” Gharah-Bash and Ryan T. Gross, both DDS Candidates 2019. The students were recognized at the 104th Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, which brought together more than 20,000 dental professionals from across the country.

“I am so honored to have been selected for this prestigious award,” said Gross. “The Hinman Dental Society represents aspects of dentistry for which I am extremely passionate — lifelong learning, collegial connections, and student support — and I could not be more grateful to represent our school in this way.”

“Laura’s video application for the scholarship was truly impressive,” said Dr. Patrick Yancey III, director of the Pankey Institute. “It was the first institute of its kind and remains among the most prestigious in the world, attracting dentists from more than 40 nations. Over 25,000 dentists, dental laboratory technicians, and specialists have attended its courses and now serve millions of patients worldwide.”

The Hinman Dental Society has promoted continuing education in the dental profession since 1912. The dean or director of each school’s dentistry, dental hygiene and dental assisting departments selects recipients. As part of their award, Hinman Scholars are invited to attend the Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

Today, the meeting continues to focus on providing the best possible continuing dental education for the whole dental team. All excess revenue from the meeting is invested and gifted in the form of individual scholarships to dental, hygiene, assisting and lab tech students and contributions to institutions that foster dental education.
The UNC-CH School of Dentistry's Student National Dental Association (SNDA) chapter received the honor of being named Chapter of the Year at the National Dental Association's (NDA) 46th National Convention in Orlando, Florida. This is the chapter’s second consecutive win and its third win in four years.

“We are honored to represent UNC and bring our school this national recognition,” said Donna Lynn Thomas, president of UNC-CH SNDA and DDS Candidate 2019. “As president of UNC-CH SNDA, I have been fortunate to lead such an amazing organization filled with passionate and devoted members. We continue to be at the forefront of service and diversity thanks to our initiatives including, but not limited to, our CAARE clinic, Impressions Program and Black History Month event.”

Assistant Dean for Inclusive Excellence and Equity Initiatives and SNDA faculty advisor, Sylvia Frazier-Bowers, DDS, PhD, said not only do the students truly embody servant leaders, they are bold representatives bringing inculcacy to our school and community.

“The UNC-CH SNDA chapter remains an inspiration to me personally and professionally for their work ethic and leadership in service,” said Frazier-Bowers.

In 2015, the UNC SNDA chapter won the distinction for large SNDA chapters for the second time. In 2017, the UNC SNDA chapter won the same award for the medium chapter category.

“I am incredibly proud of our SNDA chapter for earning this distinction for the third time in four years,” said Dean Scott De Rossi, DDS, MBA. “This repeated honor reflects the impact and excellence of our school’s SNDA chapter, and is an example of why this chapter is one of our school’s star student organizations.”

The UNC-CH SNDA is highly engaged and its diverse members allow them to navigate the challenges of dental school. After graduation, I think that is what our members will remember most about SNDA and their dental school experience.”

In addition to receiving the Chapter of the Year award, UNC-CH SNDA member, Beatrice Williams, DDS Candidate 2021, was awarded second place for her research project investigating the physiological and quality of life improvements of HIV patients who visit the dentist. Williams’ research mentor is Jennifer Webster-Cyriaque, DDS, PhD.

“This was a wonderful analysis of our longitudinal HIV study here at UNC-CH, a HRSA funded Special Project of National Significance,” said Webster-Cyriaque. “Beatrice worked collaboratively with our UNC-CH Center for AIDS Research in the determination of oral health care benefits to physical and mental self-perceived health in HIV. We are very proud of Bea and of our SNDA chapter.”

While at the NDA National Convention, Williams was also awarded the Miami-Dade County Dental Society Stipend Award in recognition of her body of work at the UNC-CH School of Dentistry.
Exchange for Smiles

BY EMILIE POPPLETT, UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

A group of UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry students traveled to Nicaragua last spring to help treat children born with cleft palates and experience the life-saving power of dentistry firsthand.

With the help of an international team of experts — including 20 local dentists in the capital city of Managua and orthodontists from Peru and Venezuela — the six students performed 580 procedures, from basic cleanings to pre-surgical orthodontists.

The service trip was just one of the 10 international service and outreach trips the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry offers. Each year, students provide dental care to patients in Brazil, China, India, Malawi, Mexico, Moldova, Nepal, the Philippines and Uganda.

Over the course of a week in Nicaragua, students learned new methods in global dentistry through lectures, demonstrations and direct patient care.

“If Carolina students weren’t comfortable with a procedure, we would just assist. If we were comfortable, the Nicaraguan doctor would watch and encourage,” Cody said. “The students ended up gaining so much more confidence because we got to have this one-on-one exchange. It was amazing.”

McIntosh Song said the volunteers at the Nicaragua Operation Smile clinic, which ranged from oral surgeons to pediatric dentists to psychiatrists, provided a prime example of patient-centered care.

“The volunteers in Nicaragua really focus on changing the message to how much the patients have overcome instead of how much they’re afflicted with.”

—Wendy McIntosh Song, DDS ’18

“I’ve wanted to work with Operation Smile since I was little,” she said. “The work they’re doing is so impactful. You can imagine the stigma that these patients face in the real world, and the volunteers in Nicaragua really focus on changing the message to how much the patients have overcome instead of how much they’re afflicted with.”

Of the nearly 250 patients the students treated, one patient stands out for Cody: a 15-day-old baby whose cleft palate prevented him from drinking milk.

“We didn’t have him on the schedule, but the parents showed up at the door with this baby wrapped in blankets, and he was suffering from extreme malnourishment,” Cody said. “We knew that if we didn’t act soon, that baby was going to die.”

Operation Smile’s cleft palate experts showed the dental students and local volunteers how to fit the patient with a maxillary device, which would allow him to swallow.

“The patient came back the next day, and we saw him drink milk for the first time. It was incredibly powerful,” Cody said. “People were in tears and hugging each other. Those are the success stories of patients that bring us together as a team.”

Although the students have returned to Carolina, they continue to follow up with their fellow dentists and patients from Exchange for Smiles. This fall, several Operation Smile volunteers will travel to Chapel Hill to share their techniques with more UNC-Ch Chapel Hill School of Dentistry students.

As for Cody, the biggest takeaway was a desire to continue learning and improving throughout his career in dentistry.

“For me in life, the most important qualities are health and happiness, and in the dental profession you get to provide both health and happiness simultaneously,” he said. “You can help a patient smile and be healthy at the same time, and that’s a huge responsibility and a huge privilege.”

Sarah Spaltenstein, DDS Candidate 2019 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, was a selected recipient of the 2018 Dental Trade Alliance (DTA) Foundation Scholarship. The DTA scholarships recognize dental students across the country who demonstrate a strong commitment to community service.

“It is an honor to have been chosen for this award. Words cannot describe how happy and proud I am of how the Vidas de Esperanza dental clinic has grown during this past year,” said Spaltenstein. “I am incredibly grateful of the outpouring of support we have received from the dental community, and I look forward to watching the clinic continue to grow and flourish for years to come.”

“Sarah is an excellent student with a strong commitment to community service,” said Vice Dean of Education, Ed Swift, DMD. “She is a truly worthy recipient of this award.”

Each year, the DTA Foundation awards multiple $5,000 scholarships to students across the country recognizing students with a focus in serving their communities. Students specifically must demonstrate academic excellence in dentistry, financial need and a commitment to community service.

In 2018, DTA Foundation awarded a record 34 scholarships to students across the country.

The Robert J. Sullivan Family Foundation created a restricted fund with the DTA Foundation with an initial donation of $25,000 to support its efforts to improve dental education in the United States. The donation was made to honor the late Robert Sullivan and his love for the dental industry coupled with his strong connection to dental education.
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DDS Reunions
The Dental Foundation of North Carolina held its annual Scholarships, Fellowships and Awards Dinner on Thursday, February 1, at the Carolina Inn. The event was, as always, a wonderful opportunity for scholarship donors and their families to meet the students and residents who received generous financial support.

Dean Scott De Rossi, DMD, MBA, provided opening remarks. Dag Zapatero, DDS ’90 provided donor remarks, and the student speaker was Jaehee Yoo, DDS Candidate 2019.

Thank you to all our donors for making it possible for the DFNC to provide such a large amount of student support. We hope everyone enjoyed the dinner!

If you’re interested in establishing a scholarship, fellowship or award fund, please contact Associate Dean for Advancement, Paul Gardner (paul_gardner@unc.edu, (919) 537-3258).

Students, Donors Attend Annual Scholarships, Fellowships and Awards Dinner

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Benitez Joins the Office of Advancement

Ada Benitez joined the Office of Advancement in April. Benitez is in charge of maintaining the accounting records for the Dental Foundation of North Carolina, in addition to providing support to the Dental Alumni Association.

“Maintaining detailed records for the Foundation, which has more than $50 million in assets, is a critical role, and Ada does a terrific job,” said Associate Dean for Advancement, Paul Gardner. “Her experience in health care and government work provided excellent experience to prepare her for her position with the DFNC. We are fortunate to have someone with her expertise maintaining the financial records for the DFNC and DAA.”

Benitez obtained a business administration degree from the University of Puerto Rico. Prior to relocating to North Carolina, she worked as financial auditor and accountant on the Healthcare and Government industries in Puerto Rico. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, hiking, traveling and spending time with her family.

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$368,900 in scholarship aid
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$27,270,839 (as of 6/30/2018)

Something is Missing!

If you’re a regular reader of the North Carolina Dental Review, you may have noticed that the Honor Roll of Giving, which usually appears in the Fall/Winter issue, is not included. Please note that we have decided to move the lists online. Keep an eye out for an email with the link and more details soon!
Charles H. Norman III, DDS ’77

When Charles “Chuck” H. Norman III, DDS ’77, remembers his time in dental school, his favorite memories are the friendships he made with classmates — long nights spent completing lab work, treating challenging patient cases and preparing for the rigors of the curriculum. "I have always been proud of the unparalleled education that I received at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, the highest possible standard in academics, ethics and professionalism," Norman said.

In his reflections of his education and career, Norman began looking for ways to give back — he joined the board of directors for the Dental Foundation of North Carolina, participated in fundraising campaigns, and volunteered as adjunct faculty in the student clinics at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry.

"To me, she was already a shining star," said Wiggins-Smith. "She had a way of drawing people into her."

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"We were all in it together and we told stories about the funny experiences we get together today," Norman said. "Norman has held a particularly noteworthy career. In addition to his previous appointments as a trustee and president of the North Carolina Dental Society, he served as a trustee of the American Dental Association’s (ADA) 18th district, where he represented North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. In that capacity, he represented the district on several committees including Budget and Finance, Administrative Review, and Strategic Planning. He also served as a member of the ADA Foundation’s Board of Directors.

In 2012, he was elected president of the ADA, an experience he described as “once-in-a-lifetime.” "I have been blessed beyond measure in my professional career,” said Norman. “But in the end, being able to share my passion with my son, Dr. Matt Norman, a 2010 graduate of the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, working together in our private practice at Norman Dental has been the greatest of joys for me.”

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Wiggins-Smith remembers watching Battier’s growth from a shy child into an outgoing and personable adult. "For others and myself, she was a great role model, mentor and a friend. I was blessed to have that support follow me through college.”

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When Charles “Chuck” H. Norman III, DDS ’77, remembers his time in dental school, his favorite memories are the friendships he made with classmates — long nights spent completing lab work, treating challenging patient cases and preparing for the rigors of the curriculum. "I have always been proud of the unparalleled education that I received at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, the highest possible standard in academics, ethics and professionalism," Norman said.

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Message from the UNCDAA President

Dear Fellow Alumni,

I am genuinely humbled and honored to serve as president of our prestigious UNC-Chapel Hill Dental Alumni Association.

We, as a body, are defined by our people. We are truly fortunate to have an exemplary body of alumni from our school. The oral health professionals that UNC graduates — like you — are not only leaders in our profession, but leaders in their communities. It is not only what we do in the dental office, but what we do outside the office, that unites us as UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry alumni — our commitment to passionately serving others.

Our focus remains steadfast in supporting the people who make the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry one of the best dental schools in the world. On September 7, 2018, we publicly “kicked off” the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry’s Campaign for Carolina with a Campaign Gala held in the Koury Atrium. Thank you to all who attended. Due to your unwavering support, the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry’s Campaign for Carolina has experienced tremendous early success. Together, you have helped raise more than $32 million of our $50 million goal (which we recently increased to $70 million!). Please join me in extending a warm thank you to each and every contributor. For those who have not yet made a contribution, I shamelessly ask, “What are you waiting for?”


I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the North Carolina Dental Society Annual Session in May. Please plan to join us at the UNCDAA Breakfast meeting on Friday, May 17, 2019.

Thank you, as always, for your support of the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry and the UNC-Chapel Hill Dental Alumni Association.

All the best,

Dr. Rafael Rivera, DDS ’98
President, UNC Dental Alumni Association

1950s

John S. Hood, Jr., DDS ’57, passed away July 30, 2018. He was 96 years old. Dr. Hood was a U.S. Navy veteran. He opened his own practice in 1959 and retired after 55 years of practice. In addition to his own practice, he was recruited to help found the Davidson Medical Ministries dental clinic in the early 1990s. He was an Eagle Scout and founded Troop 205 at First Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his three children and two grandchildren.

1960s

James Newton Ziglar Jr., DDS ’63, passed away September 23, 2018. He was 85 years old. He practiced dentistry in Stanleyville, North Carolina, for 40 years. Although he was incredibly active in his community, he was most proud to serve as the commissioner representative for the advisory committee of Reynolds Health Center, as he recognized the importance of community public health. After his retirement in 2002, he enjoyed traveling, visiting his children and grandchildren, woodworking, gardening and spending time at his beach house. He is survived by his four children and two grandchildren.

1970s

Carl N. Bean, Jr., DDS ’73, welcomed a new grandson on May 30, 2018, in Portland, Oregon.

1980s

Cheryl Bradford Billingsley, BSDH ’81, DDS, was appointed the Pierre Fauchard Academy International Trustee for
Carolina. orthodontics together in Wilson, North Carolina announce they are now practicing Kelly Goeckner, DDS '12 Austria, Italy and Switzerland. vacation this summer touring Germany, Maness, DDS '79 delegate. She and her husband, current 16th District ADA delegation after serving twelve year, she rotated off of the 16th District Best of Dentistry Gala in April. Last year, she rotated off of the 16th District ADA delegation after serving twelve consecutive years as a delegate. The ADA delegation during the Best of Dentistry Gala in April. Last year, she rotated off of the 16th District ADA delegation after serving twelve years as a delegate. The current 16th District ADA delegation members just elected her as honorary delegate. She and her husband, Frank Maness, DDS '79, had a wonderful vacation this summer touring Germany, Austria, Italy and Switzerland.

Miller Gibbons, DDS '80, MS '82, and Kelly Goacekne, DDS '12, are excited to announce they are now practicing orthodontics together in Wilson, North Carolina. Mary Bennet Houston, DDS '87, is pleased to share that her first year in a new practice located in Roxboro, North Carolina, has been a success. She is happy to be back in private practice of her own offering small, fee for service, family-oriented comprehensive dentistry! Her daughter, Sarah, started as a freshman at North Carolina State University — go Wolfpack!

Charles Stanfield, DDS '83, retired from full-time practice in High Point, North Carolina, on July 11, 2018. Randy Russell, DDS '90, traveled to Belize as part of the Belize Mission Project at the end of October with his wife, Bobby. This was a medical/dental mission effort to provide medical and dental care for the people of Belize. It was his seventh trip to Central America (one to Honduras, six to Belize), and Bobby’s third trip to Belize. The project involved health care providers from across the U.S., and they were happy to be a small part of the effort.

1990s

Robert M. Selden III, DDS '98, MS '01, was recognized as a "Top Dentist" in Charlotte, North Carolina. He is now secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Association of Orthodontics. In July, he added a full-time associate to the practice, Yina Li, DDS, MS '18, a graduate of the UNC-CH School of Dentistry orthodontics program. He recently served as president of the Dental Foundation Board. His daughter, Raven, is a sophomore at UNC-CH and has expressed interest in a career in dentistry.

2000s

Reed Mockaitis, DDS '03, opened a second orthodontics office located in Charlotte. Alison Boone, DDS '04, is relocating her office to a newer, larger building in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. The new space, located off of U.S. Highway 17 South, will have approximately 12 treatment areas.

Breck S. Brewer, DDS '06, separated from the U.S. Army after 12 years of service. His family has returned from Belgium where they were stationed for the last three years. They have relocated to Orlando, Florida. He just completed the purchase of an existing orthodontic practice in the area, where he will be working with the previous owner.

2010s

Roxanne Dosouza, MSDH '18, received a Smiles for Life Research Award for her interprofessional research titled, "Promoting Foundations for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice: Oral Health in Nursing Education." The project was also recognized as the first place winner at the 2018 American Dental Education Association's student Poster Awards.

Kyle Gazdeck, DDS '14, and Leslie Yuan Gazdeck, DDS '13, welcomed their first baby boy, Nathaniel Yuan Gazdeck, in June 2018. Kyle finished his maxillofacial prosthetics fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital and they have moved from New York City, New York, back to North Carolina. Kyle is working at Durham Prosthodontics, and Leslie is working at Carolina Orthodontics and Children’s Dentistry.

Justin Harlow, DDS '14, was named as one of Charlotte Agenda’s 2017 “30 Under 30” leaders in Charlotte, North Carolina. He and his wife, Kira, welcomed their second child, Chandler, into the world September 13, 2018.

Keyachtta Hawkins, DDS '18, was awarded the Dr. Joseph Hines II Memorial Scholarship for leadership at the National Dental Association's 46th National Convention in Orlando, Florida.

Brenda Lizzet Lopez, DDS '15, MS '18 joined the team at Gaston Perio in August. Lizzet is a member of the American Academy of Periodontology, American Dental Association, Southern Academy of Periodontology, North Carolina Society of Periodontists and the North Carolina Dental Society. She is interested in digital dentistry with a focus on guided implant surgery.

James McSherry Wells III, DDS '12, and his wife, Lauren, welcomed a baby boy September 7, 2018. They are thrilled! Alexandra Boudreau, DDS '10, MS '15, and Kevin Ricker, DDS '12, MS '15, are celebrating two long years of using a bag-mask and supplemental oxygen to keep Chatham Pediatric Dentistry barely alive. The pulse is weak and thready, but palpable.
Dental School through the Eyes of a Cartoonist

Michael Peele, DDS '76, is not only a dentist and a proud UNC-CH School of Dentistry alumnus — he’s also a cartoonist! He’s published two books of them, one completely about dental school and dentistry that he wrote while still in school, and he’s graciously allowed us to print one cartoon in each issue.
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