From De Rossi's Desk

In the summer of 2017, we announced a bold and fearless strategic plan -- a plan crafted by you -- that we called *Moving Beyond Excellence*. In fact, it was so bold, so fearless and so aspirational that we celebrated its launch with a carnival in our atrium.

But then came the hard part: the blood, sweat, and tears of execution.

A strategy, even a great one, does not implement itself. Over the last two years, I have seen our UNC Adams School of Dentistry staff, students, and faculty align personal and professional goals with our mission and vision. I have witnessed first-hand numerous people exemplify our core value of passionately serving.

And now here we are, at the halfway point of implementation, seeing amazing and transformative changes in our clinical programs as we transform care by putting the patient first. Our people are working harder than ever. Incredible progress is being made. And, of all the things that can boost our inner work life, the most important is making progress in meaningful work.

So please join me in taking a step back, reflecting on the progress of these last two years, celebrating the achievements of our people and our school, thanking our staff, students, and faculty for their efforts, and renewing our commitment to transforming dentistry for better health.

Here you will find a summary of our accomplishments over the last two years, and what we can look forward to achieving together in the two years ahead.

Thank you for your tireless work and for all each of you have done to help our school on its journey beyond excellence.

Professionally yours,

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

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School News

Sherrell Begins Appointment as Assistant Professor in Division of Diagnostic Sciences

Wesley Sherrell, DMD, recently began his appointment as an assistant professor of oral medicine in the Division of Diagnostic Sciences. His responsibilities as an assistant professor include teaching oral medicine, working in the clinics and seeing patients in the Dental Faculty Practice.
“Dr. Sherrell is a very well-trained clinician who has also had significant teaching experience during his residency. He is a significant addition to our oral medicine team and I have no doubt that students will benefit greatly from his instruction and practice insights,” said Division Chair, Valerie Murrah, DMD, MS, MA.

**Wallet Begins Appointment as Associate Dean for Research**

Effective August 2019, Shannon Wallet, PhD, began her appointment as associate dean for research at the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry.

As associate dean of research, Wallet will primarily be responsible for leading and overseeing the ongoing development of the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry’s research portfolio, identifying new areas of research, mentoring early-career and mid-career faculty, and pursuing research funding opportunities.

**Marchesan Awarded American Association for Dental Research Fellowship**

Julie Marchesan, DDS, PhD, assistant professor of periodontology, was awarded the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) Anne D. Haffajee Fellowship. The $10,000 award is designed to support the academic and scientific development of female researchers towards an independent research career by funding travel, training and career development during the fellowship period.

“Dr. Haffajee was a revolutionary individual and paved the way for many of us, female dental researchers. To have the opportunity to carry on her legacy with an award in her honor is a very humbling experience,” said Marchesan.

**Amelio Receives the First Place Joseph Lister Award for New Investigators**

Antonio Amelio, PhD, received the first place 2019 Joseph Lister Award for New Investigators at the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) Annual Meeting for his research “Autochthonous immunocompetent models of HPV16-mediated oral tumorigenesis.” As the first-place winner, Amelio will receive $5,000 and a $3,000 travel stipend.

“We are hopeful that our studies aimed at developing and characterizing these new models will provide valuable platforms for better understanding the biology of cancers driven by HPV and enabling new therapeutic options for patients with these cancers,” said Amelio.

**Ribeiro Awarded International Association for Dental Research Fellowship**
Apoena De Aguiar Ribeiro, DDS, MS, PhD, associate professor at the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry, was awarded the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) Cariology Research Group Science award.

“I’m deeply honored to accept the Science Award and to join past recipients who I have long admired and respected in Cariology,” said Ribeiro. “This achievement was possible due to a strong collaboration between the Oral Microbiology, Pediatric Dentistry and Periodontology from UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry, the Microbiome Core from UNC-CH School of Medicine, the Forsyth Institute and the Rio de Janeiro Federal University, in Brazil. Our team is committed to continue this research topic and endeavoring to place our School among the world leaders in Cariology Research.”

The New Director of Operative Dentistry and Biomaterials Graduate Program

Gustavo Oliveira, DDS, MS, began his appointment as director of operative dentistry and biomaterials graduate program in the Division of Comprehensive Oral Health.

"It is an honor and privilege to serve the Operative Dentistry at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry as the next graduate program director," Oliveira said.

"It is my personal goal to maintain the tradition of excellence of this program, which was built by the selfless dedication of the many that came before me."

Inclusivity in Art Contest Winners

Congratulations to our two winners, Sabrina Collias and Elizabeth Rocafuerte! Check out their winning artistic pieces below.

Expert Judge Contest
Winner: Sabrina Collias
Title: Los Niños Felices
Description of Art: Los Niños Felices

Popular Vote Contest
Winner: Elizabeth Rocafuerte
Title: Todos los Colores de Mi Amor / All of the Colors of My Love
Don't Miss Faculty Development Friday!

Friday, September 6
1-3 p.m. | G411 Koury Oral Health Sciences Bldg.

Using iPads for education has revolutionized the way we teach. Classes can be more interactive with the ability to take notes while recording lectures, incorporating 3D animations, fast file sharing and more. The possibilities are endless, and the future is here.

**Fernando Astorga, DDS, MS**, will inform you of how to use this technology to help students learn in a fun and efficient way.

Unveiling of the Academy of Osseointegration Study Club

Wednesday, October 16
1-2 p.m. | G411 Koury Oral Health Sciences Bldg.

Students, residents and post graduates are invited to attend the unveiling of the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry – Academy of Osseointegration Study Club.

Featuring presentations by Robert Vogel, DDS, and Jeffrey Thomas, DDS, on state-of-the-art topics and techniques in implant dentistry through ideal team interaction, as well as a session on, "How to Become the GO-TO Specialist for Implant Referrals in Your Community."

35th Annual Prosthodontics Continuing Education Program

The six-day multidisciplinary program directed by Ibrahim Duqum BDS, MS, included topics in prosthodontics, dental implants, digital dentistry, oral and maxillofacial surgery and dental sleep medicine as well as a hands-on workshop on contemporary dental implant solutions.

The course was sponsored by DENTSPLY SIRONA. Content provided by UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry faculty and fellows: Glenn Reside, DMD, MS; Ryan Cook, DDS, MS; Greg Essick, DDS, PhD; Kevin Lim, DMD, MS; Lauren Katz, Ibrahim Duqum, BDS, MS.

Student and Resident News
Pegah Khosravi-Kamrani, DDS Candidate 2021, received a DDS short term research fellowship with Sylvia Frazier-Bowers, DDS, PhD.

First year residents in the Division of Comprehensive Oral Health practiced standardized patient encounters for the first time in the history of the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry.

Jessica Dillon, DDS, and Erin Hong, DDS, third year oral and maxillofacial radiology residents, Azin Parsa, DDS, first year oral and maxillofacial radiology resident, and Colin LaPrade, DDS Candidate 2021, presented at the recent AAOMR meeting.

Employee News

- Antonio Amelio, PhD, spoke on, "Illuminating Tumor Biology Using Next Gen Optical Reporter Mouse Models," at the 14th annual Mechanisms and Models of Cancer symposium.
- Jean-Pierre Albouy, DDS, MS, PhD, and Mauro Nunes, DDS, MS, attended the AAL Institute for Teaching and Learning.
- Renie Daniel, DMD, MD, gave grand round to the pediatricians at UNC Rex. Her presentation was titled, "Pediatric Maxillofacial Pathology."
- Ibrahim Duqum, BDS, MS, presented, "Contemporary Ceramic Restorations" to the Charlotte Dental Implant Study Club. He along with UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry students, residents and staff started the first phase of the annual UNC mouth guard project by making impressions for the UNC football team, sponsored by 3M Oral Care and the dental faculty practice. The second phase will occur in early September.
- Ashraf Fouad, DDS, MS, received the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh’s fellowship in dental surgery without examination as a result of his experience and qualifications. Fouad also gave a keynote presentation at the Satellite Symposium of the Pulp Biology and Regeneration Group held in Portland, Oregon, titled, "Contemporary Microbial and Antimicrobial Analysis in Regenerative Endodontic Therapy."
- Jennifer Harmon, RDH, MS, got engaged to her boyfriend, Steve, July 28, 2019.
- Patricia Miguez, DDS, MS, PhD, received the Eshelman School of Pharmacy Tier 1 grant; NC TraCS Translational Research grant; and a NIDCR, NIH: RO3 grant.
- André Mol, DDS, MS, PhD, presented, "Emerging Technologies: Intraoral Tomosynthesis: Past, Present and Future" at the recent AAOMR meeting.
- Peter Tawil, DMD, MS, gave an invited oral presentation titled, "Seize Your Endodontic Edge," at the North Carolina Dental Society Annual Session.
- The Office of Professional Development and Faculty Affairs held a recognition reception for the mentors and mentees in the faculty mentoring program at the home of Scott De Rossi, DMD, MBA, and Kate Ciarrocca, DMD, MS.
- Inna Tchivileva, MS, MD, presented a poster at the American Headache Society 61st Annual meeting on “Migraine Modifies Propranolol Efficacy for Treatment of TMD Pain: SOPPRANO Randomized Controlled Trial.” Co-authors include Gary Douglas Slade, BDS, DPH, PhD.
- Jennifer Webster-Cyriaque, DDS, PhD, is the 2019 Chair of the AADR Committee on Diversity and Inclusion.
- Babak Yousefi, DDS Candidate 2022, is the recipient of the Grover C. Hunter Research Fellowship, for his research titled, "Molecular Characterization of the Irreversible Pulpitis."
Welcome, New Hires!

- **Laura Doody**: Administrative Support Associate, Academic Affairs
- **Carolyn Baber**: Administrative Support, Comprehensive Dentistry, Comprehensive Oral Health
- **Dewey Chapa**: Center for Digital Innovation, Dental Technician, Comprehensive Oral Health
- **Caitlin Schwartz**: Social Media and Digital Specialist, Public Affairs and Marketing
- **Wesley Sherrell**: Clinical Assistant Professor, Oral Medicine Section of Diagnostic Sciences
- **Shannon Wallet**: Associate Dean for Research

Promotions

- **Whitney Ryan**: University Program Associate, Office of Professional Development and Faculty Affairs/Interprofessional Education and Practice
- **Li Chen**: Radiography Course Director, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology

New: Anonymous Suggestion Box

As a result of a suggestion we received through SuggestionOx, we have upgraded our anonymous online suggestion box! Here is what you will notice:

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

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

Grants and Awards

- **Patricia Miguez, DDS, MS, PhD**, received the Eshelman School of Pharmacy Tier 1 grant; NC TraCS Translational Research grant; and a NIDCR, NIH: RO3 grant.
- **Ricardo Padilla, DDS**, et. al. received a grant titled, "Profiling of oral cell morphology by means of a novel label-free method of polarization diffraction imaging," from the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry and East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine Research Collaboration Planning.
Publications


Upcoming Events

- **Sept 2, All Day:** University Closed
- **Sept. 4, 1 p.m.:** Faculty Senate
- **Sept. 6, 1 p.m.:** Faculty Development Friday
- **Sept. 9-13:** Wellness Week
- **Sept. 13, 9 a.m.: [CE Opportunity]** Harrelson Lecture: The Balance of Success & Complications Associated with Oral Implant Rehabilitation
- **Sept. 18, 1 p.m.:** Staff Forum
- **Sept. 20, 8 a.m.:** DFNC Golf Tournament
- **Sept. 20, 1 p.m.:** UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry Founder’s Day Celebration
- **Sept. 25:** Vendor’s Day
- **Sept. 27, 9 a.m.: [CE Opportunity]** The Epidemiology of Infection Control in Dentistry: Principles and Particulars of Protection
- **Sept. 27, 1 p.m.:** Dean’s Lecture Series with Peter Ungar
- **Oct. 1, 1 p.m.:** Wellness Lunch and Learn
- **Oct. 3, 5:30 p.m.: [CE Opportunity]** Dental Pain Management: Developments in Policy and Practice
- **Oct. 4, 8:30 a.m.:** THEA (Tar Heel Endodontics Association): CBCT in Endodontics
- **Oct. 11, 9 a.m.: [CE Opportunity]** Pharmaceutical and Street Drug Abuse Among Adolescents and Teenagers
- **Oct. 15, 1:30 p.m.:** Wellness Lunch and Learn
- **Oct. 25, 9 a.m.: [CE Opportunity]** 4D Imaging: The Path to the Future of Dentistry
- **Oct. 29, 1 p.m.:** Wellness Lunch and Learn

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)**.