From De Rossi's Desk

As anyone in academia knows, August routinely marks the start of our school year. Each year, it is during this month that our students — new and returning alike — are welcomed back to campus, and we all feel a sense of beginning again.

But this August, the UNC Adams School of Dentistry is not only going to be dedicated to looking forward. Uniquely and uncharacteristically, I am also encouraging us to spend August looking back.

Two years ago, almost to date, we launched our strategic plan with a carnival in our atrium. We are now at the halfway point of our plan, Moving Beyond Excellence, and it is time for some reflection and some planning. As such, in August we will spend some time reviewing our accomplishments, celebrating our many successes and, of course, looking forward to the next two years.

We will spend our quarterly open forum — scheduled for August 20 — as our State of the School address / Moving Beyond Excellence update. The following morning — August 21 — we will have a breakfast for the school community to come together and celebrate all of our hard work and success.

I look forward to spending some time with each of you celebrating and looking back, so we can plan our next move forward.

Professionally yours,

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

School News

Williams and Davis Place at National Dental Association Abstract Competition

Two students from the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry placed in a national research competition at the National Dental Association’s Annual Convention.

Beatrice Williams, DDS Candidate 2021, earned first place in the Student National Dental Association’s (SNDA) Abstract Competition. As the first place winner, and the only woman to place nationally, she received $3,000.

Michael Davis, DDS Candidate 2020, earned fourth place, demonstrating the school’s
Companioni and Groody Receive First Place in Academy for Sports Dentistry’s Student Research Awards

Stephanie Companioni and Justin Groody, both DDS Candidates 2020, are the first place winners of the 2019 Student Research Awards from the Academy for Sports Dentistry. As first place winners, they received complimentary registration for the Academy for Sports Dentistry’s Annual Symposium in Toronto, Canada, and $625 to cover travel expenses. They presented their research, “Preparedness level of middle and high school athletic trainers in the state of North Carolina in immediately managing dental and orofacial injuries,” to members of the Academy for Sports Dentistry during the symposium.

Brazile Awarded Dental Trade Alliance Foundation Scholarship for Service

Briana Brazile, DDS Candidate 2020, was selected as a 2019 Dental Trade Alliance Foundation/Bob and Abby Savage Scholarship recipient. The scholarships recognize dental students nationwide who have a strong demonstrated commitment to community service.

“Working to increase access to care at SNDA’s CAARE Clinic and HDA’s Vidas de Esperanza Clinic to underserved populations has been the most rewarding experience during my time here at UNC,” said Brazile. "It is an honor to be recognized by something that truly seems so innate."

Scientists Develop New Method to Visualize Drug Targeting in Living Subjects

A new multidisciplinary team from the UNC-CH Eshelman School of Pharmacy, the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry, and the UNC-CH School of Medicine, has developed a way to better understand one of modern medicine’s greatest challenges: how to increase drug effectiveness and reduce side effects. The study was led by Yanguang Cao, PhD, an expert in experimental therapeutics and drug actions in vivo at the UNC-CH Eshelman School of Pharmacy, in collaboration with Antonio Amelio, PhD, an expert in cancer cell biology and live animal imaging technologies, at the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry and School of Medicine. The team also included Zoey Tang, BS, a PhD candidate at the UNC-CH Eshelman School of Pharmacy, and Kshitij Sharma, BS, a PhD candidate at the UNC-CH School of Medicine.

McLeod Receives ADHA Sigma Phi Alpha Graduate Scholarship

Caroline Dunham McLeod, BSDH, RDH, was selected as the 2019 recipient of the American Dental Hygienists Association’s Sigma Phi Alpha Graduate Scholarship. ADHA’s Institute for Oral Health Scholarship Program offers financial assistance to dental hygiene students and dental hygienists who demonstrate a commitment to advance the
The Sigma Phi Alpha graduate scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student pursuing a graduate degree in dental hygiene or related field. Scholarship winners receive $1,000.

Don't Forget: Inclusive Excellence Week is August 26-30!

**Save the Date**

**Inclusive Excellence Week 2019**
Office of Inclusive Excellence and the Inclusive Excellence Committee

**Monday, Aug. 26**
Keynote Speaker (TBA) 1-2 p.m.
Kirkland Auditorium, Koury Oral Health Sciences Building
*Inclusivity in Art Contest Begins*

**Tuesday, Aug. 27**
“Find Your Blind Spots” Self Guided Tour 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Atrium, Koury Oral Health Sciences

**Wednesday, Aug. 28**
“Braving the Wilderness” Book Discussion Group 1-2 p.m.
G508, G505, 3615, Koury Oral Health Sciences

**Thursday, Aug. 29**
International Day Celebration 12:30 p.m.
Atrium, Koury Oral Health Sciences
*Food trucks at 12:30 p.m.*

**Friday, Aug. 30**
Art Contest Winner Announcement 1-2 p.m.
Atrium, Koury Oral Health Sciences
*Fridays on the Front Porch 5 p.m.*
The Carolina Inn

**Inclusive beyond Excellence**

**HR Operational Excellence**

Congratulations to the Office of Human Resources! The HR team has successfully closed six SHRA hires within the target 45-day window. The average time to hire for these SHRA positions was 35 days!

Thank you to our HR team for their work and commitment to the University’s new processes as a part of its Operational Excellence initiative.

Inaugural Dental Hygiene Educator’s Symposium
UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry dental hygiene faculty hosted an interactive and comprehensive learning experience on the most current evidenced-based practices in dental hygiene.

Dental hygiene educators from across the nation attended the inaugural event. The course was presented by Jennie Brame, RDH, MS, Li Chen, RDH, MS, Jennifer Harmon, RDH, MS, Beth Kornegay, RDH, MS, Shannon Mitchell, RDH, MS, Lattice Sams, RDH, MS, and Tiffanie White, RDH, MS.

Operation Smile International Student Leader Conference

The UNC-CH Craniofacial Center hosted students from Operation Smile's Student Leadership Conference earlier this month.

As part of their service project, visitors delivered goodie bags as a thank you to patients, volunteers and staff. Two patients, Garrett and Jackie, served as Patient Ambassadors and engaged in discussions with students, patients and providers.

_Pictured: Jackie spoke with other "Cleft Cool Kiddos" from across the U.S. Her advice? "Whatever you do, do it with compassion."

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Student and Resident News

- **Adam Hoxie, DDS Candidate 2021**, received the 2019-20 DDS Short-Term Research Fellowship. His research topic is "MicroCT as Reference for ICDAS and QLF-D Activity Exams." He is mentored by Apoena Ribeiro, DDS, MS, PhD.
- The Division of Comprehensive Oral Health held new resident boot camp this month. Faculty and staff shared the ins and outs of the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry with new residents in classes and seminars.
- **Timothy Neal, DDS Candidate 2020**, received the William H. Bell Award from the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery which recognizes dental students who exhibit academic excellence and interest in oral and maxillofacial surgery.
- Residents, faculty and staff from the periodontology and prosthodontics programs enjoyed a Durham Bulls game.
Employee News

- Sumi Ahmed, BDS, MS, and Christine Downey, DDS, MS, attended the ADEA Summer Program for Emerging Academic Leaders. They will provide a teach-back session to the faculty on their experience in August.

- Jennie Brame, RDH, MS, Beth Kornegay, RDH, MS, and Michael Wolcott, PharmD, PhD, presented an interactive workshop on psychological safety, cognitive apprenticeship, giving and receiving feedback, and strategies in the classroom to residents.

- Scott Eidson, DDS, gave a presentation to 600 dentists at the annual Kois Symposium "The Role of HPV Leading to Oral and Oropharyngeal Cancer." Eidson discussed his own story of HPV tonsil cancer and taught dentists disease development, a better oral cancer exam, and ways to help patients deal with the dental aspects of the disease. He is working to raise awareness of HPV cancers and also how we can use the Gardasil 9 vaccine to help prevent this disease from occurring in future generations.

- Sylvia Frazier-Bowers, DDS, PhD, gave a half-day lecture as the featured speaker for the Arizona Chapter of the AADR. She also lectured at both the America Association of Orthodontists Meeting in Los Angeles, California, and the Societa Italiana Di Orthodontia in Rome, Italy on "Primary Failure of Eruption: More Evidence, Less Treatment."

- Apoena de Aguiar Ribeiro, DDS, MS, PhD, was awarded the 2019 IADR Cariology Research Group Science award. She also received the Holiday Dental Conference for Clinical Research Award from the Dental Foundation of North Carolina.

- Jennie Brame: Undergraduate Program Director, Dental Hygiene
- Lattice Sams: Undergraduate Program Assistant Director, Dental Hygiene

Welcome, New Hires!

- Carolyn Baber: Administrative Support Specialist, Comprehensive Oral Health
- Lauren Berendsen: Dental Assistant, Orthodontics
- Jacqueline Dark: Human Resources Specialist, HR
- Caitlin Stephenson: Dental Assistant, Clinical Affairs

Promotions

- Jennie Brame: Undergraduate Program Director, Dental Hygiene
- Lattice Sams: Undergraduate Program Assistant Director, Dental Hygiene

New Features: Anonymous Suggestion Box

As a result of a suggestion we received through SuggestionOx, we have upgraded our anonymous online suggestion box! Here is what you will notice:
A customized URL (suggestionox.com/r/uncasod) that you can easily remember.

A public-facing page where we respond to some of your anonymous suggestions. To view, just visit the SuggestionOx page and click "Read Responses." Please note:
1. This will only be done moving forward, so no previously suggested items will be answered.
2. Not all suggestions will receive responses; the responses are at the discretion of the dean. Remember, if you want personal follow up, you should include your name and email in your suggestion!

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.

Publications


Upcoming Events

- **August 1**: [CE Opportunity] Infection Control Curriculum for Dental Settings (Online)
- **Aug. 16, 8:30 a.m.**: [CE Opportunity] Coronal Tooth Polishing for Dental Assistant IIs
- **Aug. 20, 1 p.m.**: State of the School Address/Moving Beyond Excellence update
- **Aug. 21, 8-10 a.m.**: Moving Beyond “Eggscellence” Breakfast
- **Aug. 21, 1 p.m.**: Staff Forum
- **Aug. 23, 8:30 a.m.**: [CE Opportunity] Dental Pain Management August 2019: Developments in Policy and Practice
- **Aug. 26-30**: Inclusive Excellence Week
- **Aug. 27**: ADEA Learning Community
- **Sept. 2, All Day**: University Closed
- **Sept. 4, 1 p.m.**: Faculty Senate
- **Sept. 6, 1 p.m.**: Faculty Development Friday
- **Sept. 9-13**: Wellness Week
- **Sept. 13, 9 a.m.**: [CE Opportunity] Harrelson Lecture: The Balance of Success & Complications Associated with Oral Implant Rehabilitation
- **Sept. 18, 1 p.m.**: Staff Forum
- **Sept. 20, 8 a.m.**: DFNC Golf Tournament
- **Sept. 20, 1 p.m.**: UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry Founder’s Day Celebration
- **Sept. 25**: Vendor’s Day
- **Sept. 27, 9 a.m.**: [CE Opportunity] The Epidemiology of Infection Control in Dentistry: Principles and Particulars of Protection
- **Sept. 27, 1 p.m.**: Dean’s Lecture Series with Peter Ungar

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. 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 Adams 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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