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Friends and Colleagues,

We are in the midst of an exciting time at the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry. As we continue to become the global model for oral health education, I hope you will appreciate the amazing accomplishments and initiatives of our students, residents, faculty and staff present in this issue of the North Carolina Dental Review.

In February, we announced a transformative gift: $27.68 million gift from Dr. Claude A. Adams III. In accordance with his bequest, the school was renamed for his parents, and we are now the UNC-CH Claude A. Adams, Jr. and Grace Phillips Adams School of Dentistry — or UNC Adams School of Dentistry for short. Thank you to all who celebrated this historic gift with us.

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As our alumni, I am grateful for your commitment to our school and your trust as we continue to transform dentistry for better health. Thank you for your continued support of the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry.

Professionally yours,

Scott S. De Rossi, DMD, MBA
Dean and Professor
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36th Annual Dental Review Hands On Session

DATE: June 12-15, 2019
SPEAKER: Dr. Newton Fahl, Jr and UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry Faculty
LOCATION: Kingston-Plamntation Embassy Suites Resort, Myrtle Beach, SC

36th Annual Dental Review Session

DATE: June 15-19, 2019
SPEAKER: Dr. Newton Fahl, Jr
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Concepts and Teaching Strategies for the Oral Radiology Educator

DATE: July 15-18, 2019
SPEAKERS: Prof. Sally McEwan, Dr. Angela Broome, Prof. K. Brandon Johnson, and Dr. Don Tyndall
LOCATION: UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, NC

35th Annual Prosthodontics Conference

DATE: July 22, 2019
SPEAKERS: Drs. Ryan Cook, Ibrahim Duqum, Greg Essick, Kevin Lim, and Glenn Reside
LOCATION: UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, NC

Transforming the Learning Experience: Dental Hygiene Educators’ Symposium

DATE: July 25-26, 2019
SPEAKERS: Prof. Jennifer Brame, Li Chen, Jennifer Harmon, Beth Hames, Shannon Mitchell, Lattice Sams, and Tiffanie White
LOCATION: UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, NC

Coronal Tooth Polishing for Dental Assistant IIs

DATE: August 16, 2019
SPEAKERS: Prof. Tiffanie White and Dr. Alexandra Varkough
LOCATION: UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, NC

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SPICE: The Epidemiology of Infection Control in Dentistry

DATE: September 27, 2019
SPEAKER: Dr. Valerie Munhar
LOCATION: TBD

Substance Abuse and Street Drugs Among Adolescents and Teenagers

DATE: October 11, 2019
SPEAKER: Dr. Harold Crossley
LOCATION: The Finkley Center, Chapel Hill, NC

OSHA, TB, Bloodborne Pathogens and Infection Control: Annual Update

DATE: November 1, 2019
SPEAKER: Dr. Valera Munhar
LOCATION: TBD

Veneers for Every Day Practice – Practical, Esthetic, and Ethical Considerations

DATE: November 8, 2019
SPEAKER: Dr. Wendy Clark
LOCATION: UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, NC

Matt Wood Symposium

DATE: November 15, 2019
SPEAKER: TBD
LOCATION: UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, NC

Roy B. Harrell 65th Annual Dental Seminar Day

DATE: November 22, 2019
SPEAKERS: Dr. Harold and Gann Haymann
LOCATION: The Finkley Center, Chapel Hill, NC

Advanced Cone Beam CT Interpretation

DATE: December 6, 2019
SPEAKER: TBD
LOCATION: UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, NC

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“A transformational gift”

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STORY BY EMILIE POPPLETT, UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

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“In the practice of dentistry, you have the unique ability to impact patients’ lives. This is something I am truly passionate about,” said Khosravi-Kamrani. “I’m so grateful to be able to do this work and use this gift to help others.”

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IN PHOTOS

Celebrating a New Name and a New Era
Nearly 150 children from the local community came to Carolina for free dental care and education during the national kickoff of Give Kids a Smile.

The event also included a full-body health fair to teach kids about a variety of healthy habits, including handwashing and balanced eating. Volunteers from the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Nursing, the Eshelman School of Pharmacy, the Gillings School of Global Public Health and UNC Athletics participated in the event to create a day of healthy fun.

While the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry has participated in Give Kids A Smile for six years, this marks the school’s first time hosting the nationwide launch with the American Dental Association. Nationwide, the event will provide dental care to 345,683 children.

“It feels awesome to be here at UNC for this event,” said Jeffrey Cole, president of the ADA. “I’m so glad we can work together to keep these kids smiling. I think it’s so exciting to see the students, the faculty, everybody rallying around as one big family to make this happen.”

Because dental health issues such as cavities are most common in children from low-income families, the event allowed dental students to play an essential role in early childhood oral health intervention for underserved children.

Stephanie Companioni, a third-year dental student and clinical coordinator for the day, said she hoped the event would encourage children and their parents to establish dental care moving forward.

“We’re happy to be here and to have so many volunteers from our school and our community to help out,” Companioni said. “A lot of these kids haven’t had the experience of going to the dentist, so we have a lot of fun things planned for them, and we’re hoping that after the event they can establish either UNC or somewhere else as their dental home.”

Event photos by Chris Pope/UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry and Jon Gardiner/UNC-Chapel Hill
In October 2018, the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry hosted a teledentistry summit to discuss initiatives to improve access to oral health for all North Carolinians. Led by the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry’s Director of Telehealth, Shaun Matthews, DDS, MD, FRCS, the summit brought together key stakeholders from across the country — from educators, practitioners, legislators, students, public health experts, policy makers, telehealth pioneers and many more.

“This summit was a unique event in that its primary goal was to bring together and engage leaders in North Carolina, all of whom have it within their purview to effect change and improve access to oral health care for all North Carolinians, especially those in the rural and underserved communities,” said Matthews. “It was an absolute pleasure to have been part of such a successful team effort, led by my colleagues at the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry; it has set the scene for greater things to come.”

In North Carolina, there are three counties without any practicing dentists. Nearly 13 percent of kindergarten-aged children have untreated tooth decay, and 21 percent of adults 65 years old and older have lost all their natural teeth. Teledentistry offers a way to reach these patients and provide oral health care services in a way that is convenient for them.

Since the summit, Matthews has been collaborating with UNC Health Care’s virtual care centers and summit sponsors to build pilot projects. His long-term goal is to develop a virtual oral health care center within the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry.
In late 2018, dental hygiene faculty, staff and students worked with school, university and community stakeholders to develop a strategic plan for dental hygiene. The plan set forth meaningful goals that allow the group to achieve a tangible vision of success by 2023.

Their strategic plan aligns closely with the strategic plan developed for the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry in 2017 and the UNC-Chapel Hill Blueprint for Next.

Dental hygiene’s strategic priorities focus on aligning the program at the school, state and university levels, developing resources for students, staff and faculty, and creating new curricular, degree and practice opportunities.

These include exploring new models of care delivery, such as teledentistry, and incorporating interprofessional education and practice into the educational experience.

The program’s leadership are investigating options to create partnerships for support of educational activities that include new educational tracks, integrated clinical and didactic learning opportunities, and global learning experiences.

The strategic plan also seeks to re-engage alumni and the dental hygiene alumni association.

“This plan will serve as our guidepost and help navigate us as our school and University continue to experience change,” said Jennie Brame, RDH, MS.

“We have a defined intention, and unified goal, and a strategic principle of integrated care and scholarship. We are the transformed UNC Dental Hygiene Program, and we are leading the way for progressive changes to our program, school, and profession.”

In January, the dental hygiene program was reallocated to the Department of Periodontology. The decision was made jointly by Brame; Dean Scott De Rossi, DMD, MBA; and periodontology Chair Cristiano Susin, DDS, MS, PhD.

This restructuring supports the dental hygiene program and the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry’s strategic plans. It also provides exciting new opportunities in a team environment with a spirit of inclusiveness and support, and create synergy in collaboration of patient care, education, and research.

If you would like to support the dental hygiene program, contact the Dental Foundation of North Carolina at (919) 537-3257. To get involved with the strategic plan, email dentalhygiene@dentistry.unc.edu or call (919) 537-3459 to learn more.
Marvin Block, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Dental Ecology, Passes Away

In November 2018, August Mebane, MS, DM, began her appointment with the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry Office of Human Resources as the assistant dean for human resources and staff engagement.

Mebane will lead the Office of Human Resources; provide advice and counsel concerning employee relations; work with school departments and units to create and implement staff development programs; and serve as the lead representative for the school in human resources policy development and interpretation.

“I most look forward to working with great people in a culture that appreciates creativity, an entrepreneurial spirit, and a focus on excellence,” said Mebane. “As the HR leader for the School of Dentistry I will strive for the department to provide exceptional customer service, have effective recruitment processes, increase accountability, and boost employee morale.”

Mebane most recently served as assistant director of human resources in the Duke University Health System. She has more than a decade of experience in human resources, strategy, change management, organizational development and leadership. She received a dual master’s degree in human resource management and organizational leadership from Wilmington University in New Castle, Delaware, and a doctorate in management from Colorado Technical University.

In Memoriam

Marvin Block, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Dental Ecology, Passes Away

“His influence as a dental educator was obvious to those who knew him, and his individual kindness to students is known throughout the dental school,” said Lauren L. Patton. “We are deeply saddened by his passing.”

In Memoriam

Marvin J. Block, DDS, MS, MPH, professor emeritus at the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry, passed away Dec. 31, 2018. He was 96 years old.

Block joined the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry’s Department of Dental Ecology in 1974. During his time at Carolina, he trained students to provide care to patients with special needs, from those with physical disabilities to those in poverty. He travelled around the world providing quality oral health care to individuals in Africa, Mexico and India.

Lauren L. Patton, DDS, director of the general practice residency, was a student of Block’s at the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry. “I remember fondly his genuine kindness towards students and colleagues and his passion for caring for underserved and vulnerable populations,” said Patton. “He helped to inspire me and many other dental students to pursue career pathways that focused on or embraced the care of patients with special needs.”

—Lauren L. Patton, DDS

Theida Begins Appointment as Director of Student Wellness

Beginning in November 2018, Kate Thieda, MS, LPC, NCC, joined the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry’s Office of Academic Affairs as the director of student wellness. She will lead the development of strategies to create a healthy and balanced environment for students at the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry.

“As only the second director of student wellness among the UNC-Chapel Hill’s professional schools, Kate is a welcome addition to our team and will be a great resource for our students,” said Vice Dean for Education, Ed Swift, DMD. “In addition to the incredible range of expertise, experience, and interprofessional skills she brings to the school, the creation of Kate’s new position reflects the School of Dentistry’s renewed commitment to student wellness.”

Thieda will play a critical role in helping students develop lifelong skills to achieve and maintain optimal overall health, including promoting ways to prevent student burnout and establishing programs and policies to enhance physical and mental wellness.

“I am thrilled to have joined the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry in this new role and look forward to working with all students to create an environment that supports all the dimensions of wellness, including physical, mental, environmental, and spiritual wellness,” said Thieda.

Thieda most recently served in a similar capacity for graduate medical interns, residents and fellows in Duke University Hospital’s Personal Assistance Service. She earned her master’s degree in counseling from the UNC-Greensboro. She is a licensed professional counselor and a board-certified National Certified Counselor.

Wolcott Begins Appointment as Director of Educational Resources and Scholarship

In November 2018, Michael Wolcott, PharmD, PhD, began his appointment as the director of educational resources and scholarship with the Office of Academic Affairs. Wolcott will provide guidance in improving the curricular experiences of faculty and staff within the current curriculum and in the implementation of the Advocate, Clinician, Thinker (ACT) curriculum.

His responsibilities will include assistance and oversight in five primary areas: (1) operationalizing the new curriculum, (2) supporting instructional design, (3) aligning student assessment, (4) enhancing the educational experience, and (5) leading educational scholarship.

In addition, he will lead a variety of educational initiatives that incorporate evidence-based education principles into the curriculum. He will also oversee the new Academic Support Center, which supports the current curriculum and future ACT curriculum framework.

"From the first day I was inspired by the culture dedicated to improving the education of future dentists,” said Wolcott. “My goal is to contribute to this initiative by providing individualized, evidence-based support for all faculty members—the hope is to tailor support to meet the needs of faculty as they optimize their classroom and clinic teaching, while we also expand the school’s profile as a renowned dental research hub.”

Wolcott most recently served as a graduate research assistant at the UNC-CH Eshelman School of Pharmacy’s Center for Innovative Pharmacy Education and Research (CIPPER). He received his Doctor of Pharmacy from the UNC-CH Eshelman School of Pharmacy and completed his doctorate in education, with a specialization in learning sciences and psychological studies, at the UNC-CH School of Education.
Unc-Ch Center for Faculty Excellence

Four department chairs were selected to participate in the UNC-Ch Faculty Excellence Faculty Administrator Development Program for 2018-19. The series included 11 sessions that introduced the leaders to key offices and individuals on campus. The Adams School of Dentistry participants were George Blakely, DDS, Ryan Cook, DDS, MS, Eric Everett, MS, PhD, Cristiano Susin, DDS, MS, PhD.

To learn more about the Center for Faculty Excellence, visit cfe.unc.edu.
**Antonio Amillo, PhD, welcomed Kotaro Sato, DDS, at the first visiting scholar in the new medical school internship program recently established by Nagoya University (Japan) and UNC-Chapel Hill. He was the invited speaker at the Gordon Research Conference on Salivary Glands and Exocrine Biology session, and also presented at the Levine Cancer Comprehensive Center.**

**Kate Ciarrocca, DMD, MSEd, lectured at the Third Annual CE program of Wake Smiles to benefit the nonprofit dental clinic in Raleigh, North Carolina.**

**Wendy Clark, DDS, MS, presented at the American College of Prosthodontics Pre-doctoral Educators meeting in Baltimore, Maryland; and at the November meetings of the Southeastern AHEC and the North Carolina Association of Women Dentists. She served as the CE course director for, “Visions for Every Day Practice: Practical, Esthetic and Ethical Considerations.”**

**Ryan Cook, DDS, MS, presented at the Fall International Dental Study Club meeting in Ontario, Canada.**

**Ingeborg De Kok, DDS, MS, presented at the 27th annual Scientific Meeting of the European Association for Odontostomatological Exodontics in Vienna, Austria.**

**Kimon Divaris, DDS, PhD, presented at the 9th AADR Full Focused Symposium on the NIH Campus in Bethesda, Maryland. He gave three invited lectures for the Annual Research Day Keynote Lecture at the University of Illinois Chicago School of Dentistry, and an invited presentation at Colgate-Palmolive Headquarters, New Jersey.**

**Christine Downey, DDS, MS, is the new faculty advisor for the Adams School of Dentistry chapter of Operation Smile. She and Kimberly Sanders, PharmD, participated in “P4 Geriatrics Experience,” a two-day event that brings 10 disciplines together to discuss case studies and collaborate on care plans.**

**Ibrahim Duqum, BDS, MS, presented at the Forsyth County Dental Society meeting, AHEC meeting, Davidson County Dental Society meeting, and the Dental Sleep Medicine mini-residency. He was selected for the 2019/2020 ADEA Leadership Institute. He held a hands-on workshop for the UNC Sports Dentistry club.**

**Ashef Fouad, DDS, MS, was recently appointed as a consultant for the ADA Council on Scientific Affairs on the Antibiotics Therapeutics Expert Panel. He participated as an examiner for the American Board of Endodontics oral examination conducted in St. Louis, Missouri, and he spoke at the University of Michigan review course for the American Board of Endodontics examination.**

**Lew Lampiris, DDS, MPH, presented to the UNC-Chapel Hill Center for Faculty Excellence and at the WakeMed Internal Medicine Grand Rounds.**

**Jessica Lee, DDS, DPh, PhD, was featured in a story from the ADA on the measles outbreak in Washington, and was interviewed by UNC-Ch Chapel Hill Magazine on auto-transplantation at the Adams School of Dentistry as part of the women in science series.**

**Shaun Matthews, DDS, MD, presented at the American Society of TMJ Surgeons Annual Scientific Conference in San Diego, CA.**

**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. Dr. Meyer led the creation of a Children with Oral Trauma and Missing Teeth Team, which has received pilot funding ($10,000) from the North Carolina Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. The formal establishment of a dedicated trauma team will position the school as a leader in dental trauma-related teaching, research and patient care.**

**Valerie Murrah, DMD, MAEd, MS, MBA, presented at the 24th Wake Forest School of Medicine/NW AHEC Annual Dental Meeting, Charlotte AHEC meeting, Eastern Carolina AHEC meeting, Buncombe County Dental Society, and Lusk Center. She completed her 10th marathon in Barbados, winning her age group and the Flying Fish medal for completing the Fun Mile, 5k and marathon. She recently returned from Antarctica, where she ran the White Continent Marathon and her 8th marathon, and was awarded the Seven Continents Marathon Completion Award for finishing a marathon on seven continents.**

**Tung Nguyen, DMD, MS, was the keynote speaker for the 13th International Ecuadorean Society of Orthodontic and Orthopedic meeting in Guayaquil, Ecuador, and gave an all-day lecture. He was also the keynote speaker for the 5th International Congress of the Colombian Society of Orthodontists in Cali, Colombia.**

**Ricardo Padilla, DDS, presented five CE courses. His poster, “Working collaboratively across schools to promote oral health education,” was accepted for the 2019 ADEA Annual Session. He gave an invited presentation to the Duke University PA program for the 5th year.**

**Lauren Patton, DDS, presented on, “Dental Management Principles (Pre-During-Post),” at the American Academy of Oral Medicine fall meeting, Oral Oncology Forum, Oral Health and the Oncology Patient, at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, Massachusetts.**

**Rocio Quinonez, DMD, MS, MPH, participated in a panel discussion/webinar hosted by the Children’s Dental Health Project. The panel discussed obstacles to prevent pregnant women and new moms from getting the dental care they need.**

**Lattice Sams, RDH, MS, began her term as vice president of the North Carolina Dental Hygienists’ Association.**

**Andre Mol, DDS, MS, PhD, gave an invited presentation to the Durham-Orange Dental Society.**

**Carolina Vera, DDS, and Cohn La Prade, DDS Candidate 2022, represented the UNC-Ch Adams School of Dentistry Mexico Project and the Hispanic Dental Association at the International Festival in Durham, North Carolina. Dr. Viera helped expand the Mexico Project’s area of care to Morelos, Queretaro, Puebla, and the State of Mexico.**

**Jennifer Webster-Cyrilique, DDS, PhD, is the chair of the AADP Committee for Inclusion and Diversity.**

**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, and she served as a moderator at the event.**

**Rebecca Wilder, RDH, MS, presented an all-day CE program at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry in Lexington, Kentucky. She was an invited speaker at the Rocky Mountain Dental Meeting, the International Dental Professionals of Switzerland Annual Meeting, and the North Carolina Dental Society Meeting.**

**Tim Wright, DDS, MS, gave three national talks—one at the Southeast Society of Pediatric Dentistry in Atlanta, Georgia, one in New Orleans, Louisiana, and one at the Southwest Society of Pediatric Dentistry in Whittier, California.**

**Di Wu, PhD, received a 2019 Junior Faculty Development award from the UNC-Chapel Hill Committee on Faculty Research and Scholarly Leaves.**
First Students Selected for the Rural Oral Health Scholars Program

The first cohort of students for the Rural Oral Health Scholars Program was selected at the beginning of the new semester. John Edmunds, Timothy Glesener, Kasey Hornock, Duy Ngo, Marla O’Neal, David Shirecliffe, all DDS Candidates 2021, will begin monthly seminars this spring and will participate in a four-week externship at the Mountain Area Health Education Center (MAHEC) from July to August. Throughout their third year, students will interact with colleagues from other health programs, continue their monthly seminars and develop a knowledge base and skill set through discussions designed to foster a professional, supportive cohort.

Each student is guaranteed acceptance into one of the fourth-year UNC-Ch Adams School of Dentistry programs in western North Carolina for a five-month rotation.

Muñoz Aldape Awarded a National Health Service Corps Scholarship

Rosa María Muñoz Aldape, BSDH ’15, DDS Candidate 2021, was selected by the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) to receive a NHSC scholarship which provides educational funding for primary care providers who commit to serve a community in need upon their graduation and licensure.

Muñoz Aldape was drawn to the NHSC for their focus on providing care for underserved communities. The NHSC’s goal of building healthy communities by supporting health care providers in areas with limited access to care, aligns with her own goals.

“It is my mission to fill in disparities in dental health by working in an underserved area and ensuring patients have access to comprehensive dental care regardless of financial and language barriers,” said Muñoz Aldape. “By providing dental services to these communities, I am not only able to help others maintain and improve their quality of life, but also impact their overall health and well-being.”

Muñoz Aldape will provide three years of service at a NHSC-approved site such as rural health clinics, critical access hospitals, Indian Health Service clinics and other federally qualified health centers.

“Rosa has the perseverance, initiative, and intelligence to handle the demands of dental school, and I can’t wait to watch her become a leader in dentistry,” said Jennifer Harmon, RDH, MS, assistant professor of dental hygiene. “Her maturity, drive, positive attitude, and passion to be a dentist undoubtedly makes her an exceptional choice for the scholarship.”

In 1972, the NHSC began as a way to strengthen the country’s primary care workforce. More than 50,000 primary care medical, dental and mental and behavioral health professionals have served in the program since its inception.

Dunham Receives Award from Hinman Dental Society

The Hinman Dental Society awarded a scholarship to Caroline Elizabeth Dunham, RDH, a master’s in dental hygiene candidate. She was recognized at the 106th Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, which brought together more than 20,000 dental professionals from across the country.

“I am grateful for this scholarship and the opportunity it provided me to travel and experience the Hinman Dental Conference,” said Dunham. “It will greatly help me in achieving my education goals. It is an honor to receive this award.”

Last year, the Hinman Dental Society awarded more than $500,000 in scholarships and gifts, a tradition it has upheld since 1986. The awards went to 90 dental, dental hygiene and dental assisting students at 47 southeastern colleges and universities, including students in schools in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

“In addition to providing scholarships and endowments, Hinman invites students to attend the meeting to learn the latest in the profession, network with established dentists and prepare for a successful career in dentistry.”

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, scholars are invited to attend the Hinman Dental Meeting.
McPherson and Groody Named to National Student Dental Leadership Positions

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Kate McPherson and Justin Groody, both Doctor of Dental Surgery degree Candidates 2020, were recently appointed to national leadership roles in the American Student Dental Association (ASDA). McPherson is the incoming Council on Advocacy chair, and Groody is a Council on Professional Issues associate. Currently, McPherson serves as the legislative committee chair and Groody serves as co-president in the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry’s ASDA chapter.

As chair of the Council on Advocacy, McPherson will lead the council’s efforts to represent the interests of dental students on legislative and regulatory issues that impact the dental profession. The council launches grassroots initiatives in support of dental advocacy to a national scale and begins a different way than conventional care.

“Advocacy has given me a voice in dental school to positively impact both the profession and our patients in a different way than conventional care. I cannot wait to bring my passion for dental advocacy to a national scale. I am so excited to begin serving as Chair of the Council on Advocacy,” said McPherson. “As chair of the Council on Advocacy, my plan on this council is to further the efforts of the National Outreach Initiative,” said Groody. “I will strive to specifically encourage UNC ASDA to incorporate this initiative into its practices and benefit the Chapel Hill community. I am enthusiastic for what is to come and look forward to enlightenment the students here at the dental school with all that I learn.”

Last year, the council participated in World Diversity Day by sharing stories from members on the importance of diversity and implemented the National Outreach Initiative proposed by the ASDA Board of Trustees. The council coordinated a national event to feature community services work done by individual chapters as part of the initiative and their success brought in Colgate as a new national sponsor.

As an associate on the Council on Professional Issues, Groody will serve as a resource on dental practice administration and issues such as ethics, barriers to care and public health in dentistry. The Council on Professional Issues also reviews ASDA’s Code of Ethics and administers the five $500 Dentistry in the Community grants.

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Khosravi-Kamrani Awarded an ADA Foundation Dental Student Scholarship

Pegah Khosravi-Kamrani, DDS Candidate 2021, is one of four second-year dental students nationally selected for an American Dental Association (ADA) Foundation Dental Student Scholarship. Each $20,000 scholarship is designed to recognize a dental student with strong academics and who demonstrates outstanding promise in leadership, public service, and research.

Kamrani said the scholarship will help her stay focused on her short and long-term academic, service and career goals, which align with the ADA Foundation’s values and holistic approach to advancing oral health, expanding access to care and driving research.

“Being a recipient of this scholarship has impacted me both personally and professionally as I now feel incredibly supported by the ADA Foundation in all aspects of my dental school experience, from my upcoming research project to my community service work,” said Kamrani. “I hope that as I develop my career, I’ll be able to offer this same kind of inspiration to others as well, as together we work to promote oral health and expand access to care on a global scale. It is a privilege to receive the ADA Foundation’s support as we strive for a brighter future, where more kids are smiling together.”

The ADA Foundation annually provides grants, scholarships, awards, and facilitated in-kind product donations to programs that are in alignment with the organization’s efforts to advance oral health, expand access to dental care, and drive game-changing research.

Students Place in National CLARION Competition on Interprofessional Collaboration

Students from the UNC-Chapel Hill Adams School of Dentistry secured a second-place win at the national 2019 Interprofessional Education CLARION Competition.

The team included Monica Kim, DDS Candidate 2020, UNC-Chapel Hill Adams School of Dentistry; Natalie Browne from the UNC-Chapel Hill Gillings School of Global Public Health; Uzma Khan from Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling, and Christine Ko from the Eshelman School of Pharmacy.

“This achievement sheds a spotlight on UNC as a national leader in interprofessional education and practice and highlights the amazing collaborative work being done through the Office of IPER” said Katharine Ciarocco, DMD, MSD, director of interprofessional education and practice at the Adams School of Dentistry. “We could not be prouder of how Monica represented us.” Teams were asked to address the rise of poor health outcomes among individuals experiencing homelessness. The UNC-Chapel Hill team assessed county-level data and case studies, and identified that chronic unmet health issues combined with a bottleneck of healthcare services such as chronic care management, oral health screenings and mental health services.

“Being selected to be a part of this year’s team while also placing a huge win was tremendous for all of us,” said Kim. “My scope of our current problems and how we can solve them with clever, forward-thinking solutions has changed how I view my profession and impact within healthcare as a whole.”
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“No matter what path our students chose for their dental career, all the students feel as though they benefit greatly from these rotations,” said Dr. Lampiris. “It’s an experience we’re proud to offer to our students during their education.”

In my time at dental school I have heard the profession described as a blend of being a doctor, an artist and an engineer. We spend hundreds of hours in lab and clinic honing our skills as artist and engineer, but the part of doctor is much harder to train. We can study our diagnoses and pathology but learning to communicate these things to the patient comes only with time, wisdom and confidence.

My rotation experience put me out of my comfort zone and forced me to grow as a doctor.

A 24-year-old male patient presented to the office with pain around his gums. I was given a quick rundown. “The patient has some lesions in their mouth, and it looks like he may have ANUG. We want to see what you think.”

I confirmed that there were indeed lesions located on the hard palate and keratinized tissue as well as what appeared to be a chancre on the left dorsal body of the tongue. There was detached and grayed gingiva around the lower third molars that were fully erupted and the presence of a heavily coated tongue.

My mind ran through the pathology trees we had learned years prior and I began to think of my differential diagnosis based on my clinical exam — herpes, syphilis, ANUG, candida, erythema multiforme, etc. However, I realized I was missing a key part of the work up — I didn’t have the patient’s side of the story.

I excused myself from the operatory to consult with my classmate and preceptor. As I began asking them about the social history of the patient it became clear that there was an uneasiness around discussing the patient’s sexual history. They had asked about history of present disease, length of onset and discovered that he was under a lot of stress but vented no further with their questioning.

In that moment, I felt a combination of discomfort and responsibility knowing that I had to be the one willing to be professional around such a delicate topic.

I thought back to all the times Dr. Murrah had professionally discussed sexually transmitted diseases and the means of transmission. I thought about my role as a doctor and how I was going to be put into uncomfortable situations throughout my career.

I considered the patient in the chair who was putting his trust and faith in us as doctors to be willing and able to get to the bottom of his pain and fears. In that moment, I knew that I had to go be a doctor.

I went back into the room and sat down at eye level with a patient only two years younger than myself.

“When was your last sexual encounter?”

“About a week before this all started.”

“Did you use protection?”

“Yes.”

“Are you able to contact that person?”

“Yes, it’s my girlfriend... but we’re going through a break up.”

“I see. I’m very sorry to hear that, I know that can cause a lot of pain and stress. Is it possible that infidelity was a reason for the break up?”

“My girlfriend ever showed similar signs or symptoms as you are right now?”

“No, never, she went to the dentist last week, but that was just to get her teeth cleaned.”

“I have your girlfriend ever chatted online with her ex boyfriend?”

“Yes, it’s a private chat and we never chatted on me either.”

“When the patient returned for a follow-up, he informed us that he went immediately to a minute-clinic for an STD test and turned up positive for HSV. This matched our top differential diagnosis of primary herpetic. I spent some time educating the patient on living with herpes and answering questions or allaying fears he had.

I believe this experience will help me handle tough conversations with my patients for the rest of my career. I look forward to being a source of comfort, trust, and information for anyone that comes through my office doors.”

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Although the mother was a bit extreme in her action and reaction, I had sympathy for her situation. As the mother was returning, the police were called to the clinic. They asked for all information regarding the mother and the patient, and looked from afar if the mother was going to cause an issue when she came to the operatory. Surprisingly, the mother was in good spirits and said that she was going to relax for a few minutes. The attending quickly interjected, “Oh no, we are not going to stop the mother and explain the protocol was followed, I think that this was a bit extreme in her action and reaction, I had sympathy for her situation. As the mother was returning, the police were called to the clinic. They asked for all information regarding the mother and the patient, and looked from afar if the mother was going to cause an issue when she came to the operatory. Surprisingly, the mother was in good spirits and said that she was going to relax for a few minutes. The attending quickly interjected, “Oh no, we are not going to stop the mother and explain

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During my first rotation, a 56-year-old patient and her husband presented at an appointment who were both nonverbal and deaf. The patient was very nice, yet skeptical and scared. She had been a patient at the clinic for almost two years and although she had decay that we could observe clinically, the lead dentist would not treat the decay without radiographic evidence. She had been to three recall appointments and had attempted to reschedule three different times to no avail.

This was disheartening to me because this patient was not receiving the care she needed. The hygienist, dentist and both dental assistants were hesitant to work with her and encouraged me to do so. The challenges faced in treating this patient were multiple, however, the specific ones I experienced included building communication and trust.

Since I could not verbally communicate with this patient, I communicated with her via a white board. It took a long time for me to write legibly, so the appointment lasted much longer than anticipated, therefore patience was necessary. I was completely willing to communicate with the patient in whatever way she felt comfortable. If I were to ask a question, the patient would shake her head “yes” or “no” or write back on the white board. I found that body language was much more important in this situation. I believe my hand gestures, smile and attentiveness encouraged her and helped to build a relationship and trust between us.

Along with communication barriers, the patient was very distrustful of anyone being near her mouth. She would look at me, wave her hands and shake her head “no” as soon as she thought I was going to do anything near her mouth.

To gain her trust, I used “tell, show, do” and communicated with her that I would be doing a simple exam, and she allowed me to put a mirror in her mouth. I gently looked around and praised her on the white board regarding her willingness to allow me to perform the exam. She was proud of herself, and because her confidence in me was growing she wanted to try getting the x-ray again. However, the physiology stood in our way.

She had a severe gag reflex. After our simple exam, I attempted using a standard receptor. Unfortunately, this was very uncomfortable for the patient. She lost her trust in me and we had to start over with the mirror and praise. My patience was again tested, as I had been attempting the radiographs for almost an hour with no success.

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The Dental Foundation of North Carolina honors those donors and recipients of the Foundation’s endowed scholarships and fellowships. These endowments permitted the Foundation to award nearly $600,000 in scholarships and fellowships to dental hygiene, DDS and advanced education students this year.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Claude Adams Jr. and Grace Phillips Adams Scholarship**
Dr. Claude Adams Jr. established this fund to honor the memory of his late father, Dr. Claude Adams Jr., a dentist in Durham, NC.
David Phillips, DDS Class of 2021

**Dr. Cataleya O’Neal Scholarship**
Created in 2021.
Katherine Lemonea, DDS Class of 2021

**Dental Foundation of NC Asset Protection Group Scholarship**
Pegah Khosravi-Kamrani, DDS Class of 2021

**Asset Protection Group and Fortress Scholarship**
Asset Protection Group is a friend and supporter of the dental school, and has set up this scholarship to help students pay for the cost of their education.

**Laura Haymore Scholarship**
Lauraj Haymore, DDS Class of 2019

**The John and Charles Aycock Scholarship**
Dr. Aycock, an alumnus of the DDS Class of 1967, established this scholarship in his name and his father’s name to help students manage the cost of their education.
Seth Pinsky, DDS Class of 2022

**Best of Dentistry Scholarship**
This merit-based scholarship, which focuses on academic and/or clinical excellence, is made possible by the donors and alumni that attend the annual Best of Dentistry weekend events.
Trevor Olivenion, DDS Class of 2022

**Robert R. Fland Speech Scholarship**
Robert Fland, an alumnus of the DDS Class of 1970, established this scholarship in honor of his alma mater, the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry.
Rosa Munoz Aldape, DDS Class of 2021

**Dr. Carla Esteban and Family Scholarship**
Dr. Carla Esteban, a 1993 graduate of the school, has set up this scholarship to help students pay for the cost of their education.

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**The Eddie N. Clark and Mrs. Susan T. Clark Scholarship Fund**
In 2018, Mrs. Susan Clark established the Eddie N. Clark and Mrs. Susan T. Clark Scholarship Fund for DDS students in her husband’s memory. The Clark’s lived on a farm in Pittsboro, NC, and Eddie, a 1968 graduate of the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry, practiced dentistry in Apex, NC for his entire career.

**Donna Thomas Scholarship**
Donna Thomas, DDS Class of 2019

**Dr. Robert Russell Clark Memorial Scholarship**
Made possible by a generous bequest from the late Anne Mills Clark to honor her husband, Dr. Robert Russell Clark.
Briana Brazil, DDS Class of 2020

**Nicole Czucia Scholarship**
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Sarah Stickland, DDS Class of 2019
Megan Iordan, DDS Class of 2019
Benjamin Caple, DDS Class of 2019
Lindsay White, DDS Class of 2019
Abdul Zail, DDS Class of 2019
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Jaehye Yoo, DDS Class of 2019
Nadia Salem, DDS Class of 2019
Carolina Bates, DDS Class of 2019
Benjamin Johnson, DDS Class of 2019
Shanmee Little, DDS Class of 2019
Jose Vanella, DDS Class of 2019
Sarah Spaltenstein, DDS Class of 2019

**Dr. John and Mrs. Robert G. Corderman Scholarship Fund**
This scholarship was made possible by the members of the UNC Dental Alumni Association, established in 1954 to connect alumni of the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry. The UNCDAA provides significant support of students, while continuing its beneficial events and activities for its members.

**Marc Gonzalez Scholarship**
Marc Gonzalez, DDS Class of 2020
Coddy Sabol, DDS Class of 2020
Bratney Ciszek, DDS Class of 2020
Hannah Randall, DDS Class of 2020
Stephanie Companis, DDS Class of 2020
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**Dental Friends Scholarship**
Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Brooks, parents of UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry graduate Richard Brooks, established this scholarship in 2001.

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**Alberta Dolan Dental Hygiene Scholarship**
To honor Ms. Dolan, a dental hygiene professor emeritus, who worked at the school for 30 years, beginning in January 1956 before the first dental hygiene class came to campus the following September.
Brookie Tonnessen, DH Class of 2019

**Janet and Dr. Charles Edrington Scholarship**
This scholarship honors Janet Edrington and her late husband, Charlie Edrington, who was a graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry who practiced general dentistry in Sanford, NC, for many years.
Keara Vincent, DDS Class of 2019

**Dr. Randy and Mrs. Bobby Fussell Scholarship**
This scholarship was established by Dr. Randy Fussell and his wife, Bobby. Dr. Fussell is a 1990 graduate of the DDS program and his wife is also a UNC-Chapel Hill dental hygiene graduate.
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**Dr. Delores L. Hammer and Ms. Kim Clarke Scholarship**
Dr. Delores Hammer and Ms. Kim Clarke established this scholarship for students who demonstrate academic promise and financial need.

**Danielle Burgess, DDS Class of 2020**

**Dr. James Baldwin Hancock Memorial Scholarship**
Dr. Tom Browder established this scholarship to honor the memory of his friend and mentor, Dr. James Hancock.

**Bobby Porte, DDS Class of 2020**

**Miguel and Carolina Hernandez Memorial Scholarship**
Dr. Miguel Hernandez and Ms. Carolina Hernandez established this scholarship to honor the memory of his grandparents, Miguel and Carolina Hernandez.

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Established by Dr. and Mrs. Harald O. Heymann. Dr. Heymann graduated from the school in 1979 and was professor and director of graduate operative dentistry at the school.  
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This scholarship is provided by the Hinman Dental Society and is given to DDS students.  
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Dr. Edmund Baxter Hopkins Memorial Scholarship  
Established by Dr. Hen Glazener, friends and family of Dr. Edmund B. Hopkins, a 1984 graduate of the school, who passed away in 2001.  
Ryan Vasserley, DDS Class of 2019

Linda Paschall Jarvis Scholarship  
Established by the husband and family of Linda Paschall Jarvis, a 1975 graduate of the UNC-Chapel Hill Dental program, who passed away in 1996.  
Nesliea Chavez, DH Class of 2019

Kendrick, Kendrick and Peterson Scholarship  
The Charlotte Dental Society, with Dr. Jacob Freedman as a prime mover, established the scholarship in 1966 to honor Dr. Vance Kendrick initially and then Dr. Vaden Kendrick. When Dr. Sidney D. Peterson passed away, his name was also added to the scholarship fund.  
Steven Hancock, DDS Class of 2020

Priscilla Levine Scholarship  
Created in memory of a beloved patient care coordinator at the school who died in 1989.  
Nabil Montcho, DH Class of 2019

Linville Family Scholarship  
This scholarship is possible by Dr. Walter S. Linville, Jr. (DDS ’56), his daughter Dr. Lynn Linville-Lauchlan (DDS ’82) and their family to ease the financial burden of attending dental school.  
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Loblolly Dental Study Club  
The Loblolly Study Club has been a longtime supporter of the UNC-Chapel Hill Dental School and established this scholarship to assist future generations of North Carolina dentists.  
Caitlin Busbee, DDS Class of 2020

Keith T. Macdonald and Family Scholarship  
Dr. Macdonald is a 1984 graduate of the school and practices in Archdale, NC.  
William Haasmyer, DDS Class of 2022

M. Rhett and Mary W. Macomson Scholarship  
Dr. Robert E. Macomson established this scholarship in memory of his parents to benefit students who demonstrate academic promise and financial need.  
Trang Tran, DDS Class of 2021

Kenneth N. and Georgia S. May Memorial Scholarship  
Dr. May established this scholarship to honor his parents’ memory.  
Eva DeSal, DDS Class of 2021

Dr. Raymond A. McKee Merit Scholarship  
This scholarship was made possible through a bequest by Dr. Raymond A. McKee, a 1960 graduate of the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, who practiced dentistry in Cherryville, NC.  
Matthew Lothevar, DDS Class of 2022

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Medical Security Scholarship for Leadership in Dentistry  
Established in 2008 by the Medical Security Insurance Company.  
Jenna Sadberry, DDS Class of 2020

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Dr. Kenneth Morgan, Sr. and family established this scholarship in 1994.  
Michael Davis, DDS Class of 2020

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Dr. H.V. Munay, Jr. Scholarship  
The late Dr. Munay taught at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry for 30 years and served as Professor and Chair of the Department of Fixed Prosthodontics.  
Michelle Russ, DDS Class of 2019

Old North State Dental Society Scholarship  
Made possible by many generous members of the Old North State Dental Society.  
Briana Brazile, DDS Class of 2020

Robert W. and Maude B. Outland Scholarship  
With his father, who received scholarship assistance during the Great Depression, Dr. Robert Outland, Jr. set up a scholarship fund to help outstanding students who will contribute to the future of health care in North Carolina.  
Adam Bowers, DDS Class of 2022

Tavian Simmons, DDS Class of 2022

Elidon and Zetta Parks Scholarship  
The late Dr. Elidon Parks served as a dentist in Ellen for 40 years.  
Trang Tran, DDS Class of 2021

Dr. George and Nina Patterson Scholarship  
Established by Dr. David S. Patterson, a 1982 graduate of the school, to honor his parents Dr. George and Nina Patterson.  
Evan Moore, DDS Class of 2019

Mrs. Margaret and Dr. Bobby C. Raynor and Mrs. Gretchen and Dr. Robert A. Garcia Scholarship  
The Raynors established this scholarship to honor Mrs. Raynor’s sister, Gretchen Garcia and Mrs. Garcia’s late husband, Dr. Robert Aridita Garcia.  
Ryan Gross, DDS Class of 2019

Mrs. Margaret and Dr. Bobby C. Raynor, Harrell, Stamm, and Gardner Scholarship  
The Raynors established this scholarship to honor UNC-Chapel Hill Adams School of Dentistry’s Dean, Dr. W. W. Adams, Dean, 1973-1984, who passed away in 2020.  
Dr. Carol Stamm; and Associate Dean for Advancement Paul Gardner and to honor their outstanding roles in the development of the UNC-Chapel Hill Adams School of Dentistry and the Dental Foundation of North Carolina.  
Sarah Cornell, DDS Class of 2020

Mrs. Margaret and Dr. Bobby C. Raynor and Mrs. Helen and Dr. Murry W. Holland Scholarship  
The Raynors established this scholarship to honor one of Dr. Raynor’s favorite UNC-Chapel Hill Adams School of Dentistry professors and his wife, Dr. Murry W. Holland and Mrs. Helen H. Holland.  
Melanie Herbst, DDS Class of 2020

Mrs. Margaret and Dr. Bobby C. Raynor and Mrs. Myra and Dr. Monte G. Miska Scholarship  
The Raynors established this scholarship to honor one of Dr. Raynor’s favorite UNC-Chapel Hill Adams School of Dentistry professors and his wife, the late Dr. Monte G. Miska and Mrs. Myra Phelps Miska.  
Kayley Catlin, DDS Class of 2021

Mrs. Bertie Eleanor Raynor and Mr. Dervy William Raynor Scholarship  
The Raynors established this scholarship to honor Dr. Raynor’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dervy Raynor.  
Logan Ickerhour, DDS Class of 2019

Dr. Uday and Mrs. Laura Reebey Scholarship  
Dr. Uday and Mrs. Laura Reebey established this scholarship for students who demonstrate academic merit and financial need. Preference is given to students who interned or shadowed in Dr. Reebey’s office.  
Eva DeSal, DDS Class of 2021

Farha Haque, DDS Class of 2022

Dr. Scott R. Rehm Scholarship  
This scholarship was established by Dr. Scott R. Rehm, as 1983 graduate of the DDS program.  
LaShawn Hart, DDS Class of 2019

Eugene Rossitch Family Scholarship Fund  
The late Dr. Rossitch was the father of two dental school graduates (Alice and Michael) and the grandfather of a current student (Kale). He loved his family and UNC-Chapel Hill and saw this scholarship as a good way to honor his family and the University.  
Ryan Cody, DDS Class of 2020

Dr. and Mrs. Jonathan Saind Scholarship  
Dr. Ron Sain and his wife, Karen, established this scholarship to help students and to provide quality dental care to the people of their region of the state.  
Chris Ioan, DDS Class of 2021

Jack P. and Grace Silvers Scholarship  
The late Dr. Jack Silvers and DDS and 1966 orthodontics graduate who established this scholarship in 1998.  
Beatrice Williams, DDS Class of 2021

Nehemiah Lawson, DDS Class of 2019

Dr. Trey B. Sluder, Jr. Scholarship  
Dr. Roy Corderman, DDS, MS, and his wife Ann established this fund to honor their friend Dr. Trey Sluder, a beloved professor and classmate of Dr. Corderman.  
Ben Lowes, DDS Class of 2021

Clarence Lee Sockwell Scholarship  
Dr. Sockwell is one of the teaching legends at the UNC-Chapel Hill Adams School of Dentistry. In addition to his expertise in dentistry, Dr. Sockwell has a farming background, and he hopes to help other students from farming communities.  
Matthew Berklehammer, DDS Class of 2022

Dr. John B. Sower Merit Scholarship  
Made possible by a generous bequest by the late Dr. Jack Sower and his wife, Jane.  
Riley Jenkins, DDS Class of 2022

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John Harvey Spell, Jr. DDS Memorial Scholarship  
Established by O. Glenn Spell Jr., the late Sara Spell, and Laura Spell Watkins in memory of John Spell.  
Shamus Cooper, DDS Class of 2022

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. “Dink” Styers Scholarship  
Dr. and Mrs. Styers wanted to honor his father and mother with this fund that they established in 1999.  
Halbert Campbell III, DDS Class of 2020

Tarson Family Scholarship  
The members of the Tarson family have long been staunch supporters and friends of the UNC-Chapel Hill Adams School of Dentistry, most recently by establishing this merit-based scholarship in an effort to relieve the financial burdens of dentistry students.  
Chris Lane, DDS Class of 2021

Lois E. Taylor Scholarship  
Dr. Sarah Taylor Morrow and Mr. Frank Taylor, Jr. Established this fund to honor their extraordinary mother, who was the first female dentist in Charlotte, NC.  
Vanessa Cross, DDS Class of 2022

Markie Wicker Thomas Memorial Scholarship  
The Wicker family, David, Mandy and Ritt, along with friends and family of Markie, established this scholarship to honor the memory of Markie Wicker Thomas, a 1973 dental hygiene graduate who was part of the Wicker Family Dentistry practice for almost 35 years.  
Lawson Blatt, DH Class of 2019

Dr. Robert E. Torney, Jr. Memorial Scholarship  
Bob Torney was a well-loved member of the DDS Class of 1960 who died suddenly after being a classmate, friend and family. He worked with the DFVC to endow this scholarship fund in his memory.  
Sarah Strickland, DDS Class of 2019
Dr. William “Bill” Tulloch Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Lynn Smith established this scholarship to honor the memory of her best friend and fellow dentist, Dr. Bill Tulloch, a general dentist in Broadway, NC.

Santiago Telles Pacheco, DDS Class of 2022

University Dental Associates Scholarship

University Dental Associates and the American Dental Partners Foundation established this fund in 2003.

Anna Dorse, DDS Class of 2020

Dr. Michael A. “Mickey” Webb Scholarship

Mike and Julie Simmons established this scholarship to honor their family and orthodontics, Dr. Michael A. “Mickey” Wells, DDS ’79, Robert Warren ’II, DDS Class of 2019

Bryant Wicker Memorial Scholarship Fund

This scholarship was established by the family and friends of the late Dr. Bryant Wicker of Maxton, NC.

Halbert Campbell II, DDS Class of 2020

James Gurney and Ruth Williams Scholarship

The late Dr. L. D. Gurney remembered the memory of his parents with this fund established in 1990.

Christina Boortz, DDS Class of 2020

Yui Jiao, DDS Class of 2022

Shadow Stewart, DDS Class of 2022

Babai Yourself, DDS Class of 2022

Dr. Douglas and Ursula Young Scholarship

This fund was established by Dr. Douglas Young and his wife, Ursula, on the occasion of his 50th UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry reunion. Dr. Young was an orthodontist who practiced general dentistry in Winston-Salem, NC, for many years.

Catharine Song, DDS Class of 2021

Sarah Loewman, DDS Class of 2019

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FELLOWSHIPS

Advanced Education Fellowships

Established in 1990 to provide support for post-DDS students pursuing advanced degrees in the UNC-Chapel Hill Adams School of Dentistry.

Dr. Mary Lanier Zaytoun, Orthodontics

Dr. Christine Castelin, Prosthodontics

Ann and G. Randolph Bacevich Fellowship

Established in 1991 with contributions from the Bacevich’s, Mrs. Bacevich’s father. Dr. Roy A. Petton died in 1963, and Mr. Bacevich was president of the company for many years.

Dr. Elizabeth Griggs, Operative Dentistry and Biomaterials

Dr. Gene A. Insa, Operative Dentistry and Biomaterials

Dr. Gustavo Mahr, Operative Dentistry and Biomaterials

Dr. Rob Hilton, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology

Dr. Sai Lim, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology

Dr. Himori Nakamura, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology

Dr. Ben Crockett, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology

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Dr. Erin Hong, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology

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Dr. John Bruce, Periodontics

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Dr. Matt Mason, Periodontics

Dr. Eugenia Monaghan, Periodontics

Dr. Sing Wong, Periodontics

Dr. Syeda Zafir, Periodontics

Miriam Easterling Baker Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry

Established by Dr. Edgar B. Baker in memory of his late wife in 1990. Dr. Baker practiced orthodontics in Raleigh, NC, and these fellowships are for the benefit of residents in the Department of Orthodontics.

Dr. Ross Aronson, Orthodontics

Dr. Laura Jacobs, Orthodontics

Dr. Hillary Latham, Orthodontics

Dr. Greece Oliviera, Orthodontics

Dr. Christian Piens, Orthodontics

Dr. Mary Lanier Zaytoun, Orthodontics

Mary Jean Breeland Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry

Established through a bequest from Mrs. Breeland, who passed away in 2002. She was a longtime employee of the Foreign Service and wanted to ensure that children in North Carolina who would not experience the discomfort she experienced as a child who lacked access to oral health care.

Dr. Erin Titon, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Lara Heimisdottir, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Gregory D. Brooks and Mr. Andrew M. Brooks Fellowship in Orthodontics

The late orthodontist Dr. Greg Brooks, DDS ’76, MS ’78, and his wife, Martha, established these fellowships for orthodontic residents in 1993. The fund was established in loving memory of their son, Andrew. When Dr. Brooks passed away in 2004, Martha added his name to the fund.

Dr. Christian Piens, Orthodontics

Dr. Catherine Campbell, Orthodontics

Dr. Kaia Cass, Orthodontics

Caldwell-Christensen Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry

Established in 2005 by many generous friends of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry to honor the legacy of two pediatric alumni, Dr. Philip Caldwell, MS ’74 and Dr. John Christensen, MS ’80. This fellowship commemorates their contributions to graduate education: Dr. Caldwell’s contributions in the area of child patient sedation, and Dr. Christensen’s contributions as a dual-trained pediatric orthodontist/orthodontist in the realm of growth/dentition development and early treatment orthodontics.

Dr. Suzanne Baker, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Ivy Brisbin, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Amanda Dokoza, Pediatric Dentistry

Bryan and Rena Cobb Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry

Established in 2007 by Dr. Bryan Cobb and his wife, Rena, this award is given annually to one post-DDS student in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Cobb is a two-time Carolina alumnus (DDS ’83, MS ’85), an active member of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry certified pediatric dentist, a long-time state advocate and leader for children’s oral health and the Greensboro practice community. Rena Cobb is an alumnus of the Technical Institute of Alamance, serving in dental assistant for 20 years.

Dr. Suzanne Baker, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. James B. Congleton III Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry

Established in 1995 by Dr. James Congleton, a three-time Carolina alumnus (B.S. ’72, D.D.S. ’75, M.S. ’77), an American Board of Pediatric Dentistry certified pediatric dentist practicing in New Bern, NC. He was a tireless advocate and leader for advancing oral health for underserved children in the state and a community leader and icon in New Bern.

Dr. Maredith Davis, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Anastasia Dokoza, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Amanda Allen, Pediatric Dentistry

Diane C. Dilly Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry

Established in 2008 largely by alumni to honor the legacy of Dr. Diane Dilly. Dr. Dilly was an American Board of Pediatric Dentistry certified pediatric dentist and a longtime faculty member who served as both DDS and graduate program director. She also was an active member of the UNC-Choralistics Team.

Dr. Suzanne Baker, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Erin Titon, Pediatric Dentistry

Jack and Renee Dvnley Fellowship in Orthodontics

Established in 2003 by Dr. Jack Dvnley, an orthodontist in Midlothian, VA, and his wife, Renee.

Dr. Hillary Lanthrop, Orthodontics

Dr. Jacob B. Freedland Advanced Dental Education Fellowship

Established in 1994 with contributions from Dr. Jacob Freedland, a generous friend of the School of Dentistry who practiced endodontics in Charlotte, NC.

Dr. Maria Deng, Oral and Craniofacial Biomedicine

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Dr. Jacob B. Freedland Scholarship in Endodontics

Established in 1995 to honor the legacy of Dr. Sandy Marks, Jr., longtime faculty member for nearly three decades and is known for his strong collaboration with pediatric dentistry colleagues and leadership of the department’s presence in UNC Hospitals.

Dr. Suzanne Baker, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Michael Mittelsteadt, Endodontics

Dr. Iac Platt, Endodontics

Dr. Elisa Arramotidd, Endodontics

F. Thomas Mciver Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry

Established in 2007 to honor the legacy of Dr. F. Thomas Mciver, a three-time Carolina alumnus (B.S. ’67, DDS ’70, longtime faculty member, a lifetime leader in the Southern Association of Institutions for Oral Health, for more than 50 years. Dr. Mciver has been an active faculty member and leader and advocate for the care of children with special health care needs.

Dr. Ivy Brisbin, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Jack Menius Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry

Established in 1995 to honor the legacy of Dr. Jack Menius, a beloved adjunct faculty member and pedodontist who served for 25 years as the officer of the Dental Division at Mounds Development Center. Dr. Menius made monumental contributions to the graduate training in care for developmentally disabled.

Dr. Morgan Hess, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Lara Heimisdottir, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Theodore Oldenberg Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry

Established in 1992 to honor the legacy of Dr. Theodore Oldenberg, a two-time Carolina alumnus (DDS ’57, MS ’62) and faculty member for more than 50 years. Dr. Oldenberg was a prestigious national leader: he served as department chairman during the tenure of the American Academy and American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

Dr. Ivy Brisbin, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Suzanne Baker, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Jennifer Crisp, Pediatric Dentistry

The Olmstead, Torrey, Mohorn, Mohorn, Morgan and Baird Graduate Endodontic Fellowship

Dr. John Olmsted, a 1977 graduate of the Endodontics program, led the creation of this Fellowship along with his partners and colleagues to make this outstanding resident support possible. Dr. Olmsted is a former president of the American Association of Endodontists and currently practices in the Piedmont area of North Carolina.

Dr. Michael Mittelsteadt, Endodontics

Dr. Iac Platt, Endodontics

Dr. Elisa Arramotidd, Endodontics

Mike Roberts Fellowship

Established in 2008 to honor the legacy of Dr. Mike Roberts, Hinson Distinguished Preclinical former graduate program director and department chair. Dr. Roberts has served as a faculty member for nearly three decades and is known for his strong collaboration with pediatric dentistry colleagues and leadership of the department’s presence in UNC Hospitals.

Dr. Suzanne Baker, Pediatric Dentistry

Elise M. and Baxter S. Bapp, Jr. Fellowship

Established in 1959 by Dr. Sally Bapp, a general dentist in Durham, NC, and his wife, Elise. This fund provides support for post-DDS students pursuing advanced degrees in the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry.

Dr. Christine Castelin, Prosthodontics

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Dr. Ranula Castillo, Prosthodontics

Dr. Jackson Blackburn, Prosthodontics

Dr. Brandon Peters, Prosthodontics

Dr. Chris Pesinac, Prosthodontics

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William F. Vann, Jr., Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry
This award was endowed in 2002 to honor the legacy of Dr. Bill Vann, a two-time Carolina alumnus (MS ‘76, PhD ‘80) who served as a former DDS program director, graduate program director and chair. Dr. Vann was the first distinguished professor and served as the director of the UNC-Chapel Hill Pediatric Dentistry program.

Dr. Robert Brown, Pediatric Dentistry
Recipient of this award was Dr. Robert Brown, who is recognized for his contributions to excellence in pediatric dentistry.

Dr. William B. Higley, Jr., Dental Science Award
This award is endowed by friends and family of Dr. William B. Higley, Jr., a former DDS graduate of the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry.

Dr. Wendy Clark, Restorative Sciences
This award recognizes outstanding contributions to excellence in restorative sciences.

Dr. Richard F. Hunt, Jr. Memorial Award
This award is presented annually to a member of the School of Dentistry who manifests recognition for significant contributions to excellence in pre-doctoral teaching. The award is sponsored by the Loblolly Study Club through the DFNC in memory of Dr. Richard F. Hunt, Jr.

Dr. Susan C. Hadler, UNC-Ch School of Medicine
Recognizes the DDS student who best exemplifies Dr. Holland’s contributions to excellence in pre-doctoral teaching.

Dr. Zane E. Eargle, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Award
This award was endowed by friends and family of Zane Eargle, a popular member of the DDS Class of 1988, who died suddenly in 2017.

Celeste Kendrick, DDS Class of 2021
Recognizes the DDS student who best exemplifies Dr. Holland’s contributions to excellence in pre-doctoral teaching.

Dr. Poolak Bhatt, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Recognizes the DDS student who best exemplifies Dr. Holland’s contributions to excellence in pre-doctoral teaching.

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Kristin Allison, DDS Class of 2019
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Robert M. Nelson, DDS, MS, first associate dean of the UNC School of Dentistry with the late William R. Proffit, DDS
Recognizes the DDS student who best exemplifies Dr. Holland’s contributions to excellence in pre-doctoral teaching.

In the bestselling book The ONE Thing, authors Gary Keller and Jay Papasan point to Australian researchers Megan Oaten and Ken Cheng who found, "a kind of halo effect around habit creation: in their studies, students who successfully acquired one positive habit reported less stress, less impulsive spending, better dietary habits; decrease alcohol, tobacco, and caffeine consumption; fewer hours watching TV; and even fewer dirty dishes.” They said if you sustain the discipline long enough on one habit, not only does it become easier, but it does other things as well. The point here is doing the most important thing first regularly makes everything else easier.

Cotton joins the Office of Advancement
The Office of Advancement welcomed Angela Cotton as executive assistant to the Dental Foundation of North Carolina this year.

Prior to joining the Dental Foundation of North Carolina, Cotton was the Office Administrator for a satellite office of Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc. (DBF), a multi-disciplined architecture, engineering, and survey firm headquartered in Salisbury, Maryland.

At DBF, Cotton assisted the marketing team in putting together winning proposals, as well as working with accounting to coordinate the management of several accounts spanning the eastern shore of Maryland and Delaware.

Cotton is from the Eastern Shore of Maryland where she obtained her bachelor’s degree in business administration at Chesapeake College. In her spare time, Angela enjoys hiking, reading, attending concerts and spending time with her children, etc.
Why I Give

Rafael Rivera, DDS ’98

As a second-year dental student on the Mexico Project, Rafael Rivera, DDS ’98, remembered how difficult it was to fundraise for the trip.

“I remember saying to myself that I would find a way to give something to that project when the students asked,” he said. Each year, he found a way to increase his donations, even in his first year after graduation as a debt-laden U.S. Navy Dental Officer.

“What I think started as a $25 or $50 annual donation grew little by little each year. When the dental school was building the Skovor Oral Health Sciences Building, I thought rather than help a few students on a trip, why not be a part of something bigger?”

Rivera has always found great satisfaction and joy in giving to others. He recently established a fund for the Mexico Project. “The idea of helping generations of students to way to something bigger?”

Rafael Rivera, DDS ’98, remembered how difficult it was to fundraise for the trip.

“After realizing the simplicity of how a pledge works, I decided to go all in. I put the money that had been going toward the car payment toward building a better future for the dental school and North Carolina.”

“Before I understood that the Adams School of Dentistry looks after its students and cares about their continued success.”

Rivera wants students to continue to understand the impact they can have by giving back to the school and future students. He hopes his gift encourages at least one other person to do the same.

“We have more than we realize,” he said. “Appreciate your gifts and talents. Find a way to selflessly share them with others.”

“I didn’t know many professors or faculty and that was all part of my grand plan,” he said.

After a lackluster physiology exam — the product of enjoying (“perhaps a bit too much”) an unseasonably mild late winter and early spring — he caught the attention of W. David Branson, DDS ’71, then dean of academic affairs.

“The fact that Dr. Branson called me into his office to check up on me left a remarkable impression,” said Rivera.

“The look on his face when I told him why I hadn’t been studying was classic. I don’t think he was prepared for such honesty.

“We had a bit of a laugh and a good chat. It was the first time I understood that the Adams School of Dentistry has always found great satisfaction and joy in giving to others.”

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“The look on his face when I told him why I hadn’t been studying was classic. I don’t think he was prepared for such honesty.

“We had a bit of a laugh and a good chat. It was the first time I understood that the Adams School of Dentistry looks after its students and cares about their continued success.”

Rivera wants students to continue to understand the impact they can have by giving back to the school and future students. He hopes his gift encourages at least one other person to do the same.

“We have more than we realize,” he said. “Appreciate your gifts and talents. Find a way to selflessly share them with others.”

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Selden’s first fond memory of Carolina is when he walked into Eringhaus dorm and met his future wife. “I was never a believer in love at first sight, but when I met her, I knew.”

His other memories include the mentorship and guidance he received from Adams School of Dentistry faculty, including Robert Mayo, MA, PhD, a director in the UNC-Ch Chapel Hill Craniofacial Center at the time.

“When I was a freshman, I went to the dental school to see if I could get involved in research,” said Selden. “I did not know where to go or what to do. I just showed up at the administrative offices of the dental research center. He saw me walking around, lost, and invited me into his office and placed me on one of his projects.”

You will find Selden mentoring and training future orthodontists in the UNC-Chapel Hill Adams School of Dentistry’s clinics. What advice does he have for current and future students?

“Dentistry is a wonderful profession that is both rewarding and challenging,” said Selden. “It provides the flexibility to be your own business owner, or not, and practice a myriad of specialties that best suit your desires.”

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Message from the UNCDAA President

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Six years ago, I attended my first Dental Alumni board meeting. As I made my way around the room exchanging pleasantries, I could not help but be impressed by each and every colleague.

Though the members of the group have changed, unsurprisingly my impression has not, owing to our incredibly accomplished and diverse alumni base. I have truly enjoyed getting to know so many of you. It’s been my honor to serve as Alumni Association President and I thank you for this wonderful opportunity.

I also want to thank Paul Gardner, Kaylee Carter and the team at the Office of Advancement. The Office of Advancement performs the heavy lifting for our alumni association, not only managing our budget which allowed for more than $25,000 in Dental Alumni Association student scholarships this year alone, but also facilitating everything from alumni meetings to events like Best of Dentistry, the golf tournament, class reunions and more. The team at the Office of Advancement constantly searches for new and improved ways to engage our alumni base. If you have an idea for a great alumni event or how to improve a current event, feel free to drop them a line!

A second debt of gratitude goes to Paul Gardner. Thanks to his efforts, in February we celebrated the $27.48 million gift from Dr. Claude A. Adams III. A few of you may know this, but this gift was more than 20 years in the making. In accordance with Dr. Adams III’s wishes, our beloved institution was renamed in honor of his parents: the UNC-CH Claude A. Adams Jr. and Grace Phillips Adams School of Dentistry.

Reflective of our culture of innovation at the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry, you’ll find many more updates in the pages of this issue, including new teledentistry and student wellness initiatives. You will also find information about a few of our amazing students who are leading the way serving their communities and the oral health profession, whether through the new Rural Oral Health Scholars program or in national positions with the American Student Dental Association. Last, but not least, you will find information about our world class faculty who leading the way in education.

Due to your unwavering support, the Adams School of Dentistry’s Campaign for Carolina has had tremendous success in the last year. Together, you have helped raise more than $40 million of our new $70 million goal. Clearly, there is more work to be done and we still need your help “to become the very best.”

Due to your unwavering support, the UNC-Chapel Hill for a little respite and reconnect with classmates and friends. For those of you in the DDS Classes of 2021, 2022 and 2023, please be on the lookout for a save the date for April 4, 2020.

Thank you, as always, for your support of the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry and the Dental Alumni Association. It has been an honor to serve.

With appreciation and warm regards,

Rafael Rivera, DDS ’88
President, UNC Dental Alumni Association
education and treatment to patients; and mentors Haitian dental practitioners. Three years ago, Kibler implemented the fluoride switch program at the K-12 school in Grand-Salvi. He has practiced dentistry for 30 years and owns his own practice in uptown Charlotte, NC.

Robert Schiffel, DDS ’86, is in his second year as Chair of the New Hanover County Board of Health. He is a sitting member of the North Carolina State Board of Health, and a board member of the NC Star Dental Society Foundation representing the fifth district. He is director of the North Carolina State Dental Society Mission of Mercy Clinics. He is a proud grandfather to Walker (3 years old) and Finn (10 months old). They are having amazing fun in Wilmington, NC.

1990s

William Current, Jr., DDS ’90, was presented with 2019 Gaston County MLK Unity Award. The award was established in 2004 and recognizes current and former Gaston County citizens who have performed exemplary community service to help build bridges of unity across lines of class, race, gender, faith and/or municipalities within the county. Current co-chaired the first Mission of Mercy Free Dental Clinic in the county, and he was the driving force behind the creation of the Rotary Community Garden in downtown Gastonia.

Royce “Tony” A. Porter, Jr., DDS ’90, is serving as the president of the North Carolina Dental Society. He welcomed his first grandchild, Emma Ayuso, in March.

Anita Sawhney, DDS ’91, is celebrating 25 years at her general practice in Raleigh, NC. She has enjoyed being with the Dental Assistant Association Board and is looking forward to serving as president next year. She is proud of her DDS Class of 1991 classmates for their generous donations toward a faculty endowment. Her daughter, Kaitie, is a freshman at Broughton High School. Her husband, Greg, is enjoying his appointment as chair of the Wake County Board of Elections.

Bobbie Stanley, DDS ’03, awarded the Triangle Business Journal, 2019 Women in Business Award’s Entrepreneur of the Year. She accepted her award Thursday, March 28, 2019, at the Prestonwood Country Club. Stanley is the owner and partner dentist of Stanley Dentistry in Cary, NC. She is also co-founder/co-director of Stanley Institute for Comprehensive Dentistry. She is an adjunct associate professor at the Adams School of Dentistry. She has been married to Robert Stanley, DDS ’08, for 25 years.

2000s

Ardie M. DeShields, DDS ’09, MPA, was selected the president of the North Carolina Dental Society’s third district. She will be responsible for dentist offices in 14 counties, including Chatham, Durham and Orange counties. DeShields is the owner of Best Smile Dental, located in Greensboro, NC, and is an adjunct faculty member at the UNC-Ch Adams School of Dentistry, and enjoys mentoring students from both the Adams School of Dentistry and the East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine.

George “Chip” Gatz, DDS ’09, MS ’18, completed his periodontology residency at the UNC-Ch Adams School of Dentistry. An article based on his master’s thesis will be published in the Journal of Periodontal Therapy. Oral Radiology. Oral Radiology. Journal this year. He and his wife, Veronica Gatz, MHA ’10, have moved back to Charlotte, NC, where Chip has joined a specialty practice and Veronica is an assistant, vice president with Atrium Health. They are expecting their first child in June 2019.

Steven Hatcher, DDS ’02, welcomed two new associates to his practice: Chad Marshall, DMD, and Victoria Santiago-Coiro, DMD.

Judy McIntyre, DMD, MS ’06, recently published an article titled, “Transplanting Molars: Autotransplantation of two third molars to first molar sites, with a 13-year follow-up.” for Dental Town Magazine. The article is available in the December 2018 issue.

2010s

Natalia N. Antley, DDS ’14, started a new position at Forest Acres Dentistry in Columbia, SC. She and her husband, Marcus, are expecting a baby boy in May 2019. Their daughter, Catalina, is now 2 years old. She says family life and work keep her busy.

Ashley Ayuso, DDS ’14, and her husband, Max, welcomed their first child, Emma Louise Ayuso on March 13, 2019. She will also serve as the chair of the North Carolina Dental Society’s Annual Session in May.

Savannah Honeycutt, DDS ’18, joined the Dentistry of the Carolinas practices in Monroe and East Charlotte. In addition to providing general dentistry, her other dental interests include dental surgery, cosmetic dentistry, and crown and bridge procedures.

Corey Mullen, DDS ’11, owner of CarolinaDentist.com, was featured in the Fayetteville Observer. CarolinaDentist.com has five practices in the state and recently celebrated their fifth year in business. On his favorite part of his job, Mullen said, “I fell in love with dentistry because I’m able to use my hands, head and heart daily while caring for others. It affords me the ability to be part scientist, part artist, part healer and often part of my patients’ and team members’ extended family.”

Ben R. Thomas, DDS ’12, was invited to join the International College of Dentists. He will be inducted this fall.

Dabin Warren, RDH, BS ’19, was selected to compete in the graduate student research awards at the 96th Annual Dental Hygienists’ Association’s Annual Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. The program, sponsored by Dentistry South Carolina, recognizes graduate-level dental hygiene students for original research in their field of study. Warren’s presentation, “Interprofessional collaboration among dental hygiene and nursing students on oral health for cancer patients,” utilizes a mixed-methods design to evaluate a new interprofessional collaboration between the UNC-Ch Adams School of Dentistry and the UNC-Ch School of Nursing.
Dental School through the Eyes of a Cartoonist

Michael Peele, DDS ’76, is not only a dentist and a proud UNC-Chapel Hill Adams 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.
Helpful Information

**Online Professional Posting Service**
This helpful service to members of the UNC-CH Dental Alumni Association is at www.dentistry.unc.edu/alumni-friends/opps. As a DAA member you can list the sale of your practice, an opportunity to lease office space, or post an ad for an associate or staff member for a fee. This service is free for lifetime members of the UNC-CH Dental Alumni Association.

**Changes of Address**
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