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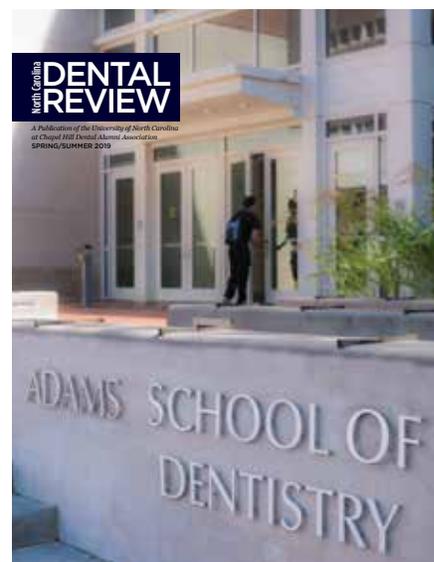
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Message from the Dean



De Rossi

Friends and Colleagues,

Transforming dentistry for better health is a heavy lift.

It is exhausting, hard and relentless — but critically important. Our students, residents, staff and faculty are working harder than ever before.

Our mission is bold, courageous, fearless, innovative and not without risk. We are blazing a new path for oral health education, and we know all eyes are on us ... and that among those eyes, there are both skeptics and supporters.

Yet our school community understands that it is imperative that we continue, as we always have, to choose to lead the way. Especially with rapidly shifting student demographics, changing patterns of disease, ever-increasing technological innovation, evolving models of healthcare delivery, and extreme legislative and public pressure forcing colleges and universities to handle challenges never faced in higher education before.

There are numerous articles and books highlighting the challenges facing higher education institutions in the U.S., and dental schools are by no means immune. This is a critical time for our profession and for our school.

The UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry is revolutionizing dental education, discovery and care. Together, we have already accomplished so much:

- Pivoted our organizational structure through our One Carolina Dentistry initiative, allowing us to actively and relentlessly pursue integrated care and collaborative scholarship
- Refocused our teaching and pedagogy on students and their learning through our ACT curriculum, launching in 2021
- Reimagined the foundational institutional structures of divisional leadership, promotion and tenure, faculty compensation, and the business model of dental education
- Moved towards greater integration with our health system with the launch of our new electronic health record, Epic, in January 2020
- Created new global partnerships with pre-eminent dentals school across the globe
- Led in discoveries, publications, mentoring and training, and in the translation of research into health and economic benefits for North Carolina and beyond
- Produced national examples for access and inclusion in the recruitment of the very best students, residents, staff, and faculty.

In an industry notoriously slow to adapt and evolve, the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry is leading: acting quickly, decisively, and courageously; committing to an extraordinary shift to educate students and residents for a world that we cannot yet see; and boldly pursuing a relevancy that dental education has never experienced.

Thank you for joining us and investing in our pursuit to become the **global model for oral health education, in care and discovery.**

Professionally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott S. De Rossi'.

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

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Continuing Dental Education

3D Imaging: The Path to the Future of Dentistry

DATE: October 25, 2019
 SPEAKERS: Drs. Don Tyndall, Angela Broome, Peter Green, and André Mol, and Prof. Brandon Johnson
 LOCATION: UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry

Educational Foundations and Clinical Application for Proprietary Radiology Educators

DATE: November 1, 2019
 SPEAKER: Prof. Sally Mauriello
 LOCATION: UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry

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

DATE: November 1, 2019
 SPEAKER: Dr. Valerie Murrah
 LOCATION: Archie K. Davis Conference Center, Research Triangle Park, NC

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
 SPEAKERS: Drs. Lyndon Cooper, Ingeborg De Kok, Glen Karunanayake, Beau Meyer, Valerie Murrah
 LOCATION: UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, NC

Roy B. Harrell 65th Annual Dental Seminar Day

DATE: November 22, 2019
 SPEAKERS: Drs. Harald and Gavin Heymann
 LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, NC

Advanced Cone Beam CT Interpretation

DATE: December 6, 2019
 SPEAKER: Dr. Don Tyndall
 LOCATION: UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, NC

Essentials in Piezosurgery®

DATE: December 7, 2019
 SPEAKER: Dr. Robert A. Levine
 LOCATION: UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry

2020 Dental Sleep Medicine Mini-Residency Session I

DATES: January 10-11, 2020
 SPEAKERS: Drs. Greg Essick, Terry Bennett, Mayo Patel
 LOCATION: UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry

2020 Dental Sleep Medicine Mini-Residency Session II

DATES: February 28-29, 2020
 SPEAKERS: Drs. Greg Essick, Terry Bennett, Mayo Patel
 Location: UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry

Teledentistry Symposium: Where are we now? Where are we going?

DATE: March 6, 2020
 SPEAKERS: TBD
 LOCATION: Hamner Conference Center, Research Triangle Park, NC

Comprehensive Cone Beam CT Interpretation

DATES: March 6-7, 2020
 SPEAKER: Dr. Don Tyndall
 LOCATION: UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry

R.J. Shankle Lecture

DATE: March 13, 2020
 SPEAKER: Dr. Ove Peters
 LOCATION: UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry

Annual Pankey Lecture

DATE: April 4, 2020
 SPEAKER: Mr. Matt Roberts
 LOCATION: UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry

2020 Dental Sleep Medicine Mini-Residency Session III

DATES: April 3-4, 2020
 SPEAKERS: Drs. Greg Essick, Terry Bennett, Mayo Patel
 LOCATION: UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry

A Review of Contemporary Issues Associated with Management of Emergencies in Pediatric Dentistry

DATE: April 3, 2020
 SPEAKER: Dr. Stanley Malamed
 LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, NC

24th Annual Dental Hygiene Lecture

DATE: April 24, 2020
 SPEAKER: TBD
 LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, NC



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Don't forget to check out our online offerings:

 <http://www.babyoralhealthprogram.org/>

 <http://www.prenataloralhealth.org/>

Dear Alumni and Friends,

For many years — decades, in fact, which predate both of our employments with the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry — the UNC Dental Alumni Association (UNCDAAs) has produced the *North Carolina Dental Review (NCDR)* twice each year. In its original format (a newsletter), it went out more often than that. But through all its versions, the main purpose remained the same: to share with our school's alumni and friends all of the wonderful things happening here in Chapel Hill at the school you all love so much.

However, in recent years much has changed about communications. Now, you can learn about what is happening here in real time: when we announced the \$27.68 million gift from Claude Adams III that resulted in naming the school, the University live-streamed on Facebook. As our school community is out around the Triangle for DEAH DAY, pictures are being added to Facebook and Instagram throughout the day. You receive a monthly e-newsletter, *Chairside Chatter*, from the school, and you may even follow Dean De Rossi on social media.

That to say: you hear from us in some capacity almost every single day. You are able to keep up with all the wonderful occurrences here at the school because we are all connecting in so many ways on a near constant basis.

In considering how the *NCDR* fits into this new reality, we knew there were two decisions to make:

1. What is the correct frequency of the magazine, and
2. What is the best purpose for the magazine?

Quickly — and with agreement from the Office of Advancement, the Public Affairs and Marketing Team, the UNCDAAs Board of Directors and the dean — it became apparent that our magazine needed a new strategy in order to best meet the needs of our school's alumni and friends.

As such, we wanted to be the first to share with you that new take on *NCDR*.

After this issue, we will decrease the frequency of *NCDR* to once a year, hitting your mailboxes reliably in June. This decreased frequency will allow us to do more of something the UNCDAAs has aspired to do for years: tell the story of our alumni. More interviews, more in-depth pieces featuring your unique successes and accomplishments, more about the impact of your contributions of time and dollars ... simply, more about YOU.

We will still tell you all about the big news that happens here. But this way we also get to tell the story of the big things that happen after our graduates leave. And that is a story that we are incredibly excited to tell.

We hope you, too, are excited for this new direction and all its potential. But, if you have questions about anything, please feel free to reach out to either of us to discuss.

Sincerely,



Paul Gardner
Associate Dean for Advancement



Tiffany Brannan
Chief Communications and Marketing Officer



Celebrating 100 Years of Alberta Dolan

Photos by Chris Pope

It's not every
day you
celebrate a
century



Alberta Beat Dolan, professor emeritus at the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry, celebrates her 100th birthday in November.

Dolan is a native of Kansas, and a graduate of Columbia University and the University of Washington.

In 1953, Dean John Brauer recruited her to be the first dental hygiene faculty member and start the dental hygiene program at the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry.

Together with Eleanor Forbes, they hand wrote the curriculum for the dental hygiene program and the first class was admitted in 1953. During her tenure, she authored chapters in *Clinical Dental Hygiene* (1968) and *Comprehensive Review for Dental Hygienist* (1965 and 1968), and she served as president of the Supreme Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Honor Society and Vice-President (for Auxiliaries) of the American Associate of Dental Schools.

She served as director of the dental hygiene program until 1968, when she was promoted to associate professor and became the director of the Dental Auxiliary Teacher Education (DATE) program. She was promoted to professor in 1980 and retired in 1981.

Upon her retirement, alumni and friends established the Alberta Beat Dolan fund in 1983 to award scholarships to a dental hygiene student. To date, this need-based scholarship has been awarded to nearly 40 dental hygiene students.

In July, family, friends and colleagues gathered at the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry to celebrate her birthday as well as her contributions to the program and the school. Dolan was presented with a shadowbox of her dental hygiene tools and a portrait.

Jan Holland, BSDH '74, MSDH '81, who learned under Dolan during her time as a student in the dental hygiene program, gave remarks along with Dean Scott De Rossi, DMD, MBA.

"She impressed upon me a personal responsibility to deliver the best care possible to my patients, including perfecting my clinical skills as well as becoming a professional in my appearance and my behavior," said Holland.

After Holland returned to the school to teach in the dental hygiene program, Dolan served as her mentor. "She encouraged me again to work hard and be my best. [...] We have stayed in touch throughout these many years, and I still visit her often.

"I consider her to be one of the top positive influences in my life."



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—JAN HOLLAND



Inclusive Excellence Week 2019

2nd

annual Inclusive Excellence Week was a resounding success!

225

people listened to a **keynote address** from Tim Tyson, PhD, senior research scholar and visiting professor from Duke University, on boldly confronting our nation's history.

150+

individuals participated in **International Day**, helping others recognize and embrace the differences that make us all unique.





400+

students, residents, faculty and staff participated in a self-guided "Find Your Blind Spots" tour to identify areas of improvement in bias.

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winners were selected from the **Inclusivity in Art** contest. One winner was selected by popular vote and another by two judges, Kenneth Rodgers and Anna Claire Mauney. Rodgers is the former director of the North Carolina Central University Art Museum. He has a bachelor's degree in art design and a Master of Fine Art degree. Mauney is a 2018 graduate of the UNC-CH program in art history and studio art.

Many

thanks to everyone who participated and to the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry's Office of Inclusive Excellence and the Inclusive Excellence Committee for organizing the week's activities.



Expert Judge Contest winner
Sabrina Collias, Oral and Craniofacial Health Sciences
"Los Niños Felices"
Mixed media (watercolor paint and dry pastel)



Popular Vote Contest winner
Elizabeth Rocafuerte, Patient Business Services
"Todos los Colores de Mi Amor / All of the Colors of My Love"
Oil on Canvas

Walking the Walk



Wellness Week 2019

The school established a renewed focus on wellness of our students, residents, faculty and staff in the strategic plan. A part of those efforts included a dedicated week to wellness at the school. This year's Wellness Week included daily meditation sessions, cornhole, spikeball, zumba, Polish horseshoes, Barre3, Crossfit, playtime with FRANKLIN and GRAYSON, sessions on resiliency, self-defense, pain and fitness with the Ninja Dentist, eating local and healthy with the Produce Box, and much more.

Thank you to the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry ASDA and Sports Dentistry for their support and partnership, and to Kate Thieda, Ashley Tittmore, and Tracy Wetherby-Williams for their efforts in organizing and planning.



The UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry is in the midst of developing a transformative, innovative curriculum that will prepare students to be nimble oral health professionals.

The **ADVOCATE-CLINICIAN-THINKER (ACT) Curriculum** provides the basis for developing a resilient workforce capable of meeting emerging health care needs over the next few decades.

Through this innovative educational experience, Doctor of Dental Surgery degree students at the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry will be taught to advocate for themselves, their patients and the profession; to become exemplary clinicians who practice at the top of the profession; and thinkers who can reason through problems and are mentally nimble. As the landscape of healthcare changes, students must be able to work with an interprofessional team and embrace new technologies.

Earlier this year, the Curriculum Innovation Steering Committee (CISC) had their research published in the *North Carolina Medical Journal* (“Call for ACTION” doi: 10.18043/ncm.80.3.182).

This research on the school’s contemporary curriculum development is some of the first of its kind. It will provide a blueprint for other dental schools that choose to embark on the journey of curriculum innovation.

“To prepare our workforce for a future we can only imagine, we must continue to make progress by defining new boundaries

and finding comfort in ambiguity while advancing educational practice,” said Rocio Quinonez, DMD, MS, associate dean for educational leadership and innovation, and the person charged with overseeing CISC and the development of this revolutionary curricular model.

The curriculum innovation is taking place in four stages:

- Needs Assessment and Planning
- Design and Development
- Dissemination and Implementation
- Evaluation

As of this writing, the CISC and their team is in the middle of the design and development phase. They expect to complete design by fall 2020 and begin dissemination, with implementation scheduled for summer 2021.

The CISC began by developing guiding principles that would instruct the curriculum development and supply the defining elements of the curriculum at every stage.

In collaboration with UNC-CH Kenan-Flagler School of Business, information about other innovative curricula from 15 national and international dental schools, six medical schools, and two pharmacy schools was compiled and evaluated.

Next, outcome statements on what it means to be an Advocate, Clinician and Thinker were laid out in alignment with the Commission on Dental Accreditation standards.

The CISC used a reverse-engineering design approach to build substance into ACT framework and identified the appropriate knowledge, skills, and attitudes that students must possess in order to support competency.

Additionally, a series of outcomes outlining how a student is expected to progress through the curriculum and the expectations for their performance as it relates to the three ACT competency domains was crafted.

From those outcomes, several themes emerged: professionalism and ethics, interprofessional collaboration, decision-making, and communication. All were considered in the context of various lenses ranging from the human sciences to population health.

The results of their in-depth research and evaluation yielded the following **four phases of the ACT curriculum:**

- Basecamp
- Foundations of Practice
- Clinical Practice
- Individualization

Advocate Clinician Thinker

What’s Next?

The CISC team will continue to develop the components of the ACT Curriculum and prepare for dissemination and implementation.

“We are incredibly excited about what we are building in the ACT Curriculum, and cannot wait to share it with not only our incoming students, but the whole oral health care profession,” said Quinonez.

PHASE 1: Basecamp

Basecamp is a six-week period prior to the beginning of the formal curriculum where students work side-by-side to get on the same page and same footing — allowing everyone to hit the ground running when the fall semester begins.

Basecamp allows the students to start from a place that enables success, and gives them the tools they need to thrive. It is when they will learn what it will take to be a UNC Dentist.

This phase:

- Prepares students to be actively engaged learners
- Reviews the basics of foundational sciences
- Instills expectations of professionalism and ethics

PHASE 2: Foundations of Practice

Here the curriculum leverages simulation and case-based learning strategies to allow students to align their preclinical education with clinical experiences. Students receive early immersion into clinical experience and begin building their confidence interacting with patients and other members of the health care team. What they learn in the classroom or simulation lab, they get to do soon thereafter in the operator.

Foundations of Practice allows students to practice what they learn. It allows them to directly connect biomedical and foundational sciences to dentistry. It is when they begin to learn how to be a healthcare provider.

This phase:

- Develops skills from day one through simulated and real clinical experiences
- Connects biomedical sciences, clinical context and healthcare systems
- Builds strong communication on a healthcare team

PHASE 3: Clinical Practice

Over the course of 24 months, students progress from being monitored closely by faculty teams and transition into being competent, independent practitioners.

From new technologies in digital dentistry to complex cases, students will discover the skills to become nimble clinicians.

This phase:

- Provides an immersive education in all facets of oral health care
- Nurtures students from novice learner to excellent clinician
- Ensures that, regardless what the future of oral health becomes, our students are prepared

PHASE 4: Individualization

Throughout their education at the school, students are able to explore all that a career in oral health care has to offer. Whether it is looking into opportunities to serve rural communities, graduating with a DDS and a master’s degree in Public Health, diving into craniofacial research, or any number of other activities, the curriculum offers opportunities that enable students to investigate each path while at Carolina.

Individualization means students get to build their own dental education experience. It means they can explore all of their interests, from public health, to oral medicine research, to orthodontics. It is their chance to ensure their career path is just that: theirs.

This phase:

- Allows each student to design their own educational focus
- Promotes the exploration of different oral health paths
- Encourages students to examine the benefit of pursuing specialized training

Integrated Care and Collaborative Scholarship

A New Way Forward at the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry

“Structure supports strategy. A common mantra in the corporate world, but one that is not often translated into academia.

“Maybe it should be,” said Dean Scott S. De Rossi, DMD, MBA. “Two years ago we broke the mold with our strategic plan, and in hindsight it is no surprise that we needed to revitalize our structure to support our ambitious strategic priorities.”

In January, the school’s leadership began talking about a new model for the school, one they eventually called One Carolina Dentistry. The mindset is simple: the school is one school, working together as one unit to support the education of future oral health professionals and the ever-changing needs of North Carolina’s public.

From the school’s nine, siloed departments developed five integrated, dynamic, collaborative academic divisions.

The benefits here are expected to be numerous:

- **More collaboration between care providers**, providing a seamless experience to patients and a more hassle free referral pathway to the school’s referring dentists (many of you!)
- **Greater integration in research and scholarship**, allowing faculty and residents to identify new ways of looking at things by collaborating between disciplines
- **An increase in the number of courses co-instructed by educators from different specialties**, allowing our students to begin seeing the synergies across the span of oral health care
- **Emphasis on a standardized, integrated resident orientation**, where our new residents can learn side by side and all get on the same footing together
- **A decrease of repetitive curricular materials**, allowing the school’s students a more cohesive educational experience — and one that is more robust, rich and complete
- ... and much, much more

NEW ACADEMIC DIVISIONS

Division of Comprehensive Oral Health

Chair: Cristiano Susin
Vice-chair: Ashraf Fouad

Division of Craniofacial and Surgical Care

Chair: George Blakey
Vice-chair: Tate Jackson

Division of Diagnostic Sciences

Chair: Valerie Murrah

Division of Oral and Craniofacial Health Sciences

Chair: Eric Everett

Division of Pediatric and Public Health

Chair: Jessica Lee

From the school’s Office of Clinical Affairs grew two separations: clinical education and clinical operations.

- The **clinical operations** portion focuses on ensuring the business side of the clinics runs smoothly by streamlining the admissions and referrals processes, identifying and remedying procedures which slow down the schedule of care, and generally helping the school’s clinics operate as efficiently as possible.
- The **clinical education** arm will work with the Office of Academic Affairs to ensure the clinical experiences of the school’s students and residents meets their needs and produces capable and competent oral health professionals — in both the current curriculum and the new model set for debut in 2021.

There are structural changes afoot at the school, too, because while organizational structure must support strategy, the physical footprint must do so as well.

The school is scheduled to begin working on two new spaces specific to the needs of its new curricular model. They include:

- **Center for Digital Innovation.** This dynamic center comprises an advanced simulation lab, a haptic learning lab, an advanced digital design center and a demonstration operator. Here, the school’s students will be able to engage with emerging technological advances and stay on the cutting edge of what is new within the profession. The development of this space is critical to our goal of graduating professionals who are prepared to leverage any new developments within dentistry over the course of their career.
- **Healthcare Systems Lab.** This lab is the physical space which most embraces the emerging multidisciplinary focus of health care. With 10 exam rooms, 10 write-up stations, a conference room and a seminar room, teams of professionals across the health care spectrum will be able to treatment plan cohesively to ensure the patient is getting the best care in the best delivery method, every time.

“These changes align our educational and clinical efforts around the relentless pursuit of integrated care and collaborative scholarship. This will transform what we do and how we do it, increasing value for our patients and students through a seamless, cohesive experience.”

—Dean Scott S. De Rossi



“But Why Us?”

A Look at Claude A. Adams III and Why He Chose Our School for his Millions

This February, we announced a historic \$27.68 million dollar gift from the estate of Dr. Claude A. Adams III, a gift that honors his parents by naming our school after his mother and father. We know you have questions about Dr. Adams III, his family and his ties to the school — and why he chose our institution to share his wealth.

Dr. Adams III was a very private man and while we want to respect that preference of his as much as possible, we also hear your questions and understand your curiosity.

What follows is more information about Dr. Adams III and his parents, and why he chose us for his multi-million dollar planned gift. We hope this helps shed some light on this generous gift to our school.

To really know Claude A. Adams III, you should know his parents.

“I’ve never known anyone who loved or respected his father and mother more,”

once said the now-deceased Lillard Mount, attorney for Adams III. “He gave years of his life to take care of his mother [following his father’s death] and didn’t begrudge her at all. He thinks about this every single day. It is all consuming. Nothing is more important to him.”

His father, Dr. Claude A. Adams, Jr., was one of three children — one brother and one sister. He attended Durham City High School and graduated in 1914. He enrolled at Trinity College (now Duke University) in 1915.

On September 11, 1918, he registered with the National Guard, likely as a part of the efforts during World War I. He served in the 71st Infantry Brigade, 142nd Infantry in the 3rd Battalion, Headquarter’s Company, as a Major in Texas. He was federally recognized October 24, 1921.

His brother, William, died during the war. He was 18 years old.

After the war, Adams, Jr. moved to Virginia and attended the Vanderbilt



Dr. Claude A. Adams III

School of Dentistry. He earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1919.

He married Grace Ann Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Phillips, on December 30, 1918 in Goldsboro, North Carolina, where Grace’s family lived. Mrs. Adams was a student of the Durham Conservatory of Music (now renamed to the Southern Conservatory of Music).

They announced their marriage in the *Greensboro Daily News* on January 19, 1919. The ceremony was so intimate that friends called when they saw

the announcement because they had no idea the two had been married!

The couple moved into a house on Liberty Street in Durham and lived there for more than 10 years.

The following year, Claude A. Adams III was born on September 20, 1920.

Like, his father, Adams III enrolled at Duke University in 1939. He was a member of Pi Kappa Phi. He graduated in 1942 and enrolled at the Medical College of Virginia (now Virginia Commonwealth University) in 1943.

In a “small world” turn of events, his classmates while at the Medical College of Virginia included Dr. James A. Harrell, who was also an extremely generous supporter of the Adams School of Dentistry.

Adams III’s studies were interrupted by the second World War. He was drafted into the army as a Private in April 1943, and stationed in Camp Croft, South Carolina.

In 1947, he earned a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Virginia



Claude A. Adams III and his mother, Grace

Commonwealth University. Following his graduation, he returned to Durham.

In many ways, Adams III was like his father, but in at least this way they were different: records show that Adams, Jr. was active in organized dentistry and even served as the secretary to the North Carolina Dental Society in the early 1950s. In that role, he published a piece on public relations in dentistry, and would have been invited to the first graduation of the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry along with the other NCDS members and their families by Dean John C. Brauer.

Despite Adams III’s lack of presence in organized dentistry, like his father, he was passionate about serving the oral health needs of North Carolinians. After graduation, he practiced dentistry with his father at their practice in Durham, North Carolina, for more than 20 years.

In 1971, Adams, Jr. suffered a heart attack and passed away. It was at that time that Adams III shuttered the practice and began taking care of his mother. Just a few years later, in 1978, the sister of Adams, Jr. also passed away.

Never married, Adams III became involved in real estate and spent time renovating his grandparents’ house in Durham during the 1990s. He enjoyed spending time with his mother until she

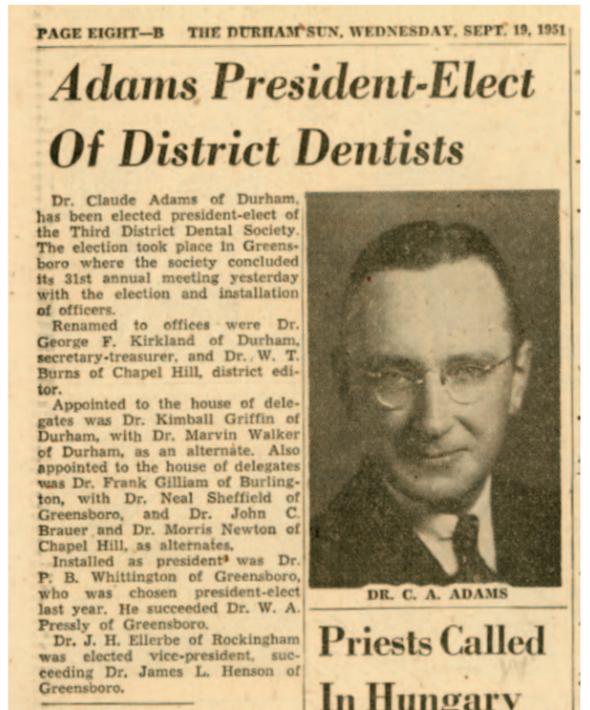
passed away in 1981, and otherwise lived a quiet retirement.

Prior to establishing the bequest of his estate, Adams III anonymously supported the school for decades through the Dental Foundation of North Carolina (DFNC), including a \$50,000 gift to the school in 1982 and the donation of a beach house which was sold to establish a professorship and an extramural rotation fund.

In 1999, he made a bequest with Wendy McCorkle, then development officer at the school, and former Dean John Stamm, that would give the school his entire estate, then valued at approximately \$25 million. It was on the condition that it be named in honor of his parents, Claude A. Adams, Jr. and Grace Phillips Adams.

Like his parents, Adams III was extremely quiet and reserved. Every so often, he would meet school and University development officers at the Mayflower restaurant. He would never allow the development team to pay for his meal, and he drove the same 1970s model Cadillac until his death. Due to his incredibly desire to live a private life, he requested that he not be recognized at all for his giving to the school.

Therefore, the bequest and all of his other financial support to the school was kept private until his death in January 2018.



Despite having no ties to the first dental school in North Carolina, his desire to provide this historic gift says a lot about his commitment to support dental students and the oral health of the state. He expressed a desire to leave his estate to a school that would significantly benefit from such a contribution, and one that could give to other people what he and his father shared: a love of dentistry, and a love of caring for the people who make up your community.

In addition to the professorship he established 1999 that has supported the work of Ronald Strauss, DMD, PhD, Adams III has provided nearly 30 years of scholarship support to pre-doctoral students and pediatric residents who travel across the state to provide care.

“This scholarship is not only a source of inspiration, but also a means to learn more and travel in order to better serve communities locally and globally,” said Pegah Khosravi-Kamrani, DDS Candidate 2021, recipient of the now-named Claude A. Adams, Jr. and Grace Phillips Adams Scholarship.

“I hope to use dentistry as a means to serve others facing dental hardships. And I will always remember that even a quiet, private person can make the world a better place.”

Students, Faculty, Staff Honored at Annual Spurgeon Banquet



Academy of General Dentistry Awards
Christian Hart, DDS 2019
Hubbell Smith, DDS 2019

Academy of Operative Dentistry Award
Evan Moore, DDS 2019

Academy of Osseointegration Award
Sabrina Saunders, DDS 2019

Alberta Beat Dolan Scholarship Award
Brooke Tennesen, DH 2019

Academy of Dentistry International Award
Sarah Spaltenstein, DDS 2019

American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry
Emily Eickhoff, DDS 2019

American Academy of Implant Dentistry
Jordan Mays, DDS 2020

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Certificate of Merit
Emily Ross, DDS 2019

American Academy of Periodontology Student Achievement Award
Elnaz Gharah-Bash, DDS 2019

AADR-DENTSPLY Sirona Scada Student Research Award
Nathan Yip, DDS 2020

American Association of Endodontics Student Achievement Award
Shannyn Holder Little, DDS 2019

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award
Catherine Haviland, DDS 2019

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dental Implant Student Award
AJ Nicopoulos, DDS 2019

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Student Achievement Award
Catherine Haviland, DDS 2019

American Association of Orthodontics Award
Ryan Kearney, DDS 2019

American Association of Public Health Dentistry Student Award
Grace Ann Danello, DDS 2019

American Association of Public Health Dentistry Dental Hygiene Student Award
Areli Morales, DH 2019

American College of Dentists Outstanding Student Leadership Award
LaShawn Hart, DDS 2019

American College of Prosthodontics Award
Cristen Ayers, DDS 2019

ASDA Advocate Award
Dayne Harrison

ASDA Award of Excellence
Adam Hoxie, DDS 2021

ASDA Horace Wells Senior Student Award
CJ Von Bargen, DDS 2019

ASDA Spotlight Award
Melanie Hebert, DDS 2020

Carolina First Campaign Scholarship
Jessica Jennings, DH 2019
Jimena Ramos, DH 2019

Colgate S.T.A.R. Award
Diana Dakdouk, DH 2019

DDS 1 Awards
CLASSMATE: Ellen Stewart, 2022
FACULTY: Dr. Edward Swift
STAFF: Tarrl Morley
RESIDENT TA: Dr. Tariq Alshafiq

DDS 2 Awards
CLASSMATE: Lucas Fogaca, DDS 2021
FACULTY: Dr. Ibrahim Duqum
STAFF: Tarrl Morley
RESIDENT TA: Dr. Jackson Blackburn

DDS 3 Awards
CLASSMATE: Anne Dorsey, DDS 2020
FACULTY: Dr. Sam Nesbit
STAFF: Mark Ledesma
RESIDENT TA: Dr. Nicholas Pettit

DDS 4 Awards
CLASSMATE: Jordan Sawyers, DDS 2019 and Sarah Strickland, DDS 2019
FACULTY: Dr. Jack King
STAFF: BJ Roberts
RESIDENT TA: Dr. Nicholas Pettit
DWIGHT CLARK AWARD:
Madison Kernick, DDS 2019

DH 1 Awards
CLASSMATE: Nancy McEntyre, DH 2020
FACULTY: Prof. Jennifer Harmon
STAFF: Tarrl Morley

DH 2 Awards
CLASSMATE: Sarah Liebkemann, DH 2019
FACULTY: Prof. Beth Kornegay
STAFF: Mary Mackenzie
DWIGHT CLARK AWARD:
Sarah Liebkemann, DH 2019

Dental Hygiene Alumni Award
Nadia Assadallah, DH 2019

Dental Hygiene Scholarship
Ciera Steele, DH 2019

DENTSPLY International Award in Removable Prosthodontics
Hubbell Smith, DDS 2019

Dwight Clark Memorial Awards
Sarah Liebkemann, DH 2019
Madison Kernick, DDS 2019

Eleanor A. Forbes Clinical Achievement Award
Alex Noles, DH 2019

Four Corners Study Club Faculty Mentoring Award
Dr. Tim Wright

Graduate Program Awards
FACULTY: Dr. Tate Jackson
STAFF: JC Underwood

Grover C. Hunter Award
Catherine Haviland, DDS 2019

Hillenbrand-Lupton Student Award
Tyler Hill, DDS 2019

Hinman Scholars
Elizabeth Cole, DH 2019
Kyle Grant, DDS 2020
Melanie Hebert, DDS 2020

Hu-Fiedy Golden Scaler Award
Carrie Amerson, DH 2019

International College of Dentists Humanitarian Award
Meghan Valdés, DDS 2019

International College of Dentists Student Leadership Award
Jordan Sawyers, DDS 2019

International Congress of Oral Implantologists/Sullivan Schien Award
Noah Menaker, DDS 2019

James Harrell Award for Citizenship and Leadership
Courtney Rose, DDS 2020

Kois Study Club Scholarship
Jaehee Yoo, DDS 2019

Linda Paschall Jarvis Memorial Scholarship
Yesenia Chavez, DH 2019

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Monte Miska Award in Fixed Prosthodontics
Shannyn Holder Little, DDS 2019

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Nehemiah Lawson, DDS 2019

N.C. Dental Hygiene Association Student Scholarship
Yvett Valderrama-Pena, DH 2020

Pankey Study Club of North Carolina Scholarship
Dr. Wendy Clark

Pierre Fauchard Academy Senior Student Award
Shannyn Holder Little, DDS 2019

Pierre Fauchard Academy Junior Student Award
Michael Davis, DDS 2020

Priscilla Levine Scholarship
Noél McIntosh, DH 2019

Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Periodontics
Hubbell Smith, DDS 2019

The **Richard F. Hunt, Jr. Award for Teaching Excellence** was presented to **Dr. Susan Hadler**

The Hunt Award is considered the school's most prestigious teaching award. Students nominate and select the recipient of this honor, named in memory of Dr. Richard F. Hunt, Jr., a member of the DDS Class of 1955.



Robert E. Tormey, Jr. Memorial Award
Sarah Strickland, DDS 2019

Sigma Phi Alpha Dental Hygiene Honor Society
Nadia Assadallah, DH 2019
Elizabeth Cole, DH 2019
Diana Dakdouk, DH 2019
Sarah Liebkemann, DH 2019

Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics Award
Meghan Valdés, DDS 2019

Sports Dentistry MVP Award
Stephanie Companioni, DDS 2020

Student Research James Bawden Mentor Award
Dr. Beau Meyer

Susan P. Foy Award
Emily Eickhoff, DDS 2019

Whip Mix "Best of the Best" Award in Prosthodontics
Michelle Ruse, DDS 2019

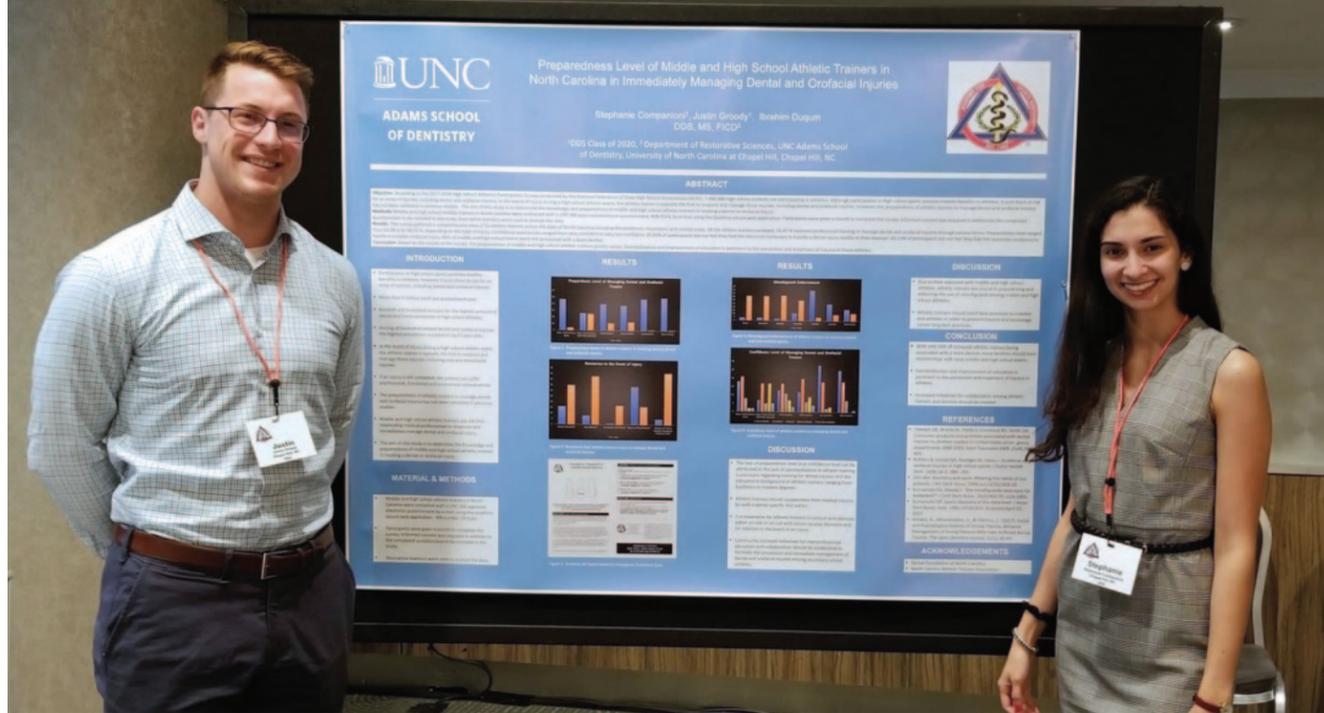
Zane Eargle, Jr. Award
Celeste Kendrick, DDS 2021



Congratulations CLASS OF 2019

On May 10, the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry conducted its 66th commencement exercise. William Roper, MD, MPH, interim president of the UNC system, delivered the keynote address. Senior class president, **Jordan Sawyers, DDS '19**, announced the class gift — a scholarship honoring Scott Eidson, DDS — had raised more than \$105,000 to date. The Dr. R. Scott Eidson Real MVP Scholarship will be awarded beginning in 2024. We're so proud of you! Be sure to visit us in Chapel Hill soon!





Companioni and Groody Take Top Spot in Sports Dentistry Research

Stephanie Companioni and Justin Groody, DDS Candidates 2020, are the first-place winners of the 2019 Student Research Awards from the Academy for Sports Dentistry.

“By receiving support of the Academy for Sports Dentistry, we have an opportunity to impact the way injuries are managed by athletic trainers at the middle and high school level nationwide,” said Companioni.

“With sparse literature available on dental trauma prevalence and long-term management options, there is a need for increased research in the field of dental trauma and sports dentistry. We are fortunate to have incredible mentors at UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry, an institution that places an emphasis on trauma initiatives and student’s professional development.”



ADHA Honors Liebkemann and McLeod

Two students from the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry’s dental hygiene programs were recognized by the American Dental Hygienists Association (ADHA). **Sarah Liebkemann, BSDH**, is the 2019 recipient of the Sigma Phi Alpha Excellence in Journalism Award, and **Caroline Dunham McLeod, BSDH, RDH**, is the 2019 recipient of the Sigma Phi Alpha Graduate Scholarship.

“Receiving this award is such an honor, and reinforces my passion for preventive dentistry, curriculum development, and research,” said Liebkemann. “I am so grateful to the faculty and administration of the UNC Adams School of Dentistry, who continuously foster a positive environment for growth at our school.”

“It is an honor to be recognized by the American Dental Hygienists Association and receive this scholarship. It will greatly help me to continue my education as I pursue a career in academics,” said McLeod, Master of Science in dental hygiene education Candidate 2020.



Brazile Receives Savage Scholarship

Briana Brazile, DDS Candidate 2020, was a selected recipient of the 2019 Dental Trade Alliance (DTA) Foundation/Bob and Abby Savage Scholarship in recognition of her demonstrated commitment to community service.

“Being able to directly apply the didactic teachings and hand skills that I’ve learned at UNC to improve someone’s oral healthcare, is truly amazing,” said Brazile.

“Working to increase access to care at SNDA’s CAARE Clinic and HDA’s Vidas de Esperanza Clinic for underserved populations has been the most rewarding experience during my time here at UNC. It is an honor to be recognized for something that truly seems so innate. I will continue to participate in community outreach throughout the rest of my career.”

Students Honored at Hinman Meeting

Melanie Hebert and **Kyle Grant**, DDS Candidates 2020, and **Elizabeth Dare Cole, BSDH '19**, were awarded scholarships from the Hinman Dental Society and recognized at the 107th Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting, sponsored by the Hinman Dental Society.

“It has been such an honor to be recognized as a Hinman scholar. I am proud to

represent not only UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry but also all of my classmates who have worked hard to make it to where we are today,” said Cole. “Let’s continue to brighten lives one smile at a time.”

Over the last 18 years, the Hinman Dental Society has contributed nearly \$9 million in scholarships and large gifts toward dental education.



Four Students Selected for Schweitzer Fellowship



The North Carolina Albert Schweitzer Fellowship selected four UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry students as J. Bradley Wilson Schweitzer Fellows: **Samantha Sloand**, **Trent Bottoms**, **Damian Slaczka**, and **Dani Fox**, all DDS Candidates 2020.

Bottoms and Sloand will provide free dentures and oral health education for homeless patients of the Durham Rescue Mission through the Samaritan Health Clinic. Bottoms and Sloand will work closely with **Beau Meyer, DDS, MPH**, of the school’s Division of Pediatric and Public Health.

Fox and Slaczka will provide free root canal services to low income individuals in an effort to save teeth from permanent extraction. Fox and Slaczka will work with **Mary Pettiette, DDS**, with the Division of Comprehensive Oral Health.

Campaign Update

the CAMPAIGN for CAROLINA

\$55 million
raised toward our goal
of \$70 million

543
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448
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THE US

GIFTS BY CLASS (as of June 2019)													
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The Class of 2019 has raised an incredible **\$100,000+** this year for their class gift — the Dr. R. Scott Eidson Real MVP Scholarship.

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Why I Give

Jody Wallace, DDS '02

“Though it is not a lot now, hopefully [the award fund] will grow over time and help future students who find themselves in our shoes.”

—Jody Wallace, DDS '02

As a child, **Jody Wallace, DDS '02**, was always drawn to the medical and dental fields.

“I probably drove my dentist crazy asking questions and wanting to see if I could read my x-rays,” said Wallace. “He had a flip down mirror on the operatory light, so I was able to watch what he was doing.”

During his undergraduate studies at UNC-Chapel Hill, he was deterred by the number of years that medical school required, so he pursued a degree in medical technology. After graduation, Wallace worked in hospital clinic labs where he made his self-described most valuable discovery, his wife, Lizzette (Delia L. Vega).

After seven years in the labs, he felt like it was time for a change. He decided he would pursue medicine again. However, his family was the most important factor, and he worried about the costs of going back to school.

“I tell people that I would not be in the position I am today without Lizzette — for which she denies,

but it's true,” said Wallace. “When I told her I wanted to go back to school, she didn't blink. She said we would find a way if that is what I wanted.”

Excited and nervous, Wallace began to pursue medical school until one of his friends suggested looking into dentistry.

“He said, ‘You work in the hospital and know the hours the doctors pull,’” said Wallace. “He was right. My family is the most important thing to me, and I wanted to be a part of my kids growing up, not just hear about it.”

Wallace earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery in 2002. While he was still in school, Wallace and Lizzette agreed to find a way to give back to dental students in a similar situation once he graduated.

Together, they set up the **Dr. and Mrs. Jody P. Wallace Family Award Fund** to provide generous support and ease the financial burden of dental school for students who also must support their families throughout their studies.

“Though it is not a lot now, hopefully it will grow over time and help future students who find themselves in our shoes,” said Wallace.

Photo by Alex Lassiter



Message from the UNCDAA President



Dear Fellow Alumni,

My affection for UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry dates back to 1977, when I first said hello to Brauer Hall. A gawky pre-teen in those days, I entered the school as a patient in the graduate orthodontic clinic. Ten years later, I returned as a dental student and since then, I have never said goodbye.

I am grateful for the gifts that the school has provided me: a confident smile, an excellent education and lifelong friendships. It is a joy to stay connected with this great school, and I am proud to serve as president of the Dental Alumni Association.

We are truly fortunate to have top-notch alumni from our school.

I am grateful for the gifts that the school has provided me: a confident smile, an excellent education and lifelong friendships.

As shown in this magazine, UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry oral health professionals — like you — are leaders in our profession, our communities and beyond. Your passionate service to others extends outside of the dental office. It is what unites us as UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry alumni.

From the beginning, our focus in the Campaign for Carolina has been to maintain and strengthen what makes the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry one of the best dental schools in the world: **our people.**

With your unwavering support, the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry has experienced tremendous early success in our campaign. Not only have we had our best fundraising year to date with more \$10.8 million in total commitments, you have helped us achieve \$54 million of our \$70 million goal.

Please join me in extending a sincere “thank you” to everyone who has contributed to the campaign. Each and every gift makes a difference in providing scholarships, new technology, faculty awards and much more.

Earlier this year, we celebrated DDS class reunions. I hope many of you visited Chapel Hill and your classmates and friends. For those of you in the DDS Classes of 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010 and 2015 — be sure to mark your calendars for your reunion weekend **April 4, 2020.**

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the North Carolina Dental Society Annual Session in May. Please plan to join us at the UNCDAA Breakfast meeting on **Friday, May 17, 2020.**

Thank you, as always, for your support of the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry and the UNC-CH Dental Alumni Association.

All the best,

Anita Sawhney, DDS '91
President, Dental Alumni Association

At Your Service

Lawrence J. Gaskin, DDS '84, has had a storied career in dentistry.

From more than two decades with the United States Public Health Service, including deployments to New York City in 2001 and Haiti in 2010, to dental mission trips across the globe, he has demonstrated passionate service for people and the field of dentistry.

How did Gaskin end up with such a career?

He encourages current and future dental students to take the lead in life rather than follow the crowd.

“Think of the dog sled team — unless you’re the lead dog, the view never changes.”

Gaskin’s undergraduate studies at the Hampton Institute included a semester spent in Sri Lanka as a member of a



Sinhalese Buddhist family — an experimental international living student exchange program.

While there, he studied the life and government of the world’s first female

prime minister, Sirimavo Bandaranaike, and backpacked around southern India.

After completing his degree, he taught English in Mexico City and studied Spanish with the hopes of getting a position within the U.S. State Department. He made it to an informal interview, in Spanish no less, with a member of the embassy, but circumstances landed him back in the

States, where he decided to go to dental school.

Gaskin said that while in dental school, he never would have raised his hand to spend his dental career in a federal prison or in the military. “But that’s what I did,” said Gaskin. “And it was a great career for me.”

As a forensic dentist, he was always one of the first Public Health Service (PHS) Dental Officers to deploy.

That included being assigned to the Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT) after the September 11 attacks in New York City, and again in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina, to help identify victims.

In 2010, he was “wheels up” to Haiti within 24 hours of receiving the call to help with the Disaster Medical Assistance Team. There, he helped pick up and deliver

medical personnel, supplies, food and fuel around Port-au-Prince.

In addition to his service with the US PHS, Gaskin was committed to providing oral health care to those in need through outreach.

He participated in multiple mission trips with Filling-A-Need, including serving as the dental team leader on a dental mission trip to Suriname, and helped give the PHS dental officers more international exposure.

The team worked closely with the Dutch Medical Mission and village nurses to bring dental care to remote areas of the country. There, they developed a lightweight, high-volume dental care model to provide dental treatment in areas without running water or electricity.

The model is still being used today by the Dutch Medical Mission.

For his commitment to service, Gaskin received the Federal Bureau of Prisons Achievement Award for Excellence in Clinical Care I 1997, the US PHS Regional



Health Administrator’s Award for Excellence in 1998, and the United States Public Health Service Dental Mentor End of the Year Award in 2012.

“Those were great times,” he said. “But all things come to an end.”

Gaskin officially retired in 2015, with the rank of Captain (-06) and 25 years of dental service under his belt.

“What a hands-in-the-air roller coaster ride it’s been with all the steep drops, neck breaking turns, and phone-stealing inversions,” he said.

The Medical Education Development (MED) program is where the ride began.

The rigorous nine-week academic program is held at UNC-Chapel Hill to help underrepresented minority students to enhance studying and testing skills and prepare students for medical or dental school.

More than 300 people apply annually for the 90 spots in the program — 70 medical students and 20 dental students.

Gaskin said it was here, taking the same courses as first-year dental students, where he made lifelong friends.

“It was [in the MED program] where I first thought, it’s possible, it could happen, I could really become a dentist!”

“It’s not as much about making a donation, as it is about making a difference.”

In 2019, Gaskin established an endowed scholarship for a MED dental student. For him, the answer to why he gives back is “simple and straightforward.”

“I want more students to enjoy the same adventure, excitement and just plain thrill of the ride that I’ve enjoyed.”



Temple of the Tooth in Sri Lanka. This temple is believed to hold the upper left canine of the Buddha



Gaskin (left) is presented with the 1997 Federal Bureau of Prisons Achievement Award for Excellence in Clinical Care by the acting Surgeon General of the United States



Gaskin (second from the right) and two other public health service dental officers present a gift to Sri Lankan Ambassador Warnrasena Rasputrum.



Gaskin (back row, center) and other members of the Disaster Medical Assistance Team in Haiti following the 7.0 Haitian earthquake pose in front of the American Embassy.



Gaskin (back row, center) with the rest of the Disaster Medical Assistance Team responding to the effects of Hurricane Katrina.

classNOTES

1960s

L.H. Hutchens, DDS '67, was recognized by the North Carolina Dental Society with the 2019 Distinguished Service Scroll for demonstrating outstanding service, leadership and dedication to the profession of dentistry and the improvement of health for North Carolinians. Even as a retired oral health professional, Hutchens remains engaged in service through the Missions of Mercy clinics and Craven County MERCI clinics.

Gary R. Smiley, DDS '61, MS '65, and his wife, Sandy M. Smiley, were recognized as members of the University's Chancellor's Council Giving Society for their generous support of the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry.

Richard Pence, DDS '71, was recently named the 2020 president of the Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics and received the second Lifetime Learning and Service Award from the Academy of General Dentistry. He has rotated off the North Carolina Dental Society Board of Trustees and previously served as the president of the Dental Alumni Association at the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry.

Reese Steen, DDS '73, was recently recognized by the North Carolina Dental Society with the 2019 Citizenship Award for his demonstrated commitment to



public service. He is the first dentist to be presented with the award for the second time — the first was in 2004. He practices with his daughter, **McKenzie Snyder, DDS '05**, in Mars Hill, North Carolina.

the chair for the 16th ADA Trustee District for 2019. He continues to practice dentistry full time in Lexington, North Carolina.

Amy-Jo Fischer, DDS '85, is proud to welcome her daughter, **Meredith Ward, BS '14, DMD**, to her practice, Smiles by Design, in Kernersville, North Carolina.

Sarah E. Frye, DDS '83, welcomed her daughter Kathryn Frye, DMD, to her practice, newly named Frye Dental Care, in Lexington, North Carolina. She has practiced there for 35 years.

Mark A. Johnson, DDS '82, sold his dental practice in King, North Carolina, in March 2019. Ryan Mehrer, DDS, from Blythewood, South Carolina, purchased the practice. Mehrer was a dental officer in the U.S. Navy, and spent five years with Heartland Dental in Blythewood. Johnson plans to remain active part-time in the practice as they transition to Sauratown Dental, named for the Native American population that once called Stokes County home. Johnson expresses gratitude to his patients for their support over the past 36 years.

Martha Ann Keels, DDS '84, PhD '91, has served on the American Dental Association's Council of Scientific Affairs and was made head of the Clinical Excellence Subcommittee (formerly known as the Evidence Based Dentistry Subcommittee). She was excited to welcome **Erica Brecher, DMD, MS '16**, back to her practice, Duke Street Pediatric Dentistry, in Durham, North Carolina.

Karen Lanier, MS '84, DDS '89, MS '92, was elected to the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners for a three-year term. Her 15-year-old son recently earned his driver's permit. Both he and her 13.5-year-old daughter enjoy football, horse shows and cheerleading.

Nona Breeland, DDS '87, MS '89, and her husband **Frank Maness, DDS '79**, have had a busy year. In January, her father, Dr. Wade H. Breeland, was inducted into the Belmont Sports Hall of Fame for his contributions to the town and football. During the North Carolina Dental Society



Annual Session, she was honored to receive the Distinguished Services Scroll. She continues to serve the North Carolina Dental Society on the Leadership Development committee and the 2020 Annual Session committee. She celebrated 30 years of endodontic private practice in Chapel Hill and is still going strong. She loves working with her fantastic staff and referring dentists. Next spring will be her final term as a member of the school's Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors. Their vacation to New England was interrupted by Hurricane Dorian, but she and Frank hope to reschedule a new adventure soon.



1980s

Elise Bolski, DDS '88, continues to enjoy practicing dentistry in South Florida. She recently celebrated the weddings of her two sons. She has run 11 marathons and accomplished her life-long dream of running the Boston Marathon in April. She looks forward to running the Chicago Marathon in October.

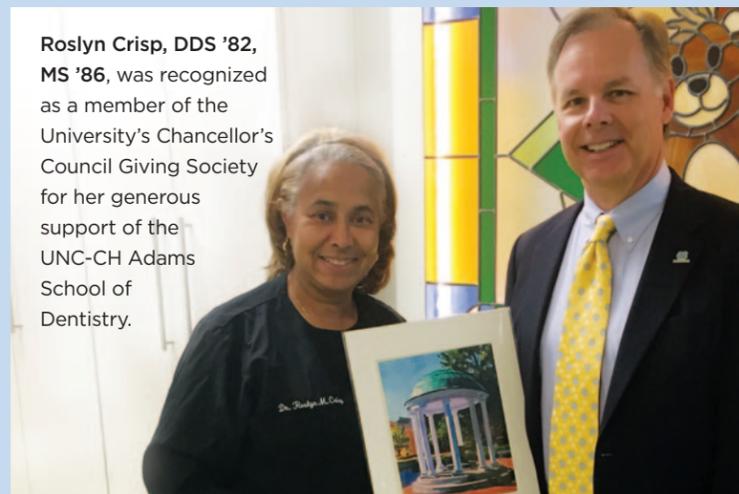


John G. Buahanan, DDS '83, has served as the ADA delegate from the second district of North Carolina since 2014. He was reelected chair of the North Carolina ADA delegation at the 2019 ADA/FDI Annual Session in San Francisco, California. He also served as

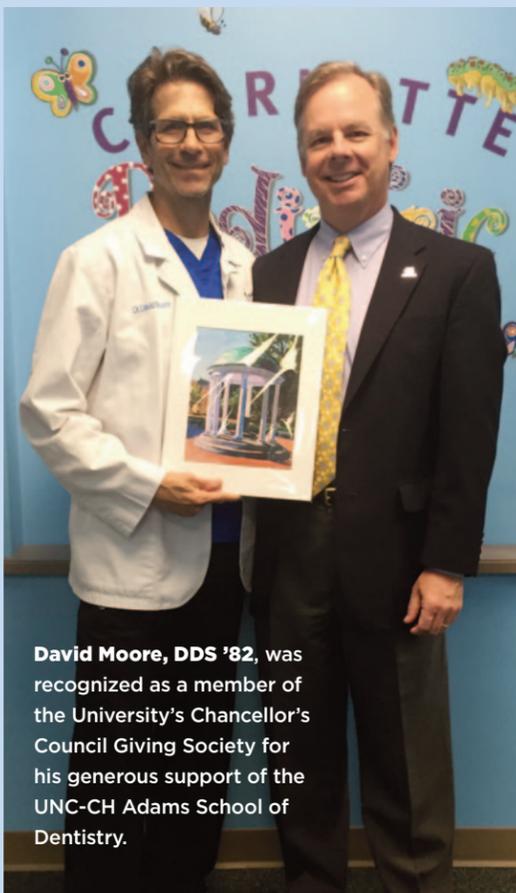
1970s

Frank Maness, DDS '79, celebrated his 40th dental school class reunion this spring. He and his wife, **Nona Breeland, DDS '87, MS '89**, entertained 30 classmates and guests for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at their home in Chapel Hill the evening prior to reunions. This year, he enjoyed substituting in various dental offices. He found it rewarding to work with local dental professionals and their patients. This summer, he was honored to become a Paul Harris Fellow with Rotary International. He is an active member in the East Chapel Hill Rotary Club. Both he and Breeland attended their 50th high school reunions in October — hers in Belmont, North Carolina, and his in Burlington, North Carolina.

Roslyn Crisp, DDS '82, MS '86, was recognized as a member of the University's Chancellor's Council Giving Society for her generous support of the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry.



Henry Zaytoun, Jr., DDS '84, MS '87, was recognized with the 2018 Southern Association of Orthodontists Citizenship Award. Congratulations!



David Moore, DDS '82, was recognized as a member of the University's Chancellor's Council Giving Society for his generous support of the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry.

Julia K. Mikell, DDS '89, is enjoying her private practice in Columbia, South Carolina. This is her final year serving as the American Dental Association's (ADA) 16th District representative to the ADA Council on Dental Practice. She has found it to be quite a privilege and a rewarding experience. She also serves as the vice president of the South Carolina Dental Association and as a 16th District delegate to the ADA House of Delegates. She enjoyed seeing so many of her friends at this year's class reunions in Chapel Hill!

Don Tyndall, DDS '80, MPH '84, PhD '89, organized and chaired two scientific sessions at the 22nd International Congress of the International Association of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology. The first was a the radiation biology session, and the second was the emerging technologies session. Tyndall was an invited speaker for the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial

Radiology recognition session. His talk was titled, "Maxims From a Maxillofacial Radiologist."

David Walker, DDS, MS '86, serves as the Canadian member of the Board of the *Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons*.

1990s

Tom Clifton, DDS '91, received the fellowship of the Academy of General Dentistry in July.

Bobbi Stanley, DDS '93, was appointed to the Board of Trustees at UNC-Pembroke. She is the owner of Stanley Dentistry in Cary, North Carolina. She will be sworn-in during a ceremony at the first meeting of the board in September.



2000s

Graham Farless, DDS '09, added a new associate, **Darryl Locklear, DDS '19**, to his practice, Farless Dental Group. The practice, located in Greensboro, North Carolina, has recently undergone major renovations and rebranding.

Kim Hammersmith, DDS '08, MPH '09, was named director for the Advanced Education Program in Pediatric Dentistry at the Ohio State University and Nationwide Children's Hospital in June. She was accepted into the next cohort of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's Leadership Institute beginning in December. She and her husband, Ryan, welcomed a daughter, Della, in April.

Robert Stanley, DDS '08, of Stanley Dentistry, earned fellow status with the American Academy of Implant Dentistry and the Academy of General Dentistry in July.



John M. Williams, DDS '96, was awarded the President's Medal for Excellence from Indiana University President, Michael A. McRobbie. This is the highest award the Indiana University president can bestow and recognizes exceptional distinction in public service, service to the university or extraordinary merit and achievement in the arts, humanities, sciences, education and industry. Williams served as the dean of the Indiana University School of Dentistry for nine years. He previously served as dean of the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry.



Desiree Walker, DDS '08, returned to the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry to present a session on "Pain, Fitness and Dentistry: My Journey From a Dental Student in Pain to the Ninja Dentist" for the school's Wellness Week in September.

Jennifer L. Thompson, DDS '08, is currently serving her second term as president of the New Mexico Dental Association. She was recently inducted as a fellow of the International College of Dentists in September.

Brett Henson, DDS '15, and Lauren Graham were married on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at Omwake-Dearborn Chapel, Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina. Brett practices as an endodontist in Salisbury, and Lauren is a physician assistant. The Hensons are excited to start a new family with their golden retriever Sophie. The couple visited Maui and the Big Island of Hawaii on their honeymoon.

Minka Hotic, DDS '19, recently began a position as one of four doctors at Stanley Dentistry in Cary, North Carolina. She and her husband, James Harmon, are expecting their second child in November.

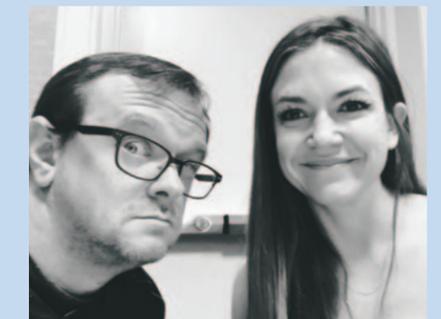
Sarah Lowman, DDS '19, had her proposal, "Prescribing Practices of Opioids and Antibiotics for Older Adults," accepted by the American Dental Association's Council on Dental Practice and the National Elder Care Advisory committee. Jane Weintraub, DDS, MPH, Kimberly Sanders, PharmD, and Michael Wolcott, PharmD, PhD, are on the project team.

Christopher Parker, DDS '16, finished his pediatric dentistry residency at the Dental College of Georgia in Augusta, Georgia, and

moved his family to Huntsville, Alabama this summer. He is an associate at the Pediatric Dental Associates in Cullman, Alabama. He recently attended a comprehensive review session in Montreal, Canada, and was able to spend a couple of days learning from Tim Wright, DDS, MS. Parker's children are eight and three years old, so they are one busy family. They hope to make it back to Chapel Hill this fall, especially now that Mack is back! Go Heels!

Kevin Ricker, DDS '12, MS '15, presented "Osteogenesis Imperfecta: Perspectives from a Patient and Pediatric Dentist" at the last UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry Pediatric Dentistry Continuing Education. It was subtitled "How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love my Craptacular Collagen and Blame My Suboptimal Genetics for All My Self-Destructive Decisions." (Really.)

In the autumn of 2016, **Alexandra Boudreau, DDS '10, MS '15**, and **Kevin Ricker, DDS '12, MS '15**, stumbled upon the smoking crater of a meteorite in southern Chapel Hill. There, they built an altar to primary teeth, and they called it Chatham Pediatric Dentistry. Even now, three years later, the locals say that when the wind blows just right, you can hear the distant sounds of children screaming.



Sing Wai Wong, PhD '19, has had his research paper, "Global deletion of Optineurin results in altered type I IFN signaling and abnormal bone remodeling in a model of Paget's disease," selected for the inaugural papers of the month by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

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Dental School through the Eyes of a Cartoonist

Michael Peele, DDS '76, is not only a dentist and a proud UNC-CH 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.



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