From De Rossi's Desk

Each month through Chairside Chatter, we able to highlight the talent and skills of our people, and each month I am amazed by all we have to highlight.

Yet, organizations can be smarter than the sum of their members’ intelligence and talent – and I believe that is the case for the UNC Adams School of Dentistry. Whether it is significant changes to our clinical operations, offering free parking for our patients, or placing directional stickers on the sidewalks of Manning Drive, good ideas come from all corners of our dental school.

We are 90 days into a transformation around increasing value for our patients and our students - One Carolina Dentistry - and what we are seeing and feeling throughout our school is a commitment to collaborative, creative and innovative solutions to the problems we face daily.

In the Division of Comprehensive Oral Health, we are witnessing the development of new tools that allow everyone to communicate strategically about innovation as they integrate patient care, education and research across disciplines, programs and clinics.

In the Division of Pediatric and Public Health, we are seeing the vetting and refining of ideas collectively and continuously, as the division meets weekly to find novel ways to advance our mission and leverage the unique strength of unprecedented collective dental public health expertise to advance population health across North Carolina.

And the Division of Craniofacial and Surgical Care is busting through barriers that have blocked innovation. This nimble and forward-thinking division is doing whatever they can to clear the way for promising new projects, including new partnerships with UNC Health Care and Align Technologies, ensuring they can deliver their people the resources they need to be successful.

One Carolina Dentistry is harnessing the insights and energy of all our people in a collaborative and integrated way through which new ideas are examined, improved and pushed forward by the many, not the few. And that is because of the many: each of you.

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

School News

Welcome to the New Project SEARCH Interns

The UNC Adams School of Dentistry welcomes the 2019-2020 Project SEARCH intern class, Alexandra (Alex) Fitzgerald and Sarah Williams.
One of Alex’s favorite things to eat is macaroni and cheese and Sarah’s favorite song is "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen. You will see the interns working at various tasks throughout the school year. Please give them a warm welcome!

Don’t forget October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. This year’s theme is “The Right Talent, Right Now.”

The school held its second Inclusive Excellence Week and it was, again, a huge success! The Blind Spots Tour gave us things to think about, International Day allowed us to celebrate our differences, and keynote speaker Tim Tyson, PhD, delivered a phenomenal talk that spurred a lot of discussion. Check out some photos below, and be sure to watch the recap video!

Wellness Week Considered a Hit!

The school’s second Wellness Week, sponsored by the school and by ASDA, was another week full of fun. Students, faculty and staff learned how to increase their overall wellness not only in the classroom but in their everyday lives through events like self-defense class, corn hole, basketball, Zumba, a step challenge and raffle prizes! Check out some photos below and the recap video!

2019 Harrelson Lecture

The 2019 Harrelson Lecture was held on September 13 at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry. The lecture, titled "The Balance of Success and Complications Associated with Oral Implant Rehabilitation," was presented by the Periodontology Program and featured Ira Sy, DDS, MS ’98.

He graduated from the school's periodontology program and has two private practice offices: one in Richmond, Virginia and a second in Vancouver, British Columbia, where he specializes in clinical implant dentistry.

Upcoming Faculty Development Opportunities
Faculty Development Friday  
**Date:** October 25  
**Time:** 1-2 p.m.  
**Location:** Koury, G405  
**Speaker:** Michael Wolcott, PharmD, PhD  
**Title:** Are We There Yet? “Dentifying” a Growth Mindset Framework to Inform Clinical Teaching

ADEA Summer Emerging Leaders Program Teach Back  
**Date:** October 29  
**Time:** 1-2 p.m.  
**Location:** Koury, G405  
**Speakers:** Sumi Ahmed, BDS, MS, and Christine Downey, DDS, MS

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**Student and Resident News**

- **Bassam Al-Rawi, BDS**, third-year Operative Dentistry and Biomaterials resident, is evaluating the clinical significance of 3D printing in dentistry for his master’s thesis research. Al-Rawi is planning to start his own educational YouTube channel soon to talk about 3D printing in dentistry.

- **Sehrish Javaid**, Oral and Craniofacial Biomedicine PhD student, received UNC-CH ADEA Academic Dental Careers Program Fellowship. His mentor is **Ricardo Padilla, DDS**.

- **Karthika Kandala, DDS Candidate 2021**, was selected as an ADEA Academic Dental Career Program Fellow with **Jane Weintraub, DDS, MPH**, and **Lew Lampiris, DDS, MPH**, as her mentors.

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**Employee News**

- **Ibrahim Duqum, BDS, MS**, participated in Phase II of the American Dental Education Association, 2019-2020 Leadership Institute. Duqum visited with North Carolina members in the US Senate and House of Representatives to advocate for increased funding for Dental Education and Research. Duqum also presented a lecture in the 2019 Charles R. Jerge Dental Seminar sponsored by Wake Forest School of Medicine in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The presentation was titled, "Contemporary Diagnosis and Management of Adult Traumatic Dental Injuries with Emphasis on Athletic Related Dental Trauma."

- **Ashraf Fouad, BDS, DDS, MS**, gave a talk at the Biennial Meeting of the European Society of Endodontology which was held in Vienna, Austria, titled, "The role of systemic medications in the pathogenesis and healing of apical periodontitis." Fouad serves as a consultant for the American Board of Endodontics where he assisted with the written examination construction for the 2020 examination and will participate as an examiner for the 2019-2020 oral examination.

- **Tung Nguyen, DMD, MS**, is the keynote speaker at the Korean Association of Orthodontists 60th annual meeting in Seoul, Korea. He will also present the technology keynote lecture at the Society of Italian Dentofacial Orthopedics 50th annual meeting in Rome, Italy on Oct 11.

- **Taiseer Sulaiman, DDS, PhD**, was invited to present at the prestigious International Academy of Gnathology in Colorado Springs, Colorado on zirconia restorations.

- **Jennifer Webster-Cyriaque, DDS, PhD**, was a plenary speaker, panelist, judge and delegate in the Bali Declaration of the Eighth World Workshop on Oral HIV AIDS in Indonesia. She convened the first statewide oral HIV/AIDS task force for North Carolina. She acquired Women's Interagency HIV Study (WIHS) funding for a data analysis from the Webster-Cyriaque lab to understand the oral microbiome in HIV+ women.

- **Jane Weintraub, DDS, MPH**, has been appointed by the NIH/NIDCR as a senior reviewer for the upcoming 2020 Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health in America. Her research was also highlighted in the recent issue of AGD Impact's article, "Advancing Dental Education: Gies in the 21st Century" by Allan J. Formicola, DDS, MS.

- **Rebecca Wilder, RDH, MS**, recently completed an eight-month certificate program...
Welcome New Hires

- **Janay Boykin**: Dental Assistant, Comprehensive Oral Health
- **Wanda Bray**: Administrative Support Associate, Clinical Operations
- **Sherry Gunter**: Patient Relations Representative, Comprehensive Oral Health
- **Marlene Kraszeski**: Patient Care Coordinator, Comprehensive Oral Health
- **Jeanette Merritt**: Dental Assistant, Clinical Affairs
- **Laura Ornelas**: Dental Hygiene Student Services Specialist, Comprehensive Oral Health
- **Juliana Powell**: Medical Therapeutic Specialist, Oral and Craniofacial Health Sciences
- **Angeliz Rivera-Concepcion**: Research Technician, Oral and Craniofacial Health Sciences
- **Michael Tillotson**: Technology Support Analyst, Academic Affairs

Promotions

- **Ashley Blake**: University Program Associate, Oral and Craniofacial Biomedicine PhD Program
- **Joyce Castillo**: Pre-Doc Patient Navigator, Pediatric and Public Health
- **Jean Kontos Ginnis**: Research Assistant Professor to Clinical Assistant Professor, Pediatric and Public Health
- **Callie Howlett**: Dental Assistant Supervisor, Comprehensive Oral Health
- **Lisa Mauldin**: Division Manager, Pediatric and Public Health
- **Jennifer Taylor**: Dental Assistant, Clinical Affairs
- **Jeneen Williamson**: Office Administrator, Craniofacial and Surgical Care

Upgraded 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](http://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

- **Tung Nguyen, DMD, MS**, and the Kitware team was awarded a grant from the National Institute of Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) for $1.4 million to develop a virtual reality training tool with haptic feedback to help train oral surgeon to perform orthognathic surgery (NIDCR/NIH#R44 27595-02 “High-fidelity Virtual Reality Trainer for Orthognathic Surgery - Phase II”)
- **Tim Wright, DDS, MS**, principal investigator, and **Beau Meyer, DDS, MPH**, co-investigator, received a $65K grant to participate in the second Readiness and Planning Cohort of the *School-Based Oral Health Expansion Initiative of the Carolinas*.

Publications

- Anadioti E, Gates WD 3rd, Elpers J, De Kok IJ, Cooper LF. Retrospective cohort analysis of maxillary overdentures retained by unsplinted implants. J Prosthet Dent. 2019 Sep;122(3):301-308
- Fouad AF and Huang GT. Inflammation and Host Responses, Chapter 4 in: Ingle's Endodontics, Rotstein I and Ingle JI, Editors, 7th Edition, PMPH USA 2019

Upcoming Events

- 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, All Day: A Celebration Honoring Dr. Steven Offenbacher
- Oct. 4, 8:30 a.m.: THEA (Tar Heel Endodontics Association): CBCT in Endodontics
- Oct. 4, 1-2 p.m.: Dean's Art Series
- 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. 17, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.: Flu Vaccine Clinic
- Oct. 17, 1-2 p.m.: Advocacy Lecture with Brendon Zeidler, DDS
- Oct. 18, 12-5 p.m.: Faculty Curriculum Summit
- Oct. 18, 1-5 p.m.: All-Staff Development Day
- Oct. 25, 9 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] 3D Imaging: The Path to the Future of Dentistry
- Oct. 29, 1 p.m.: Wellness Lunch and Learn
- Oct. 31, 12-2 p.m.: School Halloween Party
- Nov. 1, 7:30 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] November Educational Foundations and Clinical Application for Proprietary Radiology Educators
- Nov. 1, 9 a.m.: [CE Opportunity] OSHA, TB, Bloodborne Pathogens and Infection Control: Annual Update
School Events Calendar

The UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry has so many great things going on all the time — so to keep things straight, we have created a school-wide events calendar. This calendar is not intended to replace the academic calendar, but rather to share important, interesting events happening at our school.

Prior to scheduling an event to which you intend to invite a portion of or the whole school, you are encouraged to check this calendar to ensure we do not conflicting events.

How do I view this calendar?
Easy! You access this new calendar just like any shared calendar in Outlook. Just search for the shared calendar: SOD - SOD Event Calendar.

How do I add things to this calendar?
Permissions to edit this calendar are restricted to a small group of people. If you have an addition to the calendar, email our Chief Communications and Marketing Officer Tiffany Brannan (tiffany_brannan@unc.edu).

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This message is sent to all students, residents, staff, faculty, and alumni and friends affiliated with the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry. Please submit content and corrections to the school’s Chief Communications and Marketing Officer, Tiffany Brannan: tiffany_brannan@unc.edu, 919.537.3260.

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