From De Rossi's Desk

July 1 marks the beginning of our academic year, and the starting point for One Carolina Dentistry. I am not one to usually quote others and quoting Taylor Swift may seem an odd choice for a dental school dean. But this quote is very appropriate: "This is a new year. A new beginning. And things will change."

The reality is that change is always happening, whether we like it or not. But this is an exciting time for our profession, our University, and our dental school. While the challenges and ambiguity can seem overwhelming at times, our staff, students, and faculty continue to challenge conventional thinking, anticipate future needs and desires, and champion novel approaches to transform dentistry for better health.

The UNC Adams School of Dentistry is ambitious, always pushing to transcend the commonplace, to make a difference, and to become the global model for oral health education, in care and discovery. This is the time for us to align our efforts around the relentless pursuit of integrated care and collaborative scholarship; the time to become One Carolina Dentistry; the time to transform what we do and how we do it to ensure a seamless experience for patients and for students.

I am asking, in the next year, we all embrace an entrepreneurial mindset – doing more than anyone thinks possible by asking a simple question: “What would amazing look like?” I look forward to working with you as we stretch for amazing this year!

All best wishes,

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

School News

Liebkemann Receives the ADHA Sigma Phi Alpha Award

Sarah Liebkemann, BSDH, was selected as the 2019 recipient of the American Dental Hygienists Association’s Sigma Phi Alpha Excellence in Journalism Award. The award recognizes an original manuscript that exhibits outstanding quality, depth and significance of research, comprehensive evaluation of available literature and expertise in the given subject.

“Receiving this award is such an honor, and reinforces my passion for preventive dentistry, curriculum development, and research,” said Liebkemann. “I am so grateful to the faculty and administration of the UNC
Adams School of Dentistry, who continuously foster a positive environment for growth at our school. I am especially thankful to Elizabeth Kornegay and Jennie Brame for serving as my honors thesis advisors throughout this project."

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**Student Research Group Receives Outstanding Local Student Research Group Chapter Award**

The International and American Associations for Dental Research (IADR/AADR) selected the UNC Adams School of Dentistry’s Student Research Group (SRG) for this year’s Local Student Research Group (LSRG) Chapter Award. The award recognizes the SRG’s achievements throughout the year and its effort to continue to foster awareness of research in dentistry. The award seeks to highlight a specific chapter that excels in all categories of a successful student research group.

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**Uyan Begins Appointment as Assistant Professor of Comprehensive Dentistry**

Effective June 3, Dilek Uyan, DMD, MS, PhD, began her appointment as a full-time assistant professor of comprehensive dentistry at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry.

Uyan’s responsibilities as an assistant professor include teaching comprehensive dentistry, working in the clinics and seeing patients at the Dental Faculty Practice. Her research interests include digital technology in dentistry and platelet concentrates in hard and soft tissue augmentation.

She has more than 20 years’ experience in private practice and teaching, including most recently as an adjunct professor at the school. While at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry, Uyan has taught in the comprehensive care, clinical prosthodontics and advanced clinical prosthodontics clinics.

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**Phillips Begins Appointment as Associate Professor of Comprehensive Dentistry**

Effective June 3, Alden K. Phillips, DDS, began his appointment as a full-time associate professor of comprehensive dentistry at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry.

Phillips’ responsibilities as an associate professor include teaching comprehensive dentistry, working in the clinics and seeing patients at the Dental Faculty Practice.

Prior to joining the Adams School of Dentistry faculty, he served for eight years as the supervisory dentist at the W.G. “Bill” Hefner VA Medical Center. He began his dental career with his father, Dr. Kenneth Phillips, and maintained a successful private practice with him for 20 years in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Together they provided care to underserved communities there by sponsoring free clinics in eight counties and six states.
Office of Continuing Education Receives Maximum Recertification

Congratulations to the school's Office of Continuing Education, who recently received the maximum four-year recertification from their governing body, ADA CERP!

Vice Dean for Education Ed Swift, DMD, MS, said, "This is an exciting accomplishment for the members of the CE team, and is a tribute to their hard work, dedication to the school, and commitment to excellence. The work they do on a daily basis helps ensure that we are truly a leader in oral health education for our state and beyond, but it is often done behind the scenes."

Proffit Honored at American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session

Following the September 2018 passing of Dr. William Proffit, the 2019 American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) Annual Session Planning Committee designated the lecture period during which Dr. Proffit was to speak as the William R. Proffit Memorial Lecture.

Dr. Kevin O'Brien of Manchester, United Kingdom gave the lecture entitled, "Standing on the Shoulders of a Giant: A Retrospective on Bill Proffit."

A Success: The 36th Annual Operative Dental Review Course

The 36th Annual Dental Review, hosted by operative dentistry, was one for the books!

The course, directed by Taiseer Sulaiman, BDS, PhD, featured a hands-on course led by renowned Dr. Newton Fahl. The three-day program -- which included lectures from Adams School of Dentistry faculty Drs. Wendy Clark, Don Tyndall, Ryan Cook, Ed Swift and Taiseer Sulaiman -- received rave reviews from attendees.

The 37th ADR will be held on June 24-27, 2020 at Myrtle Beach, SC.

Moldova Bilateral Committee hosted U.S. Ambassador to Moldova

The NC Secretary of State Elaine F. Marshall hosted the U.S. Ambassador to Moldova and his delegation at the NC Executive Mansion in downtown Raleigh to continue the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the NC-Moldova Bilateral Partnership.

The event included recognition of those involved in the partnership. Congratulations and thank you to Dr. Stephen Mackler, Dr. Burt Horwitz and Dr. Cheryl Siegler, who serve as the school's Moldova faculty.
School Hosts Visitors from Qingdao Stomatological Hospital

Dr. Minghzen Wang and Dr. Zhipu Ge from Qingdao Stomatological Hospital in China recently visited North Carolina.

Though hosted in Greensboro, NC by Dr. Samuel Chang, the pair spent time at the Adams School of Dentistry.

While at the school, they spent the bulk of their time in radiology, the UNC Craniofacial Center and the periodontology clinic. Thank you to Don Tyndall, DDS, MS, PhD, their primary host at the school!

Student and Resident News

- Micheala Barnette, Dental Hygiene Candidate 2020, was selected as the District IV Student Delegate at the recent American Dental Hygiene Association (ADHA) Annual Conference.
- Roxanne Dsouza, Dental Hygiene master's degree candidate, and Caroline Dunham, Dental Hygiene master's degree candidate, each received a Sigma Phi Alpha Graduate Scholarship for 2019-20 at the ADHA Annual Conference.
- Chris Ioan, DDS Candidate 2021, and his wife welcomed their son, Hudson Alexander, on his due date of May 16. He is growing well, and big fur-sister, Sophie, is warming up to him.
- Hillary Lathrop, MS, recent orthodontics graduate, received the first prize award for table clinic at the 2019 American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) Annual Session.
- Adam Lietzan, DDS, PhD, periodontology resident, received the 2019 Henry M. Thornton SCADA Fellowship Award during the American Association of Dental Research/Dentsply Sirona Student Competition for Advancing Dental Research and its Application.
- Matthew Mason, DDS, periodontology resident, got engaged to his now-fiancee — and even shaved for the occasion! Congratulations, Dr. Mason! (See evidence of the clean shaven face below.)
- David Shirecliffe, DDS Candidate 2021, and his wife, Celeste, welcomed Emory Cohen Shirecliffe on June 8. Dad tells us that Emory’s big sister, Kyiah, is ecstatic to have a new friend!
- Sing-Wai Wong, DDS, MS, PhD, periodontology resident, won third place in the Basic Science Category of the 2019 Billy Pennel Competition for his research, "Pre-clinical Model of Paget’s Disease Reveals Interferon-β as a Therapeutic Target." The award was given by the Southern Academy of Periodontology.
- Mary Lanier Zaytoun, MS, recent orthodontics graduate, won second place in the Charley Schultz Clinical Competition at AAO.

Emory Shirecliffe, son of David Shirecliffe, was born on June 8, 2019.

Hudson Ioan, son of Chris Ioan, was born on May 16, 2019.
Employee News

- **Antonio Amelio, PhD**, was awarded first place for the 2019 International Association of Dental Research (IADR) Joseph Lister Award for New Investigators.
- **Jennie Brame, RDH, MS**, gave two presentations at the 2019 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Allied Dental Program Director’s Conference. The first focused on current issues in allied dental administration. The second was a joint presentation with her counterpart of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry (Danielle Ferguson) entitled "Expanding Students’ Academic and Professional Development through Professional Learning Communities."
- **Kevin Byrd, DDS, PhD**, presented a poster at the IADR General Session and Exhibition entitled "Lrig1 marks a population of quiescent epithelial cells in the oral cavity." Additionally, he chaired a session at IADR for stem regulation (Seq #394: Regulation of Stem Cell). He also won first place in the Basic Science Category of the 2019 Billy Pennel Competition for his research, "An Atlas of the Human Gingival Niche in Health at Single Cell Resolution" from the Southern Academy of Periodontology.
- **Li Chen, MS**, presented her research -- titled "Comparison of Image Quality using Wall-mounted vs Handheld Radiographic Devices" -- at the IADR meeting. Her co-authors were Sally Maurellio, MED, DEd, and Kevin Moss, BS.
- **Eric Everett, PhD**, was named American Association of Dental Research (AADR) Science information Committee chair and a member of the AADR committee for National Student Research Group Faculty Advisors.
- **Jennifer Harmon, MS**, and **Beth Kornegay, MS**, co-presented at the ADHA Annual Session on Medical Emergencies for the Dental Hygienist.
- **Garland Hershey, DDS, MS**, was awarded the O.B. Vaughn Award by the American Board of Orthodontics.
- **Julie Marchesan, DDS, PhD**, was announced as the 2019 recipient of the AADR Anne D. Haffajee Fellowship. The long-term goal of this fellowship is to increase the representation of women at the higher ranks in science and academic in oral biology.
- **Sally Maurellio, MED, DEd**, presented her research -- entitled "Positioning Effects on Image Quality using a Radiographic Handheld Device" -- at the IADR meeting. Her co-authors were Li Chen, MS, and Kevin Moss, BS.
- **Marta Musskopf, DDS, MSD, PhD**, presented her research at the IADR General Session and Exhibition in collaboration with several other esteemed researchers, including current periodontology resident Amanda Finger Stadler, DDS, MSD, PhD, and Chair Cristiano Susin, DDS, MS, PhD, to present "Mini-pig Implant Intra-oral Model: Peri-implant Bone Characteristics."
- **Tung Nguyen, DMD, MS**, gave two lectures at the recent American Association of Orthodontists Meeting -- one entitled "Expanding the Limits of Transverse Expansion" and a second called "10 Things You Need to Know Before Buying a 3D Printer" -- and also gave a talk at IADR entitled "Evaluation of Condylar and Incisor Position Following Centric Splint Therapy."
- **Tim Wright, DDS, MS**, was featured in a "Brushing is Fun, Start by Age 1" educational video about the benefits of silver diamine fluoride in young children. **Watch the eight-minute video here!** (You will probably notice another familiar face, too: Dr. Bhavna Pahel!)
- **Di Wu, PhD**, co-chaired a session at IADR on caries management (Seq #161: Caries Management and Microbiome).
Welcome, New Hires!

- **Dale Andrews**: Information Tech Professional, OCIS
- **Sydney Barnett**: Human Resources Consultant, HR
- **Arnel Basilio**: Sterile Processing Technician, Clinical Affairs
- **Kevin Byrd**: Research Instructor, Oral and Craniofacial Health Sciences
- **Jennifer Ferguson**: Dispensary Technician, Clinical Affairs
- **Jose Negron**: Admin. Support Associate, Restorative Sciences
- **Alden Phillips**: Clinical Associate Professor, Restorative Sciences
- **Brian Rascoe**: Systems Administrator, OCIS
- **Dilek Uyan**: Clinical Assistant Professor, Restorative Sciences

Promotions

- **Meagan Solloway**: University Program Associate, Office of the Dean

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/v/uncasod](http://suggestionox.com/v/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.*

Grants Update

- **Antonio Amelio, PhD**, and Trevor Hackman, MD, (School of Medicine) were awarded a School of Medicine and NC TraCS Translational Team Science Award grant for their project entitled "Molecular Subtyping of Salivary Mucoepidermoid Carcinoma (MEC) for Risk Stratification and Guiding Therapeutic Decisions."
- **Kevin Byrd, DDS, PhD**, is a 2019 SUNSTAR Innovation Grant Recipient for his research, "An Atlas of Experimental Gingivitis in Humans at Single Cell Resolution."
- **Patricia Miguez, DDS, MS, PhD**, in collaboration with Dr. Jian Liu, PhD, at the Eshelman School of Pharmacy, has been awarded a NC TraCS Translational Research Matched Pilot grant entitled "Exploring Synthetic Low Molecular Weight Heparin for Treatment of Periodontitis."
Patricia Miguez, DDS, MS, PhD, has been awarded an NIH grant from the NIDCR. This is a two-year RO3 grant mechanism entitled "Effect of Hesperidin on Craniofacial Bone Regeneration."

Michael Wolcott, PharmD, PhD, received a Center for Faculty Excellence/Lenovo grant in support of curriculum design initiatives.

Upcoming Events

- July 1: [CE Opportunity] 0206 Infection Control Curriculum for Dental Settings (Online)
- July 3, 1 p.m.: Faculty Senate
- July 4: All Day: University Closed
- July 15-18, 8:15 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] Concepts and Teaching Strategies for the Oral Radiology Educator
- July 17, 1 p.m.: Staff Forum
- July 18, 8:30 a.m.: New Employee Orientation
- July 22-27, 7 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] 35th Annual Prosthodontics Conference
- July 25-26, 8:30 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] Transforming the Learning Experience: Dental Hygiene Educators Symposium
- Aug. 7, 1 p.m.: Faculty Senate
- Aug. 16, 8:30 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] Coronal Tooth Polishing for Dental Assistant IIs
- Aug. 20, 1 p.m.: Quarterly Open Forum
- Aug. 21, 1 p.m.: Staff Forum
- Aug. 23: Dean's Art Series
- Aug. 23, 8:30 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] Dental Pain Management August 2019: Developments in Policy and Practice
- Aug. 26-30: Inclusive Excellence Week

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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