From De Rossi's Desk

January 17th marked the two-year anniversary of me assuming the role as dean of the best dental school in the world. And while milestones like anniversaries are often opportunities to reflect on the past, we at Carolina Dentistry are committed to a bold future as we transform dentistry for better health. We are looking forward.

And while the future is unpredictable, change is a certainty.

In the last month or so, we have seen changes in the University’s Chancellor and the System’s President, and more change will most definitely come. Change is an unavoidable constant in our work lives. Sometimes it is within our control, but most often it is not. Our jobs or our roles change — hopefully for the better, but not always. Organizations undergo restructuring and reimagine strategies, and we must do the same.

It is time that we adjust. There are ways to adapt to change, not fear it, and even leverage change to thrive and grow as individuals and as a school.

For our students, residents, staff, faculty and alumni, I am asking that we follow the advice of Nick Tasler, organizational psychologist, author, and speaker who has outlined some key principles to help us. First, we need to find the humor in the situation. Second, address our challenges more than talk about our feelings. Third, change is stressful but do not stress out about stressing out. Fourth, focus on our values — passionately serving — instead of our fears. Fifth, accept the past but fight for the future; we decide how we respond to change. And finally, in a changing world do not expect stability. Change means growth and opportunity — and that we must accept!

Professionally yours,

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

School News

Kim Selected for National CLARION Competition on Interprofessional Collaboration

Monica Kim, DDS Candidate 2020, has been selected to represent the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry at the national 2019 Interprofessional Education (IPE) CLARION Competition in April.

Her teammates include Natalie Browne from the UNC-CH Gillings School of Global Public Health, Uzma Khan from Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling, and Christine Ko from the School of Pharmacy.
Marvin J. Block, DDS, MS, MPH, professor emeritus at the UNC-CH School of Dentistry, passed away Dec. 31, 2018. He was 96 years old.

In 1974, Block and his wife, Shirley, moved to Chapel Hill, North Carolina, at which time Block joined the faculty at the UNC-CH School of Dentistry’s Department of Dental Ecology.

He trained students to provide care to patients with special needs, from those with physical disabilities to those in poverty. He traveled the world providing quality oral health care to individuals in Africa, Mexico and India. He retired with the distinction of professor emeritus.

**Pinnacle Hill Preproposals RFP: Deadline Feb. 7**

The UNC-Chapel Hill’s new partnership with Deerfield Management, Pinnacle Hill, offers researchers and investigators an opportunity to pursue funding to advance novel drug therapy projects.

All UNC-CH researchers and investigators are encouraged to submit therapeutic preproposals to Pinnacle Hill for potential funding, which may support studies to reach the IND-ready stage.

You can find more information about Pinnacle Hill and the RPF process [here](#).

**Moldova-NC Partnership Seminar: Feb. 16**

The Moldova Global Team will hold their second Moldova-NC Partnership Seminar on Saturday, February 16 at the School of Dentistry.

Among our speakers will be Honorable Elaine Marshall, North Carolina Secretary of State and Dr. William Crowther, professor of Political Science at UNC-Greensboro.

In this event, UNC-CH School of Dentistry students traveling to Moldova this spring will learn about the partnership and the sociopolitical situation of Moldova from the presenters who have visited, worked or lived there.

**Academy for Advancing Leadership Recap**

On Friday, January 11th, Toby Rodriguez, PhD, Vice President of the Academy for Advancing Leadership, (AAL) and Brad Potter, DDS, MS, Professor at the University of Colorado, reported on the findings from the
October AAL consulting meetings. They also provided a half-day of professional development on "Team Building During Times of Change." This was a milestone towards creating a blueprint for the next decade of faculty development at the School of Dentistry. If you missed this session, please check our resources page by clicking here.

Next Faculty Development Friday: Feb. 15

Coach Anson Dorrance will present, "The Differences in Leading Men and Women," Friday, Feb. 15 in Koury Oral Health Sciences, G411.

Lunch will be provided from 1-1:30 p.m., and the program will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Student and Resident News

- **Kevin Byrd, DDS, PhD**, post-doctoral research associate, received the American Academy of Periodontology award for the 2019 SUNSTAR Innovation Grant.
- **Si On Lim, DDS**, third-year oral pathology resident, was accepted to present her thesis project at the UNC-CH School of Dentistry's Research Day, "PDL-1 expression in proliferative verrucous leukoplakia – link for possible targeted therapies."
- **Christian Piers, DDS**, third-year orthodontic resident, was appointed chair of the 2019 ASDA National Leadership Conference. In this role he will develop conference content, select speakers, create educational sessions and reformat the conference. He has previously served as president of the association and has been a member of the planning committee. *(Pictured: Christian Piers)*

Employee News

- **Kate Ciarrocca, DMD, MSEd**, lectured on "Treating Medically Compromised Patients in Dentistry," at the Third Annual CE program of Wake Smiles to benefit the nonprofit dental clinic in Raleigh, North Carolina.
- **Shayna Hill, MPH**, received a UNC-CH School of Dentistry Beyond Excellence Award.
- **Robert Homesley**, received a UNC-CH School of Dentistry Beyond Excellence Award.
- **Melissa Lassiter**, received a UNC-CH School of Dentistry Beyond Excellence Award.
- **Jessica Lee, DDS, MPH, PhD**, was featured in a story from the ADA on the measles outbreak in Washington, and was interviewed by UNC-CH Endeavors Magazine as a part of the women in science series.
- **Beau Meyer, DDS, MPH**, was awarded a Junior Faculty Development Award from the Committee on Faculty Research and Scholarly Leaves in the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost. This intramural funding will allow him to explore the benefits of chronic disease management programs on early childhood caries treatment.
- **Valerie Murrah, DMD, MAEd, MS**, completed her 97th marathon in Barbados, winning her age group and the Flying Fish medal for completing the Fun Mile, 5k and marathon over the 3-day weekend. She recently returned from Antarctica, where she...
ran the White Continent Marathon, her 98th marathon, and was awarded the 7 Continents Marathon Completion Award for finishing a marathon on all 7 continents. She also presented, "OSHA and Bloodborne Pathogens," to the Eastern Carolina AHEC in Greenville, NC, and "Coping with Bumps Along the Examination Highway," to the Buncombe County Dental Society in Asheville, NC.

- **Nicholas O'Daniel**, received a UNC-CH School of Dentistry Beyond Excellence Award.
- **Ricardo Padilla, DDS**, gave the following invited presentations: "Oral Health for Primary Care Providers" to the Duke University PA program for the 15th year; and "Oral Pathology for Dental Hygienists," for CE at Tar Heel Periodontics.
- **Kimberly Sanders, PharmD**, spoke on "Your Health Radio," UNC Family Medicine's weekly radio show, with Adam Golstein, MD, MPH, and 97.9 FM The Hill with Deborah Porterfield, MD, MPH, to talk about her role as a pharmacist in the School of Dentistry practice clinics and interprofessional care.
- **Timothy A. Turvey, DDS, FACS**, was an invited keynote speaker at the Florida Cleft Palate Craniofacial Association Annual Meeting at the Orlando Health Center. His topics were, "Hybrid Midface Osteotomies for Cleft and Craniofacial Malformations," and "Midface Advancement as a Precursor to Definitive Cleft Lip and Nasal Repair."
- **Jane Weintraub, DDS, MPH**, was featured in the *Journal for the Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine* for her research on oral hygiene among nursing home residents. Her co-authored commissioned research paper served as the featured background information for a workshop at the National Academy of Medicine, "Integrating Oral and General Health Through Health Literacy Practices." Weintraub was a moderator at this event that is highlighted in the current ADA News and recent ADA Huddle.
- **Tim Wright, DDS, MS**, gave three national talks: "Contemporary Concepts in Treating Patients with Special Health Care Needs," at the Southeast Society of Pediatric Dentistry in Atlanta, Georgia; "Comprehensive Review Course AAPD, Cariology for the Pediatric Patient, Materials and Restorative Approaches for the Pediatric Patient, Pulp Therapy in Pediatric Dentistry," in New Orleans, Louisiana; and "From the Microbiome to the Human Genome," at the Southwest Society of Pediatric Dentistry in Whistler, Canada.
- **Di Wu, PhD**, received a 2019 Junior Faculty Development award from the UNC-CH Committee on Faculty Research and Scholarly Leaves.

Valerie Murrah and her son, Kevin, at the White Continent Marathon finish line

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**New Hires**

- **Mary Blocher**: Account Specialist, Patient Business Accounts
- **Tamiqua Chargois**: Patient Care Coordinator, Oral Surgery
- **Oksana Moiseyeva**: Business Officer, Periodontology
- **Zachary Moore**: Educational Consultant, Academic Affairs
- **Kenneth Stevons**: Materials Management Technician, Clinical Affairs

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**Publications Update**

**Manuscripts and Papers**

- **Strange KA, Tawil PZ, Phillips C**, Walia HD, **Fouad AF**. Long Term Outcomes of
Upcoming Events

- Feb. 1, All Day: Give Kids a Smile National Kickoff
- Feb. 5, 1 p.m.: Student Town Hall on One Carolina Dentistry
- Feb. 6, All Day: UNC-CH School of Dentistry Research Day (formerly DRRD)
- Feb. 13, 1 p.m.: School-wide Town Hall on One Carolina Dentistry
- Feb. 13, 5:15 p.m.: Faculty Senate
- Feb. 15, 1 p.m.: Faculty Development Friday
- Feb. 18, 1 p.m.: Open Forum
- Feb. 21, 8:30 a.m.: New Employee Orientation
- Feb. 27, 1 p.m.: Dean’s Lecture Series with Roy Williams
- Feb. 28, 12 p.m.: SNDA Black History Month Event
- March 6, 1 p.m.: Faculty Senate
- March 8, 1-3 p.m.: Faculty Development Friday
- March 12, 1 p.m.: ADEA Learning Community
- March 20, 1 p.m.: Staff Forum
- March 21, 8:30 a.m.: New Employee Orientation
- March 22, 8 a.m.: Staff Retreat
- March 29, 8:30 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] 25th Annual R. J. Shankle Lecture
- March 29, 4 p.m.: DDS Class of 2022 White Coat Ceremony, Memorial Hall
- March 20, 8 a.m.: SNDA Oral Cancer 5k/Walk and Health Fair
- April 2, 1 p.m.: ADEA Learning Community
- April 3, 1 p.m.: Faculty Senate
- April 11, 10 a.m.: DDS3 Poverty Simulation
- April 17, 1 p.m.: Staff Forum
- April 18, 1 p.m.: New Employee Orientation
- April 30, 1 p.m.: Curriculum Summit

Anonymous Suggestion Box

At any time, you are invited to share your thoughts, opinions, suggestions or concerns about any topic through our anonymous online suggestion box. Click here to share your thoughts. (Be sure to include your name if you would like follow-up!)

Please note that any complaints or specific concerns about potential violations of University policy should be directed to our Office of Human Resources or reported to the University EOC office.

School Events Calendar Now Live!

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

Prior to scheduling an event to which you intend to invite a portion of or the whole school, you are encouraged to check this calendar to ensure we do not conflicting events.

How do I view this calendar?
Easy! You access this new calendar just like any shared calendar in Outlook. Just search for the shared calendar: SOD - SOD Event Calendar.
How do I add things to this calendar? Permissions to edit this calendar are restricted to a small group of people. If you have an addition to the calendar, email our Chief Communications and Marketing Officer Tiffany Brannan (tiffany_brannan@unc.edu).

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This message is sent to all students, residents, staff, faculty, and alumni and friends affiliated with the UNC-CH School of Dentistry. Please submit content and corrections to the school's Chief Communications and Marketing Officer Tiffany Brannan: tiffany_brannan@unc.edu, 919.537.3260.

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