From De Rossi's Desk

It is no secret that we are in the midst of not just one large change at the Adams School of Dentistry — but many large changes. I know some feel as though it is too much change at once, and I will tell you that, yes, it is a lot of change at once. Yes, the school leadership and I have asked a lot of this school community to embrace all that is happening, to trust the direction we all set in our strategic plan ... to leap.

We are at a convergence point. It makes sense, if you think about it with relation to our strategic plan: we are at the halfway point in our four-year plan. This is the time where everything is happening at once. Change is always hard, but the point we are at is even more so in many ways: it is messy, it is scary, some details seem unknown, and there is no way yet to judge our success.

It is not lost on me that all of this is stressful for everyone in our orbit. But in this time of transition and growth, I am asking for your trust. I am asking for you to believe in our strategic plan, in our leadership, and in me.

I know that alone may feel like a leap. But it is only together that we can achieve our goals and truly transform dentistry for better health.

I would be remiss to not reemphasize this: we are committed to the success of not only our school, but each member of our community individually. I want every staff, student, resident and faculty member to succeed and reach their full potential — and I want to be clear that our school is fully committed to each of you.

Thank you for your commitment to our school, and, more importantly, for your trust.

Professionally yours,

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

School News

REMINDER: RSVP for Spurgeon Awards Banquet

Don't forget to RSVP at www.spurgeonawards.com by March 29!

One complimentary ticket is given to each graduating student and/or award recipient who attends the banquet.
Tittemore Begins Appointment as Director of Institutional Effectiveness

In March 2019, Ashley Tittemore, MA, began her appointment as the director of institutional effectiveness. She will work with Executive Dean André Ritter as well as the Offices of Academic Affairs and Clinical Affairs.

“I am thrilled to join the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry community and excited to serve in this new role. I am so inspired by the school’s focus on innovation and continuous improvement,” said Tittemore.

“As someone who is passionate about assessment, data, strategic planning, and student success, I look forward to building new relationships across the school and working collaboratively with faculty, staff, and students to highlight our successes and discover new areas for improvement.

“Consistent with the school’s strategic plan, my work will be dedicated to leading our institutional effectiveness efforts in a way that ensures that our school is recognized as a global model and is always moving beyond excellence.”

Albouy Appointed Assistant Professor of Prosthodontics

Jean-Pierre Albouy, DDS, MS, PhD, has joined the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry’s Department of Restorative Sciences Division of Prosthodontics as a full-time assistant professor.

“Travelling the world for education makes it clear that UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry is highly recognized for Dental Education and Research. Not only is it a privilege and an honor, it is a sincere pleasure to be part of this team,” said Albouy.

“The friendliness and positive energy of the people in the University and around Chapel Hill make it very easy for a foreign family to feel welcome here. I am sincerely hopeful that the time I will devote to novel research projects in the Department of Restorative Sciences, the education of the students, and the patients in the Dental Faculty Practice will be appreciated by this welcoming community.”

Warren Selected to Compete at the ADHA/Dentsply Sirona Graduate Student Clinicians Dental Hygiene Research Program

Debin Warren, RDH, BS, was selected to compete in the graduate student research awards at the 96th Annual American Dental Hygienists’ Association’s Annual Conference in Lexington, Kentucky. The ADHA/Dentsply Sirona Graduate Student Clinicians Dental Hygiene Research Program, sponsored by Dentsply Sirona, recognizes graduate-level dental hygiene students for original research in their field of study.

“I am delighted to have been selected for this award,” said Warren, Master of Science in dental hygiene education Candidate 2019. “This would not be possible without the amazing support of my committee members, professors, and mentors. It is an honor to continue the representation of such an excellent program and the UNC Adams School of Dentistry.”

Dental Hygiene Pilots Professional Learning Community
The Dental Hygiene Graduate Program piloted a global learning community last fall.

Graduate dental hygiene students and faculty from the Adams School of Dentistry, the University of Michigan, and the Tokyo Medical and Dental School participated in an innovative professional learning community from September 2018 through February 2019.

The students and faculty covered topics on the development of education and leadership strategies through six synchronous webinar sessions. The project hopes to expand to other students, residents and units that are interested.

Jennifer Brame, RDH, MS will present on the project at the ADEA Allied Directors Meeting in June.

**OCIS Service Improvements**

As part of the school's efforts to revolutionize our operations, the Office of Computing and Information Systems (OCIS) will only answer phone calls during walk-in hours, 8-10 a.m. and 12-2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Outside of these hours, the ITS Help Desk will resolve or route calls and requests appropriately.

This change will allow OCIS personnel to respond more quickly to problems unique to the Adams School of Dentistry and deploy computers.

Click the image or [this link](#) for a PDF of FAQs that may help guide you to solutions to some common issues.

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**Follow Student Wellness**

Student Wellness now has a [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) page!

Be sure to follow both to stay up-to-date on events, giveaways and more.

[Click here](#) to learn more about student wellness at the Adams School of Dentistry.

[Click here](#) to schedule an appointment with Kate Theida, MS, LPC, NCC, Director of Student Wellness.

**Craniofacial Center Receives**
$20,000 Donation

The UNC-CH Craniofacial Center is honored to be the recipient of a $20,000 donation on behalf of the Cleft Palate Gallop Team and Operation Smile.

This generous donation is a product of the 9th and 10th Cleft Palate Gallops and the efforts of students and faculty to help children born with craniofacial conditions around North Carolina.

Special thanks to Ryan Cody, DDS Candidate 2020, the Cleft Palate Gallop Team and Operation Smile.

ADEA Annual Session Presentations

Faculty and staff recently returned from a trip to the ADEA Annual Session in Chicago, IL. Oral and poster presenters are highlighted below.

Congratulations to all of the presenters on their hard work! Check out the full program here.

Oral Presentations
"Moving Beyond Dysfunction: A Collaborative Approach to Team Building"
Lattice Sams and Cherri Kading (Texas A&M College of Dentistry)

"Collaborative Strategies to Mentor Faculty Across Disciplines: An Interprofessional Approach"
Rebecca Wilder, Kimberly Sanders, Jessica Lee, Stephanie Ferreri (UNC-CH Eshelman School of Pharmacy)

"Best Practices for Faculty Development from Three Dental Schools"
Harold Henson (University of Texas at Houston School of Dentistry), Rebecca Wilder, Cynthia Gadbury-Amyot (University of Missouri Kansas City School of Dentistry)

"What Will You Do If? Preparing Students for Extramural Rotations"
Lew Lampiris

Poster Presentations
"Dental Hygiene and Audiology Student Didactic and Experiential Education"
Jennifer Brame, Emma Gibbings (VA Hospital Durham), Vicki Kowlowitz, Nancy McKenna (UNC-CH School of Medicine), Jane Weintraub

"Antibiotic Prophylaxis in Total Joint Replacement: Survey of Dental Faculty"
Sarah Grafton (University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine), Rachel Garoufalis (Private Practice), Jennifer Harmon, Silvia Amaya-Pajares (Oregon Health and Science University, School of Dentistry), Rubin Sauceda (University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, School of Dentistry), Sorin Uram-Tuculescu (Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry), Nan Xiao (University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry), Laura Romito (Indiana University School of Dentistry).

"Structured Focus Group Data Informs Curriculum Innovation in Dental Education"
Elizbeth Kornegay, Tate Jackson, Alison LaGarry (UNC-CH School of Education), Rocio Quinonez, Randall Teal (UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center), Jessica Carda-Autin (UNC-CH), Jonathan Reside, Ed Swift, Jack King, Katharine Ciarrocca, Vicki Kowlowitz, Meg Zomorodi (UNC-CH School of Nursing), Jeff Greene (UNC-CH School of Education)
Jehan Alakami, RDH, master's in dental hygiene candidate, presented, "North Carolina's Limited Supervision Act: Utilization, Knowledge, and Opinions" at the ADEA Annual Session. Other authors include Lew Lampiris DDS, MPH, Lattice Sams, RDH, MS, Jennifer Harmon, RDH, MS, and Jennifer Brame, RDH, MS.

Tenzin Dadul, DDS, MS, third-year oral and maxillofacial radiology resident, successfully defended his thesis "Pre-doctoral education in Cone Beam Computed Tomography - A survey of North America Dental Schools."

Second- and third-year dental students attended the ASDA Annual Session in Pittsburgh.

Ethan Hamer, DDS, second-year endodontics resident, and his wife, Emily, welcomed their son, Henry Charles Hamer on March 14. He is 7 lbs, 7 oz, and 20 1/4 inches long.

Laura Jacox, DMD, PhD, third-year orthodontic resident, was awarded the American Association of Orthodontists Foundation's (AAOF) Martin "Bud" Schulman Postdoctoral Fellowship for her proposal, "Roles of autophagy in orthodontic tooth movement in a mouse model." Yina Li, DMD, PhD, and Ching-Chang Ko, DDS, PhD, are also working on the project.

Monica Kim, DDS Candidate 2020, presented, "Changes in Dental Students' Knowledge and Perceptions of Constructive Feedback Associated with Educational Intervention" at the ADEA Annual Session. Other authors include: Kate Ciarrocca, DMD, MSEd, Jennie Brame, RDH, MS, Kimon Divaris, DDS, PhD, Jeff Greene.

David Lee, DMD, first-year orthodontic resident, was awarded the AAOF Charles J. Burnstone Research Aid Award for his graduate project on factors that impact referrals to orthodontists. Lee's mentor is Laura Jacox, DMD, PhD.

Si On Lim, DDS, third-year oral and maxillofacial pathology resident, successfully defended her thesis, "Differential Expression of Program Death Ligand 1 in Proliferative Verrucous Leukoplakia."

Matt Mason, DDS, third-year periodontology resident, successfully defended his thesis titled, "Microbiological Analysis of a Humanized Oral Microbiome Murine Model."

The student-led Prosthodontics Interest Group visited the Seymour Retirement Center to educate seniors on denture care. The event was such a hit that the Seymour Center has invited the group to return this summer to give a denture and oral care presentation. In June, there are plans to hold a similar event for Seymour Center's sister property in Hillsborough, NC.

Adele Musicant, BS, genetics and molecular biology graduate student in the Amelio Lab, received an award for her oral presentation at the annual Scientific Retreat.

Karin Schey, DMD, third-year periodontology resident, successfully defended her thesis titled, "Clinical changes and oral microbiome shifts in HIV + patients following periodontal therapy."

Debin Warren, RDH, master's in dental hygiene candidate, presented, "Interprofessional Collaboration Among Students on Oral Health for Cancer Patients" at the ADEA Annual Session. Other authors include: Kate Ciarrocca, DMD, MSEd, JoAnn Williams, RSN, MSN (UNC-CH School of Nursing), and Jennie Brame, RDH, MS.
Sing-Wai Wong, DDS, second-year periodontology resident and oral and craniofacial biomedicine PhD candidate, will participate in the AADR Hatton Competition at the IADR General Session in Vancouver, British Columbia.

From left to right: Austin Harbison, Hannah Bodnar, Kate McPherson, Jonathan Montoya, Justin Groody, Beatrice Williams, Emily Pope and Scott Philips

From left to right: Ashley Mull, Kristal Tucker, Erika Baker, Stephanie Companioni, Christian Glackin, Ibrahim Duqum, Jake Laxer, William Niermeyer, Alexandra Errington

Debin Warren at the ADEA Annual Session

Dean De Rossi and Monica Kim at the ADEA Annual Session

Employee News

- Amelio Antonio, PhD, presented "Illuminating CRTCal Cell Signaling in Oral, Head and Neck Cancers," at the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center.
- Christine Downey, DDS, MS, and Kimberly Sanders, PharmD, participated in "IPE Geriatrics Experience," a two-day event that brings 10 disciplines together to discuss case studies and collaborate on care plans.
- Ibrahim Duqum, DDS, MS, held a hands-on workshop for the UNC Sports Dentistry club. A presentation on "Management of Traumatic Dental Injuries in the Athletic Population," was followed by a teeth-splinting exercise.
- Ashraf Fouad, DDS, MS, spoke at the University of Michigan review course for the American Board of Endodontics examination. His presentation was titled, "Endodontic Microbiology."
- Shaun Matthews, DDS, MD, presented, "To Operate or Not To Operate, That is the Question: A Case Series of TMJ Conundrums," at the American Society of TMJ Surgeons Annual Scientific Conference in San Diego, CA.
- Andre Mol, DDS, MS, PhD, gave an invited presentation to the Durham-Orange Dental Society on "Radiologic Interpretation and Radiographic Selection Criteria."
- Valerie Murrah, DMD, MS, MAEd, presented, "Oral Examination and Early Detection of Oral Cancer," at the Lusk Center in Greensboro, NC.
- Cristiano Susin, DDS, MSD, PhD, presented, "A new era in tissue integration – landmark innovation in surface technologies" at the 2019 Annual Meeting Academy of Osseointegration in Washington, D.C.
- Timothy Turvey, DDS, lectured on, "Orthognathic Surgery: It’s Relevance In Healthcare," at the A.O. Crainomaxillofacial North America, 19th Annual Symposium:
New Hires

- **Darla Hamel**: Surgical Clinical Nurse, Oral Surgery
- **Adrienne Miller**: HR Specialist, Human Resources
- **Kione Rogers**: Technology Support Technician, OCIS
- **Ashley Tittemore**: Assistant Professor of Prosthodontics, Restorative Sciences
- **Jean-Pierre Albouy**: Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Dean's Office

Publications Update


Upcoming Events

- April 1, 1 p.m.: Staff Forum
- April 2, 1 p.m.: ADEA Learning Community
- April 2, 6:30 p.m.: Spurgeon Award Banquet, The Carolina Club
- April 3, 1 p.m.: Faculty Senate
- April 5, 8 p.m.: ASDA's Dent Ball
- April 5-6: Dental Sleep Medicine Mini-Residency
- April 6, 7:45 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] Outpatient Dental Anesthesia Update
- April 8, 10 a.m.: ASDA Blood Drive
- April 10, 1 p.m.: ADEA Teach Back
- April 11, 10 a.m.: DDS3 Poverty Simulation
- April 12, 9 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] Advanced Cone Beam CT Interpretation
- April 15, 1 p.m.: Town Hall
- April 17, 1 p.m.: Staff Forum
- April 18, 1 p.m.: New Employee Orientation
- April 19, All Day: University Closed
- April 22, 1 p.m.: ADEA Teach Back
- April 26, 8:30 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] 23rd Annual Dental Hygiene Lecture
- April 26, 8:30-11:30 a.m.: Preceptor Day
- April 30, 1 p.m.: Curriculum Summit
- May 1, 1 p.m.: Faculty Senate
- May 3, 9 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] OSHA, TB, Bloodborne Pathogens and Infection Control
- May 7, 5 p.m.: Night at the Bosh, Boshamer Stadium
- May 9, 7 p.m.: SNDA Senior Banquet, The Carolina Club
- May 10, 6 p.m.: Adams School of Dentistry Commencement, Carmichael Arena
- May 11, 9 a.m.: Doctoral Hooding Ceremony, Dean E. Smith Center
- May 12, 9 a.m.: UNC-CH Commencement, Kenan Stadium
- May 15, 1 p.m.: Staff Forum
- May 16, 8:30 a.m.: New Employee Orientation
- May 20, 1 p.m.: Open Forum
- May 24, 8 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] Educational Foundations and Clinical Application for Proprietary Radiology Educators
- May 30-31, 8 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] Frank Brantley Update in General Practice
- June 4, 1 p.m.: ADEA Learning Community
- June 5, 1 p.m.: Faculty Senate
- June 7, 1-6 p.m.: Young Alumni: Dentistry Work/Life Balance with Audie Cashion, BA '88
- June 10, 1 p.m.: Town Hall
- June 12, 8:30 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] 36th Annual Dental Review - Hands On Session
- June 19, 1 p.m.: Staff Forum
- June 20, 8:30 a.m.: New Employee Orientation

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

The UNC-CH Adams 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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