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# Message from the Dean

*Alumni and friends,*

It is a great honor to address you as dean of the UNC School of Dentistry. I am excited to have this opportunity to work with each of you at such a storied institution.

When I received the phone call from Provost Jim Dean letting me know I had been selected for this position, I was overwhelmed. I was thrilled to be selected, and I was humbled to be trusted with such an important charge. It is no secret to any of you that the UNC School of Dentistry is one of the nation's best, and I know that being at the helm comes with great responsibility. When I accepted this appointment, I accepted the challenge of ensuring that the UNC School of Dentistry continues to be a leader in dentistry. The standard of excellence here is high, and that is something I am dedicated to maintaining.



De Rossi

You should know that my vision for the school is not just to maintain its standing, though. My hope is that we are able to move **beyond excellence** as a school. I want the UNC School of Dentistry to be the global standard for dental education. In order to do that, I know that I will rely heavily on each of you reading this. I will need your advice, your passion and your support as we move forward.

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To that end, I want to be clear that my door is always open to you. I am committed to transparently leading the school and my hope is that you will feel comfortable reaching out to me to share concerns, ideas or to just say hello.

One of the reasons I am most excited about this appointment, other than getting to move to beautiful Chapel Hill, is that I get to continue my work with outstanding students. There is no question that UNC recruits the top tier of students into each of its educational programs, and that has only been further reinforced to me since my arrival in January. The students here

are incredibly impressive. They are not only bright and committed to their education, but they are committed to making a better life for those around them. I have been astounded with the amount of service they provide voluntarily to the community, the state and the globe. During the last academic year, they provided roughly \$4.5 million of in-kind care, not including the service provided by students on international trips. That is a staggering number. In the pages that follow, you will read about the experiences our DDS students had on their Dentistry in Service to Communities (DISC) rotations, about our student-led Give Kids a Smile Day and also about an award-winning free clinic our students run. Those stories are but a snapshot of all in which the students are involved.

It is still a common occurrence that I get asked why I wanted to be dean of this school. While I usually quip that I had a momentary lapse in my sanity, the truth is that this school has absolutely

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everything I could ever need to be a successful dean. When considering applying to be dean anywhere, I would look for certain things: the character of the students, faculty, staff and alumni; the quality of the facilities; the stature of the school and university. Here, at UNC, I found every box was ticked.



De Rossi

The students and residents here are bright and passionate. The faculty are forward thinking, world renowned leaders. The staff that fill the halls are hardworking and dedicated. The school's alumni and friends are loyal, accomplished, influential and closely knit. The facilities are world class. The school is part of a vibrant and significant health sciences campus, and also a part of the prestigious University of North Carolina. Bar none, I cannot think of another place that not only met, but exceeded, what I hoped to find.

While I hope you have more of a sense of who I am after reading this issue of the *North Carolina Dental Review*, I am looking forward to having the chance to meet each of you in the coming months. In addition to all the spring events that will have happened by the time this reaches you, I am traveling once a week with members of the Office of Advancement team in hopes of meeting many of you before the North Carolina Dental Society Annual Session. I look forward to cultivating a relationship with each of you that is built on transparency and the common goal of moving this great school beyond excellence.

Again, I want to emphasize how sincerely thrilled I am to be a part of the UNC School of Dentistry. Since arriving in January I have been greeted with a genuine warmth and open arms by the whole community, and I cannot thank you enough. This is a special place filled with remarkable people, and it is humbling to become a part of this family. Becoming dean of this great school is one of the highest honors of my life.

My wife, Kate, and my daughters, Sofia and Evie, are also excited to create a new home here in Chapel Hill.

I look forward to getting to know you and working with you for years to come. Thank you for your unwavering support of the UNC School of Dentistry.

Sincerely,

Scott S. De Rossi, DMD, MBA  
Dean, UNC School of Dentistry

# Continuing Dental Education

## Diagnosis and Management of Acute and Chronic Orofacial Pain

DATE: June 2, 2017  
 SPEAKERS: Dr. Pei Lim, Dr. Max DiGiosia, Dr. Asma Khan and Dr. Ashraf Fouad  
 LOCATION: UNC School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, N.C.

## Advanced Cone Beam CT Interpretation

DATE: June 9, 2017  
 SPEAKERS: Dr. Don Tyndall and Dr. Heidi Kohltfarber  
 LOCATION: UNC School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, N.C.

## The 34th Annual Dental Review

DATE: June 15-17, 2017  
 SPEAKERS: Dr. Glenn Maron, Dr. Randy Huffines and others  
 LOCATION: Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

## Update in Oral Surgery for the General Dentist

DATE: June 16, 2017  
 SPEAKERS: Dr. Renie Daniel, Dr. N. Shaun Matthews, Dr. Jonathan Reside and Dr. Blake Turner  
 LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, N.C.

## Concepts and Teaching Strategies for the Oral Radiology Educator

DATE: July 17-20, 2017  
 SPEAKERS: Dr. Sally Mauriello and others  
 LOCATION: UNC School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, N.C.

## The 33rd Annual Prosthodontics Meeting

DATES: July 24-29, 2017  
 SPEAKERS: UNC School of Dentistry Faculty  
 LOCATION: Omni Hotels and Resorts, Hilton Head, S.C.

## The 13th Annual Distinguished Lecture in Restorative and Esthetic Dentistry

DATE: August 25, 2017  
 SPEAKERS: TBD  
 LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, N.C.

## Pediatric Dentistry Fall Meeting

DATE: October 6, 2017  
 SPEAKERS: TBD  
 LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, N.C.

## The Roy B. Harrell 63rd Annual Dental Seminar Day

DATE: November 10, 2017  
 SPEAKERS: TBD  
 LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, N.C.

## Endodontic Therapy in the General Dentist's Office with Hands-on Education

DATE: December 1, 2017  
 SPEAKERS: UNC School of Dentistry Endodontic Faculty  
 LOCATION: UNC School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, N.C.

## Innovative Periodontics: Creating Success in Today's Dental Practice

DATE: December 1, 2017  
 SPEAKER: Dr. Sam Low  
 LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, N.C.

## Utilizing Advanced Ultrasonics and Subgingival Air Polishing in Periodontal Therapy

DATE: December 2, 2017  
 SPEAKERS: Dr. Sam Low and UNC School of Dentistry Faculty  
 LOCATION: UNC School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, N.C.

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# Bowties and Big Ideas

A Look at Dentistry's Newest Tar Heel Dean, Scott De Rossi





It's 4:30 in the morning. While many of us are sleeping soundly — even if just for a few extra moments — that's not the case for the school's new Dean, Scott De Rossi.

By that time in the morning, he is at the gym, which is where he'll stay for an hour. Then he heads back home to get ready for the day. He dons a suit and bowtie, picks out a pair of his signature socks, and heads to his office in Koury Oral Health Sciences Building.

That is when the day really starts.

Flurries of meetings. Countless emails. A growing number of decisions to be made and requests which need a response.

De Rossi prioritizes his day and his responses on a number of factors. But more often than not, he makes a point to prioritize time out of his office making connections within the school walls.

A portion of almost each lunch hour is spent in the atrium, visiting with students.

Time is set aside to go visit different units or departments, or walk through the clinics and say hello.

Monthly "Doughnuts with the Dean" breakfasts are scheduled for staff, as well as frequent small group outings with students. After the doors of the school lock at 6 p.m., he is still available: visiting study

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clubs and attending a hockey game with students who won a “Night with the Dean” experience in a fundraising auction.

Nearly every Tuesday he spends time traveling the state with the Dental Foundation of North Carolina staff, meeting alumni from the Atlantic Ocean to the Appalachian Mountains.

“This is a special place, and it’s because of the people,” said De Rossi. “I can’t imagine any other way to be dean. It’s important that employees, alumni and students alike know that I value them as people — that I value their opinions, and that my door is open whenever they need.”

When you talk to De Rossi, it’s not hard to figure out who influenced his approach to leadership.

The Massachusetts native found his way to the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine for his dental education, enrolling at the school in 1991. While pursuing his Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry degree and later his postdoctoral training in oral medicine, the dean of the School of Dental Medicine was Raymond J. Fonseca. He was still dean when De Rossi joined the faculty in the late 1990s and became, like his parents before him, an educator.

“I remember Dr. Fonseca being really present for the students and, later, for the junior faculty,” De Rossi recalled. “We all knew he had an incredibly full plate, but he still took time to be accessible. I think that just stuck with me.”

While Fonseca’s impact on De Rossi’s approach to being dean is likely some of why he prioritizes being out of his office, it’s hard to deny that his personality also plays a large part.

A self-described extrovert and rarely slow to make a joke, De Rossi has a large personality and is at his best when he’s interacting with people. He is equally at ease one-on-one, talking with large groups or giving a presentation, and makes a great effort to ensure he is truly hearing the other person’s input.

“I know that I can go talk to Dean De Rossi about whatever is on my mind,” said Korry Tauber, DDS Candidate 2018. “He’s been really accessible to the students during his time here, and we appreciate that.”

To De Rossi, being available is essentially a no-brainer.

“One of the things I’m especially committed to is earning the trust of the school and alumni communities. I plan to be as transparent as possible with all our

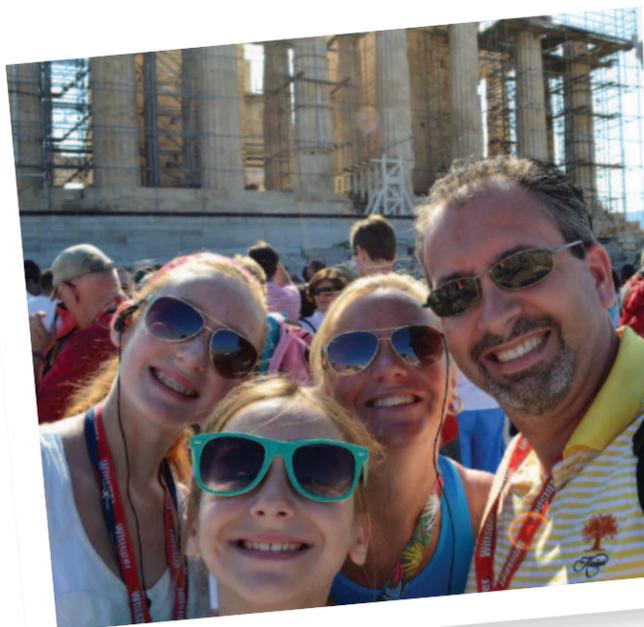
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constituents so that, together, we can move past that state of transparency to a state of trust,” said De Rossi. “Being accessible and available is part of building these relationships and letting people see that I’m going to lead in a transparent way.”

**Connect with Dean De Rossi on social media!**

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If you find De Rossi in his office, you’re likely to walk in and see him at his standing desk working his way through his inbox. Looking around you’ll see a six-foot tall Fathead® of Rameses, book shelves accented with photos of his family, and walls adorned with framed degrees and awards. The most recent addition to that set is his Master of Business Administration, which he completed in December 2016 just weeks before moving to Chapel Hill. And, a Massachusetts boy by birth, he has a couple items in front of his Carolina blue



**Scott S. De Rossi**  
DEAN AND PROFESSOR

DMD, University of Pennsylvania  
School of Dental Medicine, 1995

Certificate in Oral Medicine,  
University of Pennsylvania  
Medical Center, 1997

MBA, Augusta University Hull  
College of Business, 2016

Diplomate, American Board of  
Oral Medicine

Member: ADA, ADEA, AADR

accent wall that leave no question of his allegiance to the New England Patriots and five-time Super Bowl champion Tom Brady.

De Rossi is careful to block “do not disturb” time on his calendar so he can attend to deadlines without interruption, and he takes advantage of that quiet time in his office to examine what’s being done and consider if it could be done better.

“It’s so easy to get into a habit of doing what’s always been done, especially when you’re not being challenged to do it differently,” he said. “I like to be the person who challenges the process. Why are we doing something? Is the way we’re doing it effective? Is it the most effective? Can we improve on it? That’s what I ask myself, and in turn that’s what I ask everyone who works for the school.”

Indeed, De Rossi strives to be an agent of change for the School of Dentistry. While he strongly wants the school to preserve its roots and its top-tier reputation, he also wants the school community to be unafraid to ask how the school can be better. And when he says that, he means the whole school community, not just the administration.

**“Change is needed in dental education, and it’s coming in the profession at large. I want us to be leading that change in every way we’re able.”**

“One of the goals of my monthly staff “Doughnuts with the Dean” breakfast is to encourage our staff, who are often in the trenches and are among the first to know about an arising pain point, to come to me with concerns and ideas,” he said. “I believe that change can start from anywhere in an organization; we just have to be open to considering it.”

Considering change is just a part of the battle. The more difficult part can be embracing it.

“Change is needed in dental education, and it’s coming in the profession at large,” said De Rossi. “I want us to be leading that change in every way we’re able.”

That’s not a challenge he takes lightly. De Rossi is checklist-minded and goal-oriented, and he is nothing if not committed to cementing the UNC School of Dentistry as the global leader in dental education. One of his common refrains is that he wants “UNC Dentistry” to be as synonymous globally with dentistry as “Mayo Clinic” is with medicine.

He knows that’s not something that can be done in short order, and he’s aware that it’s not something that he can do on his

own. That hasn’t stopped him from setting that bar for himself and for the school at large, though. He knows that to get there, he’ll be relying on every faculty and staff member, and each student, and standing on the shoulders of the school’s storied and accomplished alumni base.

“Pushing into the next phase of recognition and excellence is something that we’ll all have to work toward together,” he explained. “When you say ‘UNC Dentistry’ now to someone, excellence in dentistry is already what comes to mind. I want us to move beyond excellence. My hope is that eventually when you say ‘dentistry’ to someone, they won’t think of any place other than UNC.”

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Right now, De Rossi is in Chapel Hill without his family. His wife, Dr. Kate Ciarrocca, and their daughters, Sofia and Evie, are finishing the academic year at their home outside of Augusta, Ga. He made the move without them in early January, bringing along the family pets: their dog, Charles, and their cat, Forrest. Most weekends, Ciarrocca, Sofia and Evie make the roughly five hour trip to Chapel Hill to spend time in their new hometown. They house hunt, try out restaurants and take in some UNC games when they’re able.

“They’re so excited to make the move,” De Rossi said, smiling. “It was a bit of a hard sell for my teenage girls, who’ve spent most of their lives in Georgia, when they realized it meant leaving all their friends. But, as anyone who’s been to Chapel Hill knows, it doesn’t take long to fall in love with this place.”

Once they’re here, De Rossi doesn’t see much changing for him — other than the fact that he’ll get to see his daughters and wife each night after the emails quiet down and the meetings cease for the day.

And each day, like the one before it, will begin at 4:30 in the morning.



# De Rossi: "I'm home"

BY: GARY MOSS, UNIVERSITY GAZETTE

Since his arrival as dean of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's School of Dentistry in January, Scott S. De Rossi has made it a point to be a visible presence.

He routinely spends lunch hours in the dental school atrium talking with students, faculty and staff, and is a regular visitor to the school's various units, departments and the dental clinic.

Chancellor Carol L. Folt singled out De Rossi's passion for his profession and for people when she introduced him during a welcoming celebration on March 30 at the Koury Oral Health Sciences Building.

"It is wonderful to have this welcoming ceremony because Scott has become such a part of this community already," Folt said. "He has been a dynamo from the day he arrived."

A dynamo, she added, who sometimes brings doughnuts.

"I heard you have a "Doughnuts with the Dean" and I started thinking, "Teeth? Doughnuts with the Dean?"

She paused.

"So do you brush your teeth right after eating doughnuts? I actually want to come to that, having a sweet tooth myself."

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost James W. Dean Jr. said De Rossi demonstrated his leadership ability as the previous department chair at Augusta University's Dental College of Georgia.

He brings to Carolina a distinguished scholarly record and a respected clinical history.

But what made De Rossi rise above other candidates for the position was his passion about providing students with the best education possible and patients with the best possible care.

"While going through the process of recruitment and selection, one of the things that most stood out about Scott was his contagious energy and enthusiasm for dentistry, which is clearly heartfelt and deeply felt and really something I completely respect to have that sort of passion for one's areas of work," Dean said.

De Rossi earned his doctor of dental medicine degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, graduating with highest honors, and a certificate in oral medicine from the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

He earned a bachelor of science degree from Providence College, and in December, earned a master's degree in business administration from Augusta University's Hull College of Business.

Folt noted that De Rossi comes from Augusta - a place where wearing green jackets is customary this time of the year. But from the time De Rossi found out he was coming to Carolina, Folt said, De Rossi took to wearing Caroline blue.

De Rossi offered this explanation when he took the stage: "I know that my success has in no small part been due to the students,

faculty, staff and colleagues that I have worked with over my years in academia. But I'm home. UNC is truly a special place with special programs and special people."

"Our students and residents are extremely bright and passionate. Our faculty is world-renowned and forward thinking. Our staff is extremely hardworking and dedicated. Our alumni are accomplished, influential and unfailingly loyal."

To have such a vibrant school community, De Rossi added, is a distinction in and of itself.

"But to have it incorporated into one of the preeminent institutions in the world, in the University of North Carolina, really makes it a place that is second to none," De Rossi said.

"Dental medicine, like all professions, is evolving rapidly." Here at Carolina, he said, "we will lead that change by developing nimble oral health professionals" able to adapt to shifting demographics of disease, ready to use emerging technologies and capable of developing new health-care delivery models to reach more people.

"We will engage digital dentistry, both in the classroom and in the clinic, allowing us to better serve our students and our patients," De Rossi said. "And to meet the mission of the University, we will engage globally, bringing benefits of teaching, research and service to individuals in communities locally and throughout the world."

*Photo courtesy of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

# A UNC Distinction: The Dental Sleep Medicine Clinic

Much like the UNC School of Dentistry, the school's Dental Sleep Medicine (DSM) Clinic was built from somewhat humble beginnings. Prior to 2009, only a modest number of patients were referred to the school for the treatment of sleep-disordered breathing, and these patients were seen typically by faculty in the Department of Orthodontics or the Department of Prosthodontics. The DSM Clinic lacked its own identity. But Dr. Greg Essick, current director of the DSM Clinic and professor in the Department of Prosthodontics, saw great potential.

Since January 2009 the DSM Clinic, under Essick's guidance, has progressively grown to its current state. Now in its ninth

year, the clinic is a patient care, education and research facility, and is recognized by the school's Dental Faculty Practice as its own specialty clinic as of August 2016.

"We're very fortunate here at UNC to have such a clinic," said Essick. "Our school is one of very few schools that has such a distinction, conducts research in DSM, or provides hands-on training in DSM to dentists in the community."

A dedicated DSM Clinic existing is rare for dental schools, and equally rare is that a school's Dental Faculty Practice would recognize it as its own standalone clinic. But because the clinic also supports education and research efforts, the UNC DSM Clinic is especially unique.

For a little more than a year now, the DSM Clinic has existed in its own clinical space in Tarrson Hall. This positions the clinic well for collaborative efforts as well as providing integrated care, as it is situated near UNC Hospitals and in the same building as all of the school's other dental clinics.

"I'm proud that the clinic is integrated into the School of Dentistry," said Essick. "Being located adjacent to UNC Hospitals enhances what we're able to do as providers interprofessionally for our patients and as educators for our students. Training experiences for students, residents and fellows within and outside the School of Dentistry are all available."

For patients, the clinic can provide any number of services, including evaluations for oral appliance therapy and coordination of oral appliance therapy with CPAP therapy. The clinic accepts most insurances in addition to Medicare and Medicaid, and is accepting referrals.

This spring in partnership with the American Academy of Craniofacial Pain, Essick also offered the inaugural mini-residency in dental sleep medicine, a six-day continuing dental education course that takes place over three weekends. The spring course quickly became a sellout, and dates have already been set for the second offering in the spring of 2018. Moreover, plans are underway to offer a CE course in DSM practice management.

"It's exciting when I think about how the Dental Sleep Medicine program has grown over the years, and I'm looking forward to finding new ways to evolve the clinic in the future," said Essick.



## Wright Elected Vice President of the American Association for Dental Research

Members of the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) elected Dr. J. Timothy Wright to serve as the next vice president of AADR. His term began at the conclusion of the 46th AADR Annual Meeting in San Francisco, Calif., March 22-25, 2017.

“Working with the leadership and members of the AADR will be an exciting and rewarding endeavor as we work to support and advance craniofacial and dental research,” said Wright, James Bawden Distinguished Professor, director of strategic initiatives and member of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the UNC School of Dentistry.

As vice president of AADR, Wright works to support the AADR mission and the vision of the Board of Directors. After serving as vice president, he will remain on the AADR Board of Directors for three consecutive terms as president-elect, president and immediate past president.

Since joining AADR in 1981, he has participated in a broad range of the

Association’s activities, including serving in the leadership of the AADR Alabama Section and the AADR North Carolina Section. He also served as a part of the AADR Board of Directors as a member-at-large from 2013-16. This year, Wright was inducted into the inaugural class of AADR Fellows, which is a program designed to recognize leaders of AADR and individuals who have served AADR in various ways

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throughout their careers.

Wright earned his DDS from West Virginia University School of Dentistry and an MS and a certificate in pediatric dentistry from the

University of Alabama at Birmingham. His postdoctoral training includes a fellowship in cariology research and a teacher training fellowship in medical genetics.

His research focuses primarily on mineralized tissues and genetics. This led to his election as counselor for the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) Mineralized Tissue Group from 2000-05, and later as the group’s vice president and president. Wright has served on the IADR Science Information Committee and Fellowships Committee. In 2014, Wright received the IADR Basic Research in Biological Mineralization Award, an award considered one of IADR’s highest honors.

## Matthews Honored by Barbados for Outstanding Service

Dr. N. Shaun Matthews, clinical associate professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, was honored by the government of Barbados with the Barbados Golden Jubilee Award.

The Barbados Golden Jubilee Award recognizes persons from Barbados who have lived and worked in the United Kingdom and have performed outstanding service in their profession. Matthews, a native of Barbados, was selected for this honor because of his service to the people of Barbados through his work in the United Kingdom in medicine and surgery.

“I am extremely honored to have received this award, as part of the 50th anniversary of independence of my home country, Barbados,” said Matthews. “For such a small island in the Caribbean that boasts the pop star Rhianna as its most famous export to have produced so many individuals who have excelled internationally in their field of endeavor is a real tribute to the educational system on the island. I am enormously proud to be a



Matthews

Bajan and hope to continue my charity work on the island for many years to come”.

Matthews received the award at the Savoy Hotel in London, England in late October. The ceremony that evening was part of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of independence of Barbados, which was celebrated officially on November 30. Prime Minister of Barbados Freundel Stuart and Sir Garfield Sobers, a Barbados cricket legend who was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II for his services to the sport, presented Matthews with the honor.

After receiving all his education through high school on the island, Matthews ventured to United Kingdom for his university studies: first dentistry in Scotland, then medicine in London. He spent three years as a resident in general surgery and general medicine followed by five years doing oral and maxillofacial surgery. At the completion of his training,

he was appointed consultant at Hammersmith Hospitals. Three years later, he was appointed Consultant at King’s College Hospital in London where he remained for nine years.

During his time at King’s College Hospital, Matthews developed an interest in TMJ problems and created an interdisciplinary group with pain specialists, surgeons, psychiatrists, physiotherapists, restorative dentists, maxillofacial prosthetists and others to provide comprehensive care for this population. This team is the only comprehensive unit of its type in the entire UK.

Matthews is a well-known thought leader in oral and maxillofacial surgery and has been published widely in international journals. He maintains membership in a number of professional organizations, including the American Society of TMJ Surgeons, and has lectured and presented abstracts at numerous professional meetings.

## Olivera Awarded Inaugural Academy of Operative Dentistry Faculty Excellence Award

Dr. Gustavo “Gus” Oliveira, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Operative Dentistry, has been named the inaugural recipient of the Academy of Operative Dentistry’s Rising Star Faculty Award. The newly established award recognizes and promotes excellence in the pursuit of teaching clinical dentistry by faculty early in their careers.

“It is an immense honor to have been selected as the recipient of the Academy’s Inaugural Rising Star Faculty award,” said Oliveira. “What a pleasant surprise! Many



Olivera

different people exerted a strong influence on me over the years. In a sense, they are all recipients of this award too. I am also profoundly happy to be able to represent our Department of Operative Dentistry and beloved UNC, and I hope to continue to do so for many years to come!”

As the Rising Star Faculty Award recipient, Oliveira will be formally honored at the Academy of Operative Dentistry’s annual meeting in February 2018. He will receive a cash award to augment and foster his scholarship, a commemorative award, complimentary meeting registration and a stipend toward travel expenses. Oliveira will accept the award in person and also

present a table clinic during the meeting.

“I am thrilled that Dr. Oliveira was selected as the recipient of this prestigious award. He is indeed a rising star with unwavering dedication to teaching clinical dentistry. This is a well-suited honor for Dr. Oliveira, and a distinction of which he is very deserving,” said Dr. André Ritter, chair of the Department of Operative Dentistry and author of Oliveira’s nomination.

Oliveira returned to the UNC School of

“Many different people exerted a strong influence on me over the years. In a sense, they are all recipients of this award too.”

Dentistry in early 2016 after a stint serving as an assistant professor in the University of Louisville School of Dentistry Department of General Dentistry

and Oral Medicine. He earned his DDS degree from the Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil, after which he practiced for one year before relocating to the U.S. He enrolled in the school’s Operative Dentistry Graduate Program in 2006 and earned his master’s and certificate in

operative dentistry in 2009, at which time he joined the University of Louisville faculty. He is a member of the American Dental Association, the American Dental Education Association and the Academy of Operative Dentistry. Oliveira is the author of a score of articles published in highly regarded journals covering a number of topics.

The Rising Star Faculty Award is supported by the Academy of Operative Dentistry’s Founders Fund. The biennial award is designed to encourage, stimulate and support early-career faculty clinicians in their profession.

# School Researchers First to Locate Gene Variant Linked to Chronic Periodontitis

UNC School of Dentistry researchers are the first to successfully find a gene variant associated with chronic periodontitis in a genome-wide association study. The discovery was made in a large ongoing study of the Hispanic/Latino community.

“What makes this especially exciting is that, following the identification of the gene variant, we then replicated the finding in an independent cohort,” said Dr. Anne Sanders, associate professor in the Department of Dental Ecology.

During their research, faculty members identified a genome-wide significant association signal and four others with suggestive evidence of association to chronic periodontitis. It was the significant association which was later replicated in a second study of African-American subjects.

“This discovery has

implications for personalized medicine. Future prevention of complex, common diseases with a genetic basis like chronic periodontitis will consider each patient’s unique genetic profile. For people who develop the disease, knowledge of this genetic information will help dentists choose treatment strategies that will be most effective for the patient,” said Sanders.

Sanders and Dr. Kimon Divaris, associate professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, are first and senior authors of this research, published in the January 2017 issue of *Journal of Dental Research*. Other UNC School of Dentistry faculty who contributed to the research were Dr. Steven Offenbacher, chair of the Department of Periodontology and Kenan Distinguished Professor, and Dr. Jim Beck, Distinguished Professor in the Department of Dental Ecology.



Sanders



Divaris

## In Memoriam

### Dr. William Douglas Strickland '56

On March 2, Dr. William Douglas Strickland, alumnus of the DDS Class of 1956 and longtime faculty member in the Department of Operative Dentistry, passed away at the age of 89.

Strickland enrolled at the UNC School of Dentistry in fall 1952 as part of the DDS Class of 1956. He graduated first in his class and was asked to join the school’s faculty upon his graduation. He dedicated his career to educating students at the school, spending 30 years as a member of the Department of Operative Dentistry faculty. In 1969, he won the inaugural Richard F. Hunt, Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence in Predoctoral Teaching, which is awarded based on student vote and remains the school’s highest teaching honor. After 30 years at UNC, Strickland left academia and spent his final eight professional years in

private practice before retiring.

Prior to attending UNC, Strickland earned his bachelor’s degree from Wake Forest University and spent two years in the U.S. Army.

Strickland was a fellow of the International College of Dentists and also the American College of Dentists, and recorder for the national dental fraternity, Psi Omega.

After his retirement, Strickland took up duck carving and became an award-winning competitor. Of his past times, he most enjoyed golf, something that only his passion for the Tar Heels surpassed. He was a member of Antioch Baptist Church and was known among his friends for his positive attitude and infectious laugh.



Strickland was predeceased by his first wife, Barbara Cheek Strickland (1993) and his son, James Douglas Strickland (2014).

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Lynn Taylor Strickland; his daughter and two sons, and their spouses; his 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Dr. W. Douglas Strickland Faculty Support

Fund (mail to: Dental Foundation of North Carolina, Attn. Paul Gardner, Campus Box 7450, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7450); Antioch Baptist Church Technology Ministry (1707 White Cross Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27516); or UNC Hospice (287 East St., Suite 221, Pittsboro, NC 27312).

### Dr. Philip Francis Hirsch

On February 4, Dr. Philip Francis Hirsch, former director of the school’s Dental Research Center, passed away at the age of 91.

Hirsch began his work at UNC in 1966 when he joined the University as a professor of pharmacology. In 1975, he became the director of the Dental Research Center at the UNC School of Dentistry. He held this position for seven years, until 1983, and he stayed on faculty at the school until his retirement in 1992. At that time, he was named Professor Emeritus of pharmacology and dental ecology. During his time at the University, Hirsch was awarded a one-year Kenan Leave to pursue research at the Hospital St. Antoine in Paris, France in 1974.

Prior to joining UNC, Hirsch served in the U.S. Army for three years as part of the



27th Infantry Division Band. Following his discharge from service, Hirsch enrolled at the University of California at Berkeley, from which he earned his bachelor’s degree in chemistry in 1950 and his doctorate degree in physiology in 1954. Following his graduation he relocated to

Harvard University, where he worked from 1955-64. He then worked at the Lawrence Livermore Radiation Laboratory for two years before joining UNC.

His research focused on hormonal control in the metabolism of calcium. During his time at Harvard University, Hirsch discovered the hormone calcitonin, which is produced by the thyroid and helps regulate the blood’s calcium and phosphate levels. He continued his study of calcitonin throughout his career.

Outside of dentistry, Hirsch was interested in politics and what is now called “social justice.” In 1968, he was personally thanked by Sen. Eugene McCarthy for his assistance in Sen. McCarthy’s run for the presidential nomination. During the 1970s, Dr. Hirsch was part of a slate of candidates that successfully took over the board of the Chapel Hill YMCA. He served the University and his community in many other ways.

Hirsch is survived by his spouse of 60 years, Eugenia A. Hirsch; children, Steven P. Hirsch (Elizabeth Blevins), of Ashton, Md.; Lisa Hirsch, of Miami, FL; Kenneth Hirsch (Marion), of Chapel Hill, N.C.; Nancy Hirsch, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Leo Hirsch, of San Francisco, Calif.; and Martin Hirsch, of Los Angeles, Calif.

## Faculty Receive Travel Grants to Attend ADEA

Five faculty received a travel grant from the Dental Foundation of North Carolina to attend the 2017 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) meeting in Long Beach, Calif. The mission of ADEA is to lead individuals and institutions of the dental education community to address contemporary issues influencing education, research, and the delivery of oral health care for the health of the public. The faculty will soon provide a Faculty "Teach-Back" Lunch and Learn to share information they learned at the meeting with other school faculty.

## Dr. Sumitha Ahmed, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Operative Dentistry

Dr. Ahmed serves as director of Preclinical Operative Dentistry, co-director of educational research group within the



Ahmed

Department of Operative Dentistry, and a DDS Clinic Group Practice director. After receiving a Bachelor in Dental Surgery from Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences and completion of an AEGD rotation, she practiced in India before moving to the U.S. In the U.S., she worked in private practice until returning to school. She earned a Certificate in Dental Hygiene from the school, and later her Master of Science in operative dentistry. She is an active member of the Academy of Operative Dentistry, ADEA and the International Association of Dental Research.

## Dr. Sun-Yung Bak, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Prosthodontics



Bak

Dr. Bak is the course director for complete dentures for the second-year dental students and works in the Removable Clinic with third-year dental students. Bak received her Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1998 from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry and completed a general practice residency at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. After 10 years in private practice, Dr. Bak started prosthodontics training at Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, from which she received her certificate. She then completed a fellowship in maxillofacial prosthetics at the UCLA School of Dentistry. Bak is a member of the American Dental Association, American College of Prosthodontics, and American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics.

## Professor Jennifer Harmon, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Dental Ecology

Professor Harmon is the director of pre-clinic and clinic for the first-year dental hygiene students, and the director of the dental anatomy course, and prevention and scaling course for first-year dental students. Harmon received her Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene in 2013 and her Master of Science in Dental Hygiene Education in 2015, both from UNC. Her master's research project was recognized with the 2015 IADR Outstanding Student Abstract Award. Harmon serves as president of the North Carolina Dental Hygienists' Association and also serves on the Board of Directors for the North Carolina Caring Dental Professionals. She is also on the International Advisory Board for the National Center for Dental Hygiene Research and Practice.



Harmon

## Dr. Lew Lampiris, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Dental Ecology

Dr. Lampiris has served as director of the school's Dentistry in Service to the Community (DISC) program since July 2013. After practicing general dentistry for 17 years, Lampiris completed a Master in Public Health. He served as State Dental Director in Illinois and then as director of the American Dental Association's Council on Access, Prevention and Interprofessional Relations. He is a recipient of the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors Distinguished Service Award (2007), an American Dental Association Presidential Citation (2010) and the American Association of Public Health Dentistry's Distinguished Service Award (2013).



Lampiris

## Dr. Andrea Zandona, Associate Professor, Department of Operative Dentistry

Dr. Zandona leads the cariology curriculum at the school. Zandona received her dental degree from Pontificia Universidade Católica do Paraná in Brazil, and later earned her Master in Dental Sciences in operative dentistry and a PhD in dental sciences from Indiana University. She was a faculty member at Indiana University until 2013, at which time she joined UNC. Zandona has been a member of the International Caries Detection and Assessment System Committee and the



Zandona

International Caries Classification and Management System since their inception. She currently serves as vice president for the CAMBRA Coalition. Zandona is a leading researcher in caries detection, risk assessment and management, and has published and lectured on prevention and management of dental caries.

## Formal Mentoring Program Updates:

The Formal Mentoring Program, implemented in March 2013 for all assistant professors in the School of Dentistry, currently has 24 mentoring teams. There are four mentoring teams for associate professors, for a total of 28 teams. Approximately 54 faculty (in addition to the 28 mentees) are participating on mentoring teams. The program continues to receive national recognition. At the 2017 ADEA meeting, **Rebecca Wilder**, professor of Dental Ecology and director of Faculty Development; **Dr. Jessica Lee**, chair and Demeritt Distinguished Professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry; and **Dr. Janet Guthmiller**, former associate dean for Academic Affairs at UNC and current dean at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry, presented a workshop entitled, "Beyond Boundaries: Professional Development through Mentoring and Academic Career Planning."



Wilder



Lee



Guthmiller



Wright

## Clinical Update Series

**Dr. Tim Wright**, Bawden

Distinguished Professor of Pediatric Dentistry, taught the fall and spring Clinical Update Series on the topic of Silver Diamine Fluoride.

## School Again Participates in Academy of Academic Leadership



Bak



White



Matthews

The Academy of Academic Leadership (AAL) is an organization that provides customized professional development, leadership training and consulting services for more than 100 higher education institutions throughout the world.

One of their offerings is the Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL) which is a

collaborative effort of the ADEA and the AAL. The ITL is offered once per year in Atlanta, Ga. Current faculty and those considering an academic position can participate in a two-phase (on-site in Chapel Hill), six and one-half days, with distance education modules between phases. Since 2007, more than 23 full-time dental school faculty have graduated from the ITL and enhanced their teaching because of the training they received.

Two faculty completed the 2016 ITL: **Dr. Sun-Yung Bak**, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Prosthodontics, and Professor **Tiffanie White**, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Dental Ecology. White was awarded an ADEA Faculty of Color Scholarship to attend the ITL that paid for her tuition.

Another joint offering of ADEA and AAL is the Chairs and Academic Administrators Management Program (CAAMP), a three-day workshop designed to enhance attendees' management skills. **Dr. N. Shaun Matthews**, clinical associate professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, attended that workshop on an ADEA/AAL Faculty of Color Tuition Scholarship for Professional Development.

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**Dr. Tim Turvey** was invited to speak at the American Cleft Palate Craniofacial Association Annual Meeting and also the International Congress of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery meeting.

**Drs. Glenn Reside** and **Raymond White** were authors in a study published in the *Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* entitled "Buffered Versus Non-buffered Lidocaine with Epinephrine for Mandibular Nerve Block: Clinical Outcomes."

**Dr. Jessica Lee** and **Dr. Tim Wright** were invited to lecture at the annual meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons Ireland in Dublin, Ireland in October 2017.

**Dr. Flavia Teles** has been nominated to become an editorial board member of the *Journal of Dental Research*. She also has been appointed as a member of the 2017-18 American Association of Dental Research Edward H. Hatton Awards committee. Most recently, she received the IADR Women in Science Award for Distinguished Research.

**Dr. Pei Feng Lim** has been appointed as a site visitor for Advanced Orofacial Programs, for the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

**Dr. Tim Wright** presented at the inaugural Dubai Pediatric Dentistry Meeting and also as keynote speaker of The Ohio State University College of Dentistry Research Day.

**Dr. Shaoping Zhang** received the inaugural Gold Medal Fellowship from the American Dental Association.

**Dr. Ashraf Fouad** received the Distinguished Scientist Award for Pulp Biology and Regeneration from the International Association of Dental Research (IADR), at the IADR Meeting in San Francisco, on March 22. He also just published his textbook, *Endodontic Microbiology*.

**Dr. Michael Milano** was presented with a Golisano Health Leadership Award by Special Olympics North Carolina for his work with SONC providing free dental exams, oral hygiene instruction and mouth guards. He also won the *Triangle Business Journal* 2017 Health Care Hero Award.

**Dr. Amelia Drake** has been appointed president-elect of the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association.

**Dr. Lew Lampiris** was installed as chair of the Community and Preventive Dentistry Section for the American Dental Education Association.

**Dr. Luiz Pimenta** and **Dr. Margot Stein** were pre-conference symposium speakers at the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association meeting.

**Dr. Mike Roberts** was appointed to the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry as an oral section examiner. He also was elected president of the North Carolina Academy of Pediatric Dentistry last October.

**Dr. Sylvia Frazier-Bowers** was appointed chair of the American Association of Orthodontists Council on Scientific Affairs.

**Dr. Valerie Murrah** represented the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at the Intersociety Pathology Council Meeting held in San Antonio, Tex. in March at the U.S. and Canadian Academy of Pathology Meeting. The Intersociety Pathology Council is the combined voice of all of the pathology organizations in the U.S. and Canada.

**Dr. Kimon Divaris** presented at the Carolina Center for Genome Sciences and also at the Healthy Futures: Engaging the Oral Health Community in Childhood Obesity Prevention National Conference.

**Dr. Luiz Pimenta** was selected as a participant in the American Association of State Colleges and Universities's Emerging Leaders Program.

**CORRECTION** – In the last issue of the *North Carolina Dental Review*, we failed to include all the faculty development program mentors. Here is the completion of that list:

**Dr. Morris Weinberger**  
UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health

**Dr. Jane Weintraub**  
Department of Dental Ecology

**Dr. Bernard Weissman**  
UNC School of Medicine

**Dr. Al Wilder**  
Department of Operative Dentistry

**Professor Rebecca Wilder**  
Department of Dental Ecology

**Dr. Tim Wright**  
Department of Pediatric Dentistry

**Dr. Mitsuo Yamauchi**  
Department of Periodontology

**Dr. Thom Ziemiecki**  
Department of Prosthodontics

"She is a leader here at UNC and we know she'll do a wonderful job as president of the national SNDA organization."

**Dean Scott De Rossi**

## Alexander Elected Student National Dental Association President

De'ja Alexander, DDS Candidate 2018, was recently elected president of the Student National Dental Association (SNDA). She will serve in this capacity for the national SNDA organization for one academic year beginning July 2017.

"I am honored and delighted to serve as the Student National Dental Association's next president," said Alexander. "It will be

my pleasure to serve the committed members of SNDA. I am looking forward to working with the 2017-18 National Executive Board and tackling the 2017-18 strategic plan."

Alexander previously served the national SNDA organization as its national corresponding secretary. In that role, she worked to increase communication between the national executive board and local chapters of SNDA. In her role as president, she will work closely with the national SNDA executive board to advance the SNDA mission of providing access to the underserved and to continue improving the educational and social experiences of minority students in dental school.

"We're incredibly proud of De'ja and her election to this national position," said

Scott S. De Rossi, school dean and professor. "She is a leader here at UNC and we know she'll do a wonderful job as president of the national SNDA organization."

Dr. Sylvia Frazier-Bowers, SNDA UNC chapter faculty advisor, echoed De Rossi's comments: "Not only is De'ja a leader here at UNC, she is an emerging leader in the dental profession. It never ceases to amaze me how organized, timely and creative she is in her approach to serving the organization. This election represents a big accomplishment for De'ja, but is most definitely something that makes UNC SNDA proud."



**Alexander**

## Students Speak Up for Fluoridation

In March, the Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) held an open board meeting during which they discussed fluoridation in water. The discussion was prompted by a service outage that was, in part, due to the overfluoridation of water at one OWASA plant.

That meeting was of particular interest to the UNC School of Dentistry school community, and eight DDS students, as well as a number of faculty members, attended the meeting. Ann Danello, DDS Candidate 2019, spoke before the board in favor of fluoridation.

"The testimony coming from our students was powerful and compelling, as evidenced by the careful attention of the board members when Ann spoke before the board," said Dr. Lew Lampiris, director of the Dentistry in Service to Communities program and faculty advisor for ENNEAD, our school's chapter of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry. "We should all be very proud."

Chair of the OWASA Board of Directors, John Young, sent an email to the group following the meeting. It said, in part, "Thank you for sharing the views of the UNC student chapter of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry.

Ms. Danello, thank you for speaking at last night's meeting. I personally appreciated your message about bringing a youthful, questioning mind to the consideration of fluoride."

Following the board meeting, OWASA decided not to conduct another in-depth review of the policy of adding fluoride to water, meaning the current policy of fluoridation will stand.



## GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY 2017

# Students Provide Nearly \$6,000 in Free Dental Care to Local Children

On Friday, Feb. 3, more than 200 volunteers welcomed more than 100 Durham Early Head Start three-year-olds to the UNC School of Dentistry for free dental services and overall health education. The event was the fourth annual Give Kids a Smile Day held at UNC.

The children received dental treatment from UNC School of Dentistry student dentists, hygienists and residents. The care, provided more than 70 of the attending children, included an oral screening, fluoride varnish treatment and, when

necessary, referral to another facility for further dental care. If provided through private practice, the care would have cost approximately \$5,900 in total.

“There are scary noises. There’s water. There’s suction. There’s buzzing. There are motors. I can understand that [coming to the dentist] can be scary and overwhelming,” said Natalie Dunlop, DDS candidate 2018 and event co-chair. “We just want to show them that it’s not scary.”

The school’s Give Kids a Smile Day event is different than most because it’s an

interprofessional event. In addition to receiving dental care, the children attend a health fair. Volunteers from dentistry were joined by those from the UNC School of Medicine, the UNC School of Nursing, the Eshelman School of Pharmacy, the Gillings School of Global Public Health and UNC athletics to offer a focus on overall health. The multi-station health fair included one station designed to get the children moving, a “Be the Dentist” station where the children dressed like a dentist, and a variety of other stations that shared information on hand washing, the difference in medicine and candy, good nutrition habits, how your body works, and how to brush your teeth.

“By bringing the three-year-olds, we permeate the [Head Start] centers with knowledge about health care,” said Deric Boston, the health manager at Durham Head Start. “This type of event helps them to deal with some of their preconceived notions. If their family is not pressed to go to the dentist, this gives them a desire to get themselves to the dentist.”

Dunlop planned the event with fellow co-chairs Taylor Harlan and Janice Ko, both DDS candidates 2018, co-chair Jaehee Yoo, DDS candidate 2019, and a committee made up primarily of student volunteers.

The school’s Give Kids a Smile Day was again held in conjunction with the American Dental Association’s annual Give Kids a Smile Day, a program that began 15 years ago to address and raise awareness of untreated dental disease in children.



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Natalie Dunlop, DDS candidate 2018 and event co-chair



“The CAARE clinic is a model of service and learning that benefits the community and the students’ dental education.”

Sylvia Frazier-Bowers

## Durham-based Student-led Dental Clinic Wins National Award

The American Dental Association Foundation (ADAF) awarded the UNC School of Dentistry’s Student National Dental Association (SNDA) with this year’s E. Bud Tarrson Dental School Student Community Leadership Award. The award recognizes SNDA’s work at its CAARE clinic, based in Durham, N.C., where SNDA provides free dental care to adults.

“The SNDA chapter never ceases to amaze me with their intellect and energy and professionalism in service,” said Sylvia Frazier-Bowers, associate professor in the Department of Orthodontics. “These bright and compassionate students show a rare dedication to making a difference in the community and world through service. The CAARE clinic is a model of service and learning that benefits the community and the students’ dental education. We are so proud of the impact that their contribution makes for the school and the community at large. This award is certainly befitting of their tireless efforts all year long!”

The SNDA CAARE Clinic was established to help bridge the gap in access to care for the underserved population in

Durham. It was inspired by Vincent Allison, DDS ’87, current president of the Old North State Dental Society and adjunct associate professor at the school. Since its inception in 2012, students have provided oral care, oral health education, nutritional counseling, and overall health and wellness screenings at no cost to patients. Last year alone, students provided more than \$40,000 worth of free dental care. Care is provided three Tuesdays and one Wednesday a month during school semesters.



“None of this would be possible without the dedication and support from our CAARE Clinic advisors Dr. Allison and Dr. Webster-Cyriaque, and the countless volunteer hours from our SNDA members. They are truly committed to making a difference and serving the underserved,” said Keyachtta Hawkins, CAARE Clinic head coordinator and president of UNC SNDA. “We are grateful to receive this award as it will be a tremendous help in obtaining the instruments and materials we need to allow us to improve the quality of care and the number of patients we are able to treat.”

As head coordinator, Hawkins works closely with other student clinic coordinators: Tariq Jah, Donna Thomas, Brittany Spruiell, Tempestt Head and Christian Hart.

The Tarrson award, valued at \$5,000, is given to dental school programs demonstrating excellence in providing care for underserved populations within the United States. SNDA CAARE Clinic was one of seven programs selected to receive this honor.

## DDS Students Serve through DISC

Each year, our rising fourth-year students participate in the Department of Dental Ecology’s Dentistry in Service to Communities (DISC) program. The extramural program, which is one of the nation’s first service learning programs, has been in existence for more than 45 years and is considered a model program for other dental schools. Participation in the DISC extramural rotation is a required part of the DDS curriculum.



“Service learning allows students to witness the disproportionate burden of oral disease manifest in underserved and vulnerable populations,” said Dr. Lew Lampiris, director of the DISC program. “The program provides our students the opportunity to hone their clinical skills and, of equal if not greater importance, to experience the rewards of servicing a diverse patient population. Students develop an experiential understanding of the environmental and social determinants that impact individual population and oral health.”

The program exposes students to patients unlike those usually seen at the UNC School of Dentistry and provides them an opportunity to participate in a variety of community-based health care systems.

The goals of the program are to expose the students to patients unlike those usually seen at the UNC School of Dentistry and also to provide students an opportunity to observe and participate in a variety of different community-based health care systems. The

assignments the students receive for their rotation are vast; many conduct their rotations at federally qualified health centers, county public health clinics, correctional centers and hospitals in both rural and urban areas throughout N.C. and the nation.

“No matter what path our students chose for their dental career, all the students feel as though they benefit greatly from these rotations,” said Dr. Lampiris. “It’s an experience we’re proud to offer to our students during their education here at UNC.”

Being treated as though they matter leads patients to make changes that improve their overall health.

**Preston Colven**  
DDS Candidate 2018



**Dispelling Assumptions**  
Gaston Family Health Services

I already had a vision of what public health dentistry would look like: dimly lit, poorly outfitted operatories in a run-down county health department building. A dental team disinterested in patient care, with a pervasive “I’m over it” sentiment. A clinic fraught with no-shows and poor patient compliance, acting as a safety net for those who just wanted a tooth extracted. My first day did little to change that image, and I began preparing myself to slowly but surely fall into this same mindset.



However, the second day I was greeted by the clinic director and began to see public health dentistry in an entirely new light. I learned that while it is still the safety net for the community, many patients came to this office by choice with private insurance. The care they provide is high quality and they do more than just extract teeth. While there, I was able to do a lot of removable,

which changed the lives of the patients who had gone years without teeth. Patient compliance with appointments was impressive. Patients returned for recall visits, not only when they had a problem. I realized that public health dentistry can take care of the maligned individual, making them feel as though they belong, rather than making them feel like they’re here only because there is nowhere else to turn.



Colven

I saw how creating an environment in which patients feel they are being treated the same regardless of their socioeconomic status makes a difference. The patients did not dread being there. Private pay patients were treated the same as patients on Medicaid. Because the patients were treated well, they were more likely to come for recalls and to complete treatment plans, rather than only when they were in pain. Honestly, I had not expected a public health clinic to have any sort of recall system set up at all.

I left with a greater appreciation for public health dentistry and the realization that my assumptions were completely invalid. Provider attitude can truly impact the patient’s compliance and the patient’s comfort in the dental chair. Being treated as though they matter leads patients to make changes that improve their overall oral health. It leads to a clinic that is more modeled after private practice than a county health department. The safety net is still there, but this practice sought more to positively impact its community than to provide a one-time service to an ailing patient. Going in to this rotation, I could not have imagined coming away with such a positive and hopeful outlook on the future of public health.

All I could think was that this young girl was having her [permanent] teeth extracted.

**Committing to Making a Difference**  
Stanly County Health Department



**Phillip Hamilton**  
DDS Candidate 2017

This summer, I had the opportunity to rotate through the Stanly County Health Department pediatric dental office and work with one of the only public health pediatric dentists in North Carolina. She and her staff have a huge impact on the community, especially the underserved children who live there.

One afternoon we received a call from a mother whose 12-year-old daughter’s teeth were bothering her. When we saw her that afternoon, she was not in any extreme pain, but several of her permanent teeth had decay severe enough to require extractions. The attending went on to discuss treatment options with the mother and the child was rescheduled to have several of her teeth extracted a few days later.

The mother seemed unsurprised during the visit, and the little girl didn’t seem to mind either. All I could think was that this young girl was having her teeth extracted. As a high schooler she would most likely need a partial as her family could not afford implants. I felt surprisingly emotional after the patient left. I kept thinking about what it would be like to go to sleepovers or play sports and have a partial to worry about. Adolescence is hard enough as it is.

When I think about this little girl, I think about all of the other underserved children who had or will have similar experiences. The parents of these children likely shared similar experiences as children. Without oral health education, none of them stand a chance to move out of this situation.

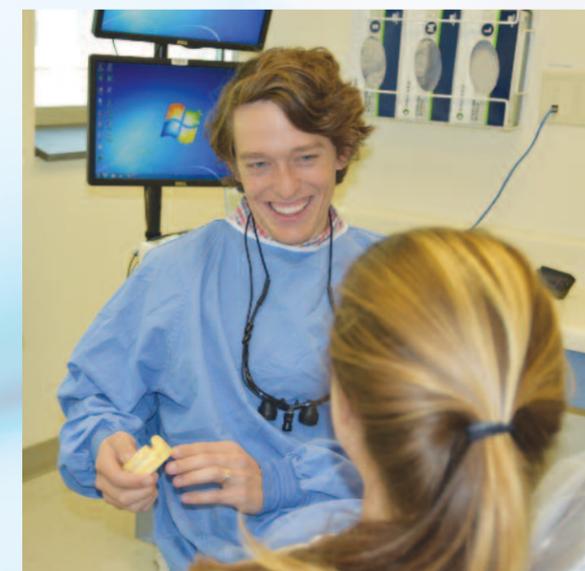
How does the cycle stop? As a dental professional, it is our role to educate families and individuals about dental health. In-office education is great and there are excellent programs being implemented to help educate individuals and break the cycle of poor dental health, but this is not



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enough. There will always be marginalized populations that cannot be reached. This seems negative, but I believe it to be realistic. Fortunately, when these individuals do have needs, we will be there.

It pains me to think of the 12-year-old who will go through the rest of her life without her teeth because she didn’t know any better, but at some level I feel that we have to accept this is reality. We can’t be superheroes, but we can make every difference possible by staying active in our profession and continuing to implement innovative ways to educate the public. It is an important part of my life and practice to ensure I do all I can to educate and care for the community I live in, and in doing so, I hope to expand my reach to those marginalized groups.



And suddenly, I was in a different world, where straws are forbidden and a lucky few have FM radios...

He explained that they didn't get paid for five days and they weren't sure they could afford [antibiotics].

**Laura Hobbs**  
DDS Candidate 2017



## Extracting Kindness

North Carolina Correctional Institute for Women

Short buzz. Wait. Long buzz. Large metal door swings open. My days at the North Carolina Correctional Institute for Women always began the same. And suddenly, I was in a different world, where straws are forbidden and a lucky few have FM radios which are clear.

I felt guilty as I walked past dozens of women merely passing time in their beige gowns. Rather than intimidated, I felt sorry for whatever life circumstances, mental illness, drug addiction or poor choices had led these women here. With loving parents, a structured home and expectations of higher education, I had resources that many of these women never had.

I felt especially vulnerable when observing a particular consultation for an inmate. The patient, a frail 18-year-old, reported being seven months pregnant. She was quiet, timid and unwilling to



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elaborate on her medical history. We moved on to check her chief complaint: a toothache. For the first time, she put her head back, stretched her mouth open and pointed to the "spot."

I had seen my fair share of "meth mouth" in the prison. This youthful, pregnant, beautiful girl, in her yellow gown and a slight clutch of her belly, was not someone I pegged to have such dental wreckage. Every anterior tooth had large, glossy, black expanses, when there was tooth structure left at all ... but she had yet to lose a crown.

She had a maxillary premolar causing her the most pain, and the attending explained it would need to be pulled. She began crying, asking for alternatives and also for a mirror. I held out a hand mirror for her, as she pointed to the premolar. She then tried to smile. When she realized the extracted site would be visible, she began crying again.

My heart ached for her. Sober, pregnant and scared, it was clear she would be permanently changed. So much was probably going "wrong" in her life, and her vulnerability was heightened by the loss of a single tooth and the change in her smile.

The attending was obligated to share with her all of the teeth which were non-restorable. I watched how delicately he explained that many of her teeth were too far decayed, and how infection could cause health concerns. It was reiterated that should she choose not to extract all of the teeth, a dentist outside of the prison may be able to perform endodontics and fixed prosthodontics, but prognosis is affected by drug use.

By the time the patient left, years and decisions and lifestyle changes had caught up with her. I will never forget what a sensitive discussion that was, and how much the truth hurt her.

## Allowances of Compassion

McGees Crossroads



**Jordan Thomas**  
DDS Candidate 2017

During my rotation at the general dental clinic of McGees Crossroads, a husband and wife presented to the clinic due to the wife's urgent dental issue.



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She arrived first thing hoping to be seen as a walk-in. Several hours later, I had the opportunity to examine her. She had extensive decay with pulpal involvement on tooth 19. An active infection had resulted in a large amount of extra-oral swelling, which had progressed rapidly the night prior. She went to the emergency room late the night before and was now at our clinic for treatment.

After extracting the tooth, we discussed pain management options and the need for an antibiotic. She said she didn't want prescription pain medication and asked for alternatives, which I provided. Then I gave her the prescription for the antibiotic. Her husband asked me what would happen if she didn't take the antibiotic. Curious, I inquired about his concerns. He explained they didn't get paid for five days and they weren't sure they could afford it. This was also why she didn't want pain medication. For me, his answer had major implications. They understood how serious the condition was, but their financial situation was so dire that they considered placing her under further medical risk.

Initially, I was shocked and I fought the urge to demand they fill the prescription. Instead I gathered my thoughts and expressed my apologies for their predicament. I reemphasized the importance of the medication and requested that, if possible, they try and fill the prescription. I suggested that they call different pharmacies in hopes of finding it as cheap as possible. They thanked me and left.

Once gone, I reflected on what happened. I continued to struggle with the fact that we weren't



discussing buying a new gadget or piece of clothing. This was something so basic, so needed ... something that, if not taken, could have serious consequences. As I thought about their situation, I realized I have never faced a decision like that. For maybe the first time, I truly felt empathy for those that regularly face those choices.

This experience taught me how real the need is for people to have access to affordable dental care. Ultimately, my rotations raised my awareness for the underserved populations and increased my desire to prioritize giving back to those in need, regardless of the geographic location or type of office I work in.

## The responsibilities of a dentist go beyond merely fixing a dental problem.

**Sofia Uraizee**  
DDS Candidate 2017



**Stopping to Understand**  
CommWell Health Center

During our walk-in hours on Thursday at CommWell Health Center, a woman presented with swelling leading to difficulty breathing. We found that this patient had come in for phase one of root canal treatment, but never came back for completion. As a result, the canal had become reinfected, leading to another periapical abscess and swelling. My preceptor wrote a prescription with the intention of telling the patient to come back to finish the treatment.

As we walked into the operatory to deliver the news, the patient was on the phone yelling, "What do you mean it is being cut? This day could not get any worse." My immediate reaction was to walk out of the room, but my preceptor took a seat near the computer. So I remained in the room, staring at the ground.

The woman got off of the phone and explained that she woke up with the pain, she had been struggling with getting food stamps, and that she



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just found out her Medicaid check was being cut. I felt very overwhelmed by everything she was saying. I thought back to the Poverty Simulation and remembered our "family" struggling to get food stamps, take care of the kids and pay bills. As

my mind wandered, my preceptor calmly said, "Just breathe and know it is in God's hands." I could sense the patient calm down a bit. My preceptor explained that the pain was due to re-infection of the canal and she would need to restart root canal treatment. The patient expressed concern about the cost and, without being prompted, the dental assistant silently slipped out. She returned, having found out that the treatment had been paid in full. The patient began to tear up, expressing gratitude for the good news on a day where everything seemed to be going wrong.

I was impressed with how the dental team worked together. Once the dental assistant became aware of the situation, she left to check on the financial status of this patient's account. While first taken aback that my preceptor took a seat in the operatory while the patient was having a private conversation, I saw how it allowed for the discussion that needed to happen about finances. This was an excellent reminder that the responsibilities of a dentist go beyond merely fixing a dental problem.

There is no class that can prepare one to deal with situations like this, and I am now better equipped to deal with similar situations in the future. I will remember that it is my professional responsibility to improve the patient's quality of life whether that be through dentistry or through compassion.

## 2016-17 Scholarship, Fellowship and Award Recipients

The Dental Foundation of North Carolina honors those donors and recipients of the Foundation's endowed scholarships, fellowships and awards. These endowments permitted the Foundation to award more than \$625,000 to dental assisting, dental hygiene, DDS and post-DDS students for the 2016-17 academic year.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

#### Claude Adams Jr. Scholarship

*Dr. Claude Adams III established this fund to honor the memory of his late father, Dr. Claude Adams, Jr., a dentist in Durham.*

Sarah Lowman, Class of 2019  
Richard Chu, Class of 2020  
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#### Asset Protection Group and Fortress Scholarship

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

Caitlin Thomas, Class of 2017

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*Dr. Aycock, an alumnus of the DDS Class of 1967, established this scholarship in his name and his father's name to help students manage the cost of their education.*

Lindsey Pherribo, Class of 2017

#### Best of Dentistry Scholarship

*This merit-based scholarship, which focuses on academic and/or clinical excellence, is made possible by the donors and alumni that attend the annual Best of Dentistry Weekend events.*

Caroline Latta, Class of 2017

#### Dr. Rex B. Card Scholarship

*Dr. Card, a 1980 graduate of the school, practices dentistry in Raleigh and is a past-president of the North Carolina Dental Society and also the North Carolina Academy of General Dentistry.*

Sarah Spaltenstein, Class of 2019

#### Carolina First Campaign Scholarship

*Made possible by many generous donors to the School of Dentistry's Carolina First Campaign.*

Anne Boehling, DDS Class of 2017  
Caroline Brown, DH Cass of 2018  
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#### Dr. Robert Russell Clark Memorial Scholarship

*Made possible by a generous bequest from the late Anne Mills Clark to honor her husband, Dr. Robert Russell Clark.*

Mohammed Ali Ebn Alnassir, Class of 2018  
Brian Swift, Class of 2017  
Benjamin Johnson, Class of 2019  
Benjamin Caple, Class of 2019  
Taylor Sulkowski, Class of 2018

#### Dr. Roy Corderman Merit Scholarship

*Created with an estate gift from the late Dr. Corderman, DDS '55.*  
Abby Becherer, Class of 2018

#### Dr. and Mrs. Curtis Dailey Scholarship

*Established in 2002.*

Grant Fisher, Class of 2018

#### Delta Dental Plan of North Carolina Scholarship in Honor of Dr. Glenn Bitler

*A means of honoring Dr. Glenn Bitler, a former Delta Dental board member and dentist in Raleigh.*

Michelle Ruse, Class of 2019

#### Dental Assisting Scholarship

*Made possible by many generous supporters.*

Jennifer Cortez-Zamora, DA Class of 2017

#### Dental Friends Scholarship

*Mr. and Mrs. H. Franklin Brooks, parents of School of Dentistry graduate Richard Brooks, established this scholarship in 2001.*

LaShawn Hart, Class of 2019

#### DFNC Merit Scholarship

*Dr. David Jarvis from Rocky Mount, N.C. led the effort to create this recurring scholarship.*

Kate McPherson, Class of 2020

#### Alberta Dolan Dental Hygiene Scholarship

*To honor Ms. Dolan, a dental hygiene professor emeritus, who worked at the school for 30 years, beginning in January 1953 before the first dental hygiene class came to campus the following September.*

Katrina Knapp, DH Class of 2017

#### Janet and Dr. Charles Edrington Scholarship

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

Christopher Von Bargen, Class of 2019

#### Dr. Randy and Mrs. Bobby Fussell Scholarship

*This scholarship was established by Dr. Randy Fussell and his wife, Bobby Dr. Fussell is a 1990 graduate of the DDS program and his wife is also a UNC-CH grad (1986 BSRS).*

Haldis Anderson, Class of 2018

#### Glazener Family Scholarship

*Established by Dr. and Mrs. Ken Glazener. Dr. Glazener has practiced dentistry in North Carolina for many years, and his son, Todd, DDS '99, currently practices in Winston-Salem.*

Tariq Jah, Class of 2019

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

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*Dr. Dag Zapatero, along with his family and friends, established this scholarship to honor the memory of his grandparents, Miguel and Carolina Hernandez.*

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This scholarship is provided by the Hinman Dental Society and is given to DDS students who demonstrate academic merit in the field of Operative Dentistry.

Michael Touloupas, Class of 2019  
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#### Dr. Edmund Baxter Hopkins Memorial Scholarship

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Ryan Kearney, Class of 2019

#### Linda Paschall Jarvis Scholarship

Established by the friends and family of Linda Paschall Jarvis, a 1975 graduate of the UNC dental hygiene program, who passed away in 1996.

Brittney Poe, DH Class of 2017

#### Kendrick, Kendrick & Petersen Scholarship

The Charlotte Dental Society, with Dr. Jacob Freedland as a prime mover, established the scholarship in 1966 to honor Dr. Vance Kendrick initially and then Dr. Vaiden Kendrick. When Dr. Sidney D. Petersen passed away, his name was also added to the scholarship fund.

Tsua Lor, Class of 2018

#### Priscilla Levine Scholarship

Created in memory of a beloved patient care coordinator at the school who died in 1989.

Amina Masood, DH Class of 2017

#### Linville Family Scholarship

This scholarship was made possible by Dr. Walter S. Linville, Jr. (DDS '56), his daughter Dr. Lynn Linville-Lauritano (DDS '82) and their family to ease the financial burden of attending dental school.

Nichole Schiro, Class of 2017

#### Loblolly Dental Study Club

The Loblolly Study Club has been a longtime supporter of the UNC School of Dentistry and established this scholarship to assist future generations of North Carolina dentists.

Tatyania Moorhead, Class of 2019

#### Keith T. Macdonald and Family Scholarship

Dr. Macdonald is a 1981 graduate of the school and practices in Archdale.

Zaineb Khan, Class of 2017

#### Kenneth N. and Georgia S. May Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Ken May established this scholarship to honor his parents' memory.

Keara Vincent, Class of 2019

#### Dr. Raymond A. McKee Merit Scholarship

This scholarship was made possible through a bequest by Dr. Raymond A. McKee, a 1960 graduate of the UNC School of Dentistry, who practiced dentistry in Cherryville, NC.

Saryn Hooks, Class of 2018

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Dr. Kenneth Morgan, Sr. and family established this scholarship in 1994.

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The late Dr. Murray was a long-time teacher in the Department of Prosthodontics at the UNC School of Dentistry.

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Made possible by many generous members of the Old North State Dental Society.

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Christian Hart, Class of 2019

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With his father, who received scholarship assistance during the Great Depression, Dr. Robert Outland, Jr. set up a scholarship fund to help outstanding students who will contribute to the future of health care in NC.

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Joseph Short, Class of 2020

#### Eldon and Zetta Parks Scholarship

The late Dr. Eldon Parks served as a dentist in Elkin for 40 years.

Dayena Lee, Class of 2017

#### Dr. George and Nina Patterson Scholarship

Established by Dr. David S. Patterson, a 1982 graduate of the school, to honor his parents Dr. George and Nina Patterson.

Joseph Bartholomew, Class of 2018

#### Mrs. Margaret & Dr. Bobby C. Raynor and Mrs. Jane & Dr. George W. Ferguson Scholarship

Both Dr. and Mrs. B.C. Raynor are graduates and loyal supporters of UNC. The Raynors established this scholarship to honor Mrs. Raynor's parents, Mrs. Jane Boos Ferguson and Dr. George William Ferguson.

Preston Colven, Class of 2017

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The Raynors established this scholarship to honor Mrs. Raynor's sister, Gretchen Garcia and Mrs. Garcia's late husband, Dr. Robert Anthony Garcia.

Preston Ford, Class of 2018

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The Raynors established this scholarship to honor School of Dentistry campaign leaders, Dr. James A. Harrell, Sr. and wife, Isabel; Dr. John W. Stamm (UNC School of Dentistry Dean, 1989-2004, Interim Dean 2010-2011) and wife, Dr. Carol Stamm; and Associate Dean for Advancement Paul Gardner and wife, Ronni, for their outstanding roles in the development of the UNC School of Dentistry and the Dental Foundation of North Carolina.

Robert Porter, Class of 2020

#### Mrs. Margaret & Dr. Bobby C. Raynor and Mrs. Helen and Dr. Murry W. Holland Scholarship

The Raynors established this scholarship to honor one of Dr. Raynor's favorite UNC School of Dentistry professors and his wife, Dr. Murry W. Holland and Mrs. Helen H. Holland.

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This scholarship was established by Dr. Scott R. Rehm, a 1983 graduate of the BSDen program and a 1986 graduate of the DDS program.

Megan Hayworth, Class of 2018

#### Eugene Rossitch Family Scholarship Fund

The late Mr. Rossitch was the father of two dental school graduates (Alex and Michael) and the grandfather of another dental school graduate (Katie). He loved his family and UNC, and saw this scholarship as a good way to honor his family and the University.

Warren Byrd, Class of 2018

#### Dr. and Mrs. J. Ronald Sain Scholarship

Dr. Ron Sain and his wife, Karen, established this scholarship to help students and to provide quality dental care to the people of their region of the state.

Kristin Allison, Class of 2019

#### Jack P. and Grace Silvers Scholarship

The late Dr. Jack Silvers was a 1958 DDS and 1966 orthodontics graduate who established this scholarship in 1988.

Erica Afanador, Class of 2017

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#### Dr. Troy B. Sluder, Jr. Scholarship

Dr. Roy Corderman, DDS '55, and his wife Ann established this fund to honor their friend Dr. Troy Sluder, a beloved professor and classmate of Dr. Corderman's.

Kathryn Knier, Class of 2019

#### Clarence Lee Sockwell Scholarship

Dr. Sockwell is one of the teaching legends at the UNC School of Dentistry. In addition to his expertise in dentistry, Dr. Sockwell has a farming background, and he hopes to help other students from farming communities.

Yiing-Shiuan Huang, Class of 2020

#### Dr. John B. Sowter Merit Scholarship

Made possible by a generous bequest by the late Dr. Jack Sowter and his wife, Jackie.

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#### Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. "Dink" Styers Scholarship

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*The late Bud Tarrson was a staunch supporter and friend of the school, and his widow, Linda, established this merit-based scholarship in an effort to relieve the financial burdens of dental students at UNC.*

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*Dr. Sarah Taylor Morrow and Mr. Frank Taylor, Jr. established this fund to honor their extraordinary mother, who was the first female dentist in Charlotte.*

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

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*Dr. Lynn Smith established this scholarship to honor the memory of his best friend for more than 30 years, Dr. Bill Tulloch, a general dentist in Broadway, N.C.*

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*The UNCDAA established this fund for third-year dental students.*

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*This scholarship is provided from funds raised by the UNC School of Dentistry’s annual golf tournament.*

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

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*Mike and Julie Simmons established this scholarship to honor their family friend and orthodontist Dr. Michael A. “Mickey” Webb, DDS ’79.*

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

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*The late Dr. Lowell Williams honored the memory of his parents with this fund established in 1990.*

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*This fund was established by Dr. Douglas Young and his wife, Ursula, on the occasion of his 50th School of Dentistry reunion. The late Dr. Young was a ’58 graduate of the school who practiced general dentistry in Winston-Salem for many years.*

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*Established in 1990 to provide support for post-DDS students pursuing advanced degrees in the School of Dentistry.*

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*Established in 1991 with contributions from the Babcocks. Mrs. Babcock’s father, Dr. R.M. Pelton, started Pelton & Crane in 1900, and Mr. Babcock was president of the company for many years.*

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#### **Miriam Easterling Baker Fellowship**

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

Dr. Christian Johnson, Orthodontics

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Dr. Bryant Whitecotton, Orthodontics

Dr. Josiah Rich, Orthodontics

Dr. Michael Cliff Wilson, Orthodontics

Dr. Carolyn Cronin, Orthodontics

#### **Mary Jean Breeland Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry**

*Established through a bequest from Ms. Breeland, who passed away in 2002. She had unpleasant experiences with dentistry as a child and wanted to ensure that children wouldn’t experience the pain and trauma she did.*

Dr. Jami Ballantine, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Beau Meyer, Pediatric Dentistry

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

*The late orthodontist Greg Brooks, DDS ’76, MS ’78, and his wife, Martha, established these fellowships for orthodontic residents in 1993. The fund was established in loving memory of their son, Andrew. When Dr. Brooks passed away in 2014, Martha added his name to the fund.*

Dr. Bryan Bragassa, Orthodontics

Dr. Christian Piers, Orthodontics

Dr. Ying Wan, Orthodontics

#### **Dr. Bryan and Renea Cobb Fellowship**

*Established by Dr. Bryan Cobb and his wife, Renea, this award is given annually to one post-DDS student in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Cobb is a 1977 DDS graduate of the UNC School of Dentistry and a 1979 graduate of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. Renea Cobb is a graduate of the Technical Institute of Alamance and has been Dr. Cobb’s chief dental assistant for 28 years.*

Dr. Beau Meyer, Pediatric Dentistry

#### **Dr. James B. Congleton III Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry**

*Dr. Jim Congleton, DDS ’75, MS ’77, who practices pediatric dentistry in New Bern, created this fund to provide support for residents in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry.*

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Dr. Lauren Green, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Erin Tilton, Pediatric Dentistry

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*Pediatric dentistry alumni established this fellowship in honor of one of their favorite professors.*

Dr. Beau Meyer, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Bhavna Pahel, Pediatric Dentistry

#### **Jack and Renee Dunlevy Fellowship**

*Established in 2003 by Dr. Jack Dunlevy, an orthodontist in Midlothian, Va., and his wife, Renee.*

Dr. Bryant Whitecotton, Orthodontics

#### **Dr. Jacob B. Freedland Advanced Dental Education Fellowship**

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

Dr. Kevin Byrd, Oral Biology

Dr. Ning Cheng, Oral Biology

Dr. William Shing Tai Yeung, Endodontics

Dr. Krista Andersen, Endodontics

Dr. Daniele Vivaldi, Oral Pain

Dr. Shreya Nayak, Oral Pain

#### **Dr. Jacob B. Freedland Scholarship in Endodontics**

*Dr. Freedland established this endowment fund in 1992 to provide support for residents in the Department of Endodontics.*

Dr. Mark Shallal-Ayzin, Endodontics

Dr. Tam Trinh, Endodontics

#### **Dr. Sandy C. Marks Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry**

*Alumni and friends of DDS ’67 graduate and longtime pediatric dentistry faculty member Dr. Sandy Marks established this fund in 2004 to provide support for pediatric dentistry residents.*

Dr. Ivy Brisbin, Pediatric Dentistry

#### **F. Thomas McIver Fellowship**

*Created by many generous alumni from the pediatric dentistry program in honor of their beloved professor, Dr. F. Thomas McIver.*

Dr. Bhavna Pahel, Pediatric Dentistry

#### **Dr. Jack Menius Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry**

*Alumni and friends of longtime pediatric dentistry faculty member Dr. Jack Menius established this fund in 1995 to provide support for pediatric dentistry residents.*

Dr. Suzanne Baker, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Erin Tilton, Pediatric Dentistry

#### **Dr. Theodore Oldenburg Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry**

*Alumni and friends of DDS ’57 and MS ’62 pediatric dentistry graduate and longtime pediatric dentistry faculty member Dr. Ted Oldenburg established this fund in 1990 to provide support for pediatric dentistry residents.*

Dr. Molly Tesch, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Gentry Byrd, Pediatric Dentistry

#### **Elsie M. and Baxter B. Sapp, Jr. Fellowship**

*Established in 1991 by Dr. Sapp, a general dentist in Durham, and his wife, Elsie, this fund provides support for post-DDS students pursuing advanced degrees at the School of Dentistry.*

Dr. Gabrielle Jackson, Prosthodontics

Dr. Eduard Epure, Operative Dentistry

Dr. Caroline Nguyen-Ngoc, Operative Dentistry

Dr. Leslie Trippe, Operative Dentistry

#### **William F. Vann, Jr. Fellowship**

*This fellowship was established with contributions from numerous pediatric dentistry alumni and friends of Dr. Bill Vann to support activities of residents and alumni of the UNC School of Dentistry Department of Pediatrics.*

Dr. Bhavna Pahel, Pediatric Dentistry

## **AWARDS**

#### **The Deah Barakat and Yusor Abu-Salha Memorial Award Fund**

*This award memorializes Deah Barakat and his wife, Yusor Abu-Salha, who were taken too soon from their family, friends, and loved ones. Deah and Yusor were selfless people who led numerous efforts to help others, so the award provides funding for one or more School of Dentistry student service project(s).*

Kaushal Gandhi and Connie Wang, Class of 2017

Project Refugee Smiles

UNC SNDA

#### **Zane E. Eargle, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Award**

*This award was endowed by friends and family of Zane Eargle, a popular member of the DDS 1988 who died suddenly in the spring of his senior year of dental school.*

Jackson Boone, Class of 2019

#### **Four Corners Faculty Mentoring Award**

*This award is provided by the Four Corners Study Club which enhances the professional development of dentists in Nash, Pitt, Craven, Carteret, Beaufort, and Wayne Counties. The award recognizes outstanding mentoring practices provided to the UNC School of Dentistry faculty by full-time faculty members.*

Dr. Enrique Platin

#### **The Fry Family International Rotation Award**

*Dr. Jeremy Fry, DDS ’03 and his wife, Nicki, established the Fry Award to help a third-year DDS student travel to provide dental care, education, and service in a country other than the United States.*

Grant Fisher, Class of 2018

#### **Dr. James A. Harrell, Sr. Citizen and Leadership Award**

*This award was created by the DFNC in the mid-1990s to honor Dr. Harrell’s long record of service and dedication to the UNC School of Dentistry and the DFNC.*

Matthew Barnes, Class of 2017

Preston Ford, Class of 2018

### Shelia F. Harris Award

Established by Dr. Bobby Elliot in honor of one of his long-time dental assistants.

DeAnna Thompson, DA Class of 2017

### Holiday Dental Conference Award

The Holiday Dental Conference Clinical Research fund is an endowed fund created through contributions from the Holiday Dental Conference in Charlotte, NC and is to support clinical research efforts of faculty members at the UNC School of Dentistry.

Dr. Ingeborg De Kok

### Dr. Murry Wade Holland and Mrs. Helen H. Holland Award in Prosthodontic Dentistry

Established by Mrs. Holland in memory of her husband, Dr. Holland. Recognizes the DDS student who best exemplifies Dr. Murry Holland's professionalism and proficient skill in prosthodontics and aesthetic dentistry.

Sarah Barker, Class of 2017

### Dr. Richard F. Hunt, Jr. Memorial Award

Since 1969, the Hunt Award has been presented annually to a member of the faculty of the UNC School of Dentistry who merits recognition for significant contributions to excellence in pre-doctoral teaching. The award is sponsored by the Loblolly Study Club through the DFNC in memory of Dr. Richard F. Hunt, Jr.

Dr. Edward Swift

### Dr. Mark Hyman Family Student Travel Award

This award was created by Dr. Mark Hyman, a 1984 graduate of the School of Dentistry. It is intended to help a DDS student travel to provide dental care, education, and service in a country other than the United States.

The Uganda Project

### The Pankey Study Club of North Carolina Award

Members of the Pankey Study Club of Eastern North Carolina — all UNC School of Dentistry graduates — established this award in 2013. The annual award is to be used to pay for expenses associated with faculty or students' continuing education at the Pankey Institute in Key Biscayne, FL.

Dr. Gustavo Oliveira

### Dr. Uday and Laura Reebye Award

This award was created by Dr. Uday and Laura Reebye and is awarded annually to a student that shadowed in Dr. Reebye's office.

Thomas Brader, Class of 2017

### Dr. Clarence Lee Sockwell Award in Dental Anatomy

Dr. and Mrs. Sockwell established this award to recognize superior achievement in dental anatomy coursework by a pre-doctoral student at the School.

Preston Colven Class of 2017

Phillip Hamilton Class of 2017

Nate Hoang Class of 2017

Adam Sturdevant Class of 2017

Sanjay Talluri Class of 2017

Caitlin Thomas Class of 2017

### Linda Stewart Professional Excellence Award

Established to honor a beloved faculty member who retired in 2010.

Ann Collins, DA Class of 2017

### Dr. Ronald P. Strauss Community and International Health Award

This award was made to support students at the UNC School of Dentistry who participate in international or other community-based health or public policy experiences.

UNC Malawi Project

### Dr. Robert E. Tormey, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Bob Tormey was a well-loved member of the DDS Class of 1990 who died suddenly after his graduation. Classmates, friends and family worked with the DFNC to endow this scholarship fund in his memory.

Ian McDonald, Class of 2017

### Dr. Shizuko Yamauchi Endodontics Graduate Student Award

Dr. Yamauchi earned a master's certificate in Endodontics from UNC in 1992 and was a beloved and devoted faculty member of the UNC School of Dentistry's Department of Endodontics from 1994 to 2010. Her family, friends, and colleagues created this award in her memory.

Dr. Daniel Crossen

# Kendrick Fellowship to be Funded, Awarded in 2018

Anne Kendrick Hall and R. Garnett Hall, Jr. elected to make a contribution via IRA rollover to fund the Vaiden Blankenship Kendrick Fellowship in Oral Surgery endowment, which will benefit a resident studying oral and maxillofacial surgery. In 2012, Mrs. Hall set up a bequest with the Dental Foundation of North Carolina (DFNC) in memory of her late father to be fulfilled in her will. Instead, she and her husband have funded the fellowship now.

"We're truly grateful for Anne's generous original commitment, and equally so for her and Garnett's current investment in the fund," said Paul Gardner, executive director of the DFNC. "The Halls are wonderful supporters of our school, and we're pleased that they were able to take advantage of the IRA rollover to honor her father in Anne and Garnett's lifetimes. We look forward to introducing them to the inaugural Kendrick Fellowship recipient in 2018."

Vaiden Blankenship Kendrick received his undergraduate education from UNC. Prior to the founding of the UNC School of Dentistry, he earned his dental degree magna cum laude in 1932 at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry, where he was inducted into Omicron Kappa Upsilon. Following his graduation, he entered private practice with his twin brother, Vance, before pursuing his training in oral surgery. Kendrick opened his oral surgery practice in 1938 in Charlotte, N.C.

Early in World War II, Kendrick volunteered for service as the War Department had granted permission to Charlotte Memorial

Hospital to sponsor a military evacuation hospital. In April 1942, he was commissioned a major in the United States Army Dental Corps, serving with the 38th Evacuation Hospital during the North African Campaign. He was honorably discharged in April 1946, as lieutenant colonel.

Kendrick served on the original staff at Charlotte Memorial Hospital and was instrumental in the formation of that hospital's dental clinic. He served as president of the Charlotte Dental Society, and he was active with national and regional dentistry groups, including the North Carolina Dental Society. He was a diplomate of the American Board of Oral Surgery, was the second board certified oral surgeon in the state and was a charter member of the Southeastern Society of Oral Surgeons. At the time of his death in 1974, Kendrick was in active practice and was chief dental officer at Charlotte Memorial.

Mrs. Hall said her admiration and love for her father and the excellence of the UNC School of Dentistry are what led her to consider establishing the fellowship.

"This fund is set up to honor my father, his generous spirit and the way he lived his life," said Ms. Hall. "I feel that he gave me so much, and this is something, in a way, that we can give to him. He would be both humbled and thrilled to have a fellowship in oral surgery named in his honor at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry. He was truly 'Tar Heel born and Tar Heel bred.' He loved dentistry and he loved Carolina. The fellowship seems like a perfect match."



## Olmsted Family Distinguished Professorship Established

Dr. John Olmsted, MS '77, and Ms. Frankie Olmsted, along with the American Association of Endodontists (AAE) Foundation for Endodontics, have generously contributed to a new

endowment fund to establish the Olmsted Family Distinguished Professorship in Endodontics. This professorship is the school's 17th endowed professorship.

The endowment of the Olmsted Family Professorship is the culmination of a long

history of commitment to the school's Department of Endodontics. The Olmsteds contributed \$233,000 and the Olmsteds and the UNC School of Dentistry secured an additional \$100,000 contribution from the AAE Foundation for Endodontics to bring the fund to the threshold to receive the State of North Carolina match of \$167,000. When fully funded, the professorship will be a \$500,000 endowment.

"This is an amazingly generous gift to the department," said Dr. Ashraf Fouad, chair of the Department of Endodontics. "It is a testament to the dedication and commitment of the Olmsted family to endodontic education, and to the outstanding support from the Foundation for Endodontics and the state of North Carolina."

The Olmsted Family Professorship will benefit the endodontic graduate program director. This support may be in the form of

leadership training, defraying costs to attend scientific or educational meetings, a salary stipend and/or funding workshops to further teaching skills.

"Education is the best investment you can make in your life.' These words of wisdom from our parents resonate every day with us," said Dr. Olmsted. "Frankie was raised on a farm in Iowa in a two-bedroom home, one of five children, and I grew up in Iowa City with Mom and Dad in one bedroom and the five of us kids in the other bedroom. We both feel very blessed with the opportunities that the dental school faculty at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and the UNC School of Dentistry provided to Frankie with her dental lab technician education and to me with my dental school and endodontic graduate resident education. The profession of dentistry, and in particular the specialty of endodontics, has an urgent need with recruitment and retention of faculty. We hope our gift will facilitate present and future faculty."



Featured in the photo: Dr. Ashraf Fouad (chair, Department of Endodontics), Dr. Linda Levin (president, AAE), Dr. Peter Morgan (president, Foundation for Endodontics), Dr. Mary Pettiette (vice-president, Foundation for Endodontics and department faculty member), Ms. Olmsted and Dr. Olmsted.

## Bonvechio Begins as New Regional Director of Development

In February, John Bonvechio joined the School of Dentistry Office of Advancement as its newest regional director of development.

"I feel fortunate to be working on this team," said Bonvechio. "Carolina and the School of Dentistry have truly exceeded my highest expectations. My fiancée, Erin, and I are also thrilled to be living in North Carolina."



Bonvechio

As regional director of development, Bonvechio is responsible for major gifts fundraising in western North Carolina. He will work closely with the rest of the Office of

Advancement and the Dean's Office to elevate engagement of alumni and friends of the school. Sarah Huppert, regional director of development, will continue her work with alumni in the eastern part of the state, and Paul Gardner, associate dean for advancement, will continue his work with the school's principal gifts donors and out-of-state alumni.

"We're delighted that John has joined us," said Gardner. "He did some excellent work at the University of Maryland, working his way up from a graduate assistant position to an important role working with leadership donors for Maryland's annual fund. He is enthusiastic about coming to the UNC School of Dentistry, and our alumni and friends will enjoy working with him."

Bonvechio earned his Bachelor of Arts in history and political science from The Ohio State University in 2011, and his master's in higher education and higher education administration in 2014 from the University of Maryland. Most recently he served as the assistant director of leadership annual giving at the University of Maryland, where he worked with alumni across Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C.

## Harrell, Long-time Friend of the School, Passes Away

On March 6, Dr. James Andrew Harrell, Sr., passed away at the age of 94.

"I can't imagine a world without Dr. Harrell," said Paul Gardner, associate dean for advancement and director of the Dental Foundation of North Carolina. "He has always been there for the School, leading our capital campaigns, making his own generous gifts, and being one of Carolina's best advocates. He did so much good for so many people. He was a wonderful example of how to be a good family man and a good citizen in all that he did. We all miss him tremendously."

Harrell received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1944, and attended the Medical College of Virginia for his dental training. Following his graduation from dental school, Harrell and his wife, Isabel, moved to Elkin, N.C., where he opened a dental practice like his father, Dr. Roy B. Harrell, before him.

Though he didn't attend dental school in North Carolina, Harrell was a dedicated supporter of the UNC School of Dentistry and passionate about growing dental education in North Carolina. He served as the chair of two of the school's large fundraising campaigns, the Koury Oral Health Sciences Building Campaign and the Building on Excellence Campaign, and as co-chair of the Bicentennial Campaign which focused on the construction of the school's clinical facility, Tarrson Hall. He also served as president of the Dental Foundation of North Carolina. The school honored Harrell by awarding him the UNC Dental Alumni Association John C. Brauer Award, the Dental Foundation of North Carolina Distinguished Service Award, and by establishing the Dr. James A. Harrell, Sr. Leadership and Citizenship Award.



Harrell also served at a University level, acting as the director of the UNC General Alumni Association and also its president. Due to his lifetime of dedication, leadership and service to

UNC, the University honored him with the William Richardson Davie Award.

Active in organized dentistry, during his lifetime Harrell was president of the North Carolina Dental Society, president of the American College of Dentists, president of the Academy of General Dentistry and president of the Academy of Dentistry International. He also served as vice president of the American Dental Association. Harrell was recognized by the North Carolina Dental Society in 1984 with their Dentist of the Year Award.

Harrell was involved in his local community outside of dentistry as well. He served three terms as mayor of Elkin and three terms as a city commissioner. He served as president of Kiwanis Club, United Fund, and YMCA, and director for North Carolina Blue Cross and Blue Shield, United Savings and Loan, Yadkin Valley Bank and Trust, Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, and Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital Foundation. He was an active member of First United Methodist Church, serving as a Sunday school teacher for 60 years.

Harrell was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Isabel; and his sisters. He is survived by his children Dr. James A. Harrell, Jr., and wife, Barbara; Dr. Gavin Harrell and wife, Margie; Dr. Stephen Harrell and wife, Terry; and Ms. Deborah Kirkman; his nine grandchildren; and his 12 great-grandchildren.

## Message from the UNCDAA President



Our board unwaveringly backs Dean De Rossi, and we are looking forward to working with him for many, many years to come.

*Dear Alumni,*

What a spring it's been! This has been an exciting time to serve as your Dental Alumni Association president.

This new year ushered in new leadership at the School of Dentistry. Dean Scott De Rossi, as you know, started at UNC in January and he brought a lot of enthusiasm with him. He is energetic and driven, and he is excited to be in Chapel Hill at our great school. It is important that Dean De Rossi be supported by our alumni, and that we trust him to lead the school in the right direction. I know I can speak for the DAA Board of Directors when I say that our board unwaveringly backs Dean De Rossi, and we are looking forward to working with him for many, many years to come.

We recently had our DDS Class Reunions, and I hope that many of you took the chance to travel back to Chapel Hill and reconnect with your classmates and friends. For those of you in the DDS Classes of 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008 and 2013 — be sure to mark your calendars for your reunion weekend, happening April 27-28, 2018.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the North Carolina Dental Society Annual Session later this month. Please plan to join us at the UNCDAA Breakfast meeting on Friday, May 19 at 7 a.m.

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

All the best,

Robert Stowe, DDS '98

President, UNC Dental Alumni Association

# classNOTES

## 1950s

**William Douglass Strickland, DDS '56**, passed away on March 2, 2017 at his home.

## 1960s

**Fred Smith, DDS '63**, passed away on March 19, 2017.

**Jerry Clark, DDS '65**, retired in August 2016 after practicing orthodontics in Greensboro for more than 40 years. This year at the American Association of Orthodontics Meeting in San Diego, Calif., he will be presented with the AAO's highest honor for public service, the AAO Humanitarian Award. He will be honored for founding the Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Carolina, which has granted more than 6,000 wishes for children suffering from life-threatening illnesses. He has been involved in a number of other charitable efforts, too: working with homeless; involvement in a tutoring program for intercity children; traveled on mission trips throughout the world; coached a community soccer team; and participated with the Nat Greene Kiwanis.

**William Cozart, DDS '67**, has developed a natural dental solution to relieve pain and heal a dry socket in one application. His technology is patented, with international patents pending. He encourages everyone to check out his website, [www.naturaldentalsolutions.com](http://www.naturaldentalsolutions.com), to learn more.

**Charles "Bill" McCall, Jr., DDS '67**, and **Mark McCall, DDS '71**, were recently inducted into the Second Wind Hall of Fame. This honor recognizes retired citizens who, through volunteerism, have proven life after work can be productive. The Second Wind Hall of Fame covers Polk County, N.C. and upstate South Carolina with a mailing address of Tryon, N.C.

## 1970s

**Jerry Butler, DDS '72**, and **Steve Walsh, DDS '72**, are planning a DDS Class of

1972 reunion in Boone, N.C. October 12-16, 2017. Dean De Rossi plans to attend the meeting on Thursday, Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Butler says they are "honored and excited" to share the evening with Dean De Rossi. He would also like to mention that the Class of 1972 joined together and made a donation to the DFNC last year, and he wants to thank those members of the class for contributing. "It is great to know we still have the comradery to share together and that we support those students who follow us." He hopes to see everyone at the fall reunion!

**Roger Briggs, DDS '75**, passed away suddenly in August 2015.



**Mark Hyman, DDS '80**, **Steven Hatcher, DDS '02** and **Sona Isharani, DDS '02** merged their practices. Together, their Greensboro-based office provides comprehensive dental care for a person's whole lifespan.



**Jim Congleton, DDS '75, MS '77**, was selected as a Community Fabric Award winner for Individual Leadership. The award is given by the Craven Community College Foundation and is honoring him because he, according to the foundation, "has contributed to the health, beauty and culture of the community through his dental practice, philanthropy and service for almost 40 years."

**John Ellington, DDS '75**, retired from active practice in January 2017. He sold his practice in Archdale to **Chad Miller, DDS '95**.

**Gordon Jones, DDS '76**, was the guest mentor for the Woody Rupp Restorative Seminar at the Navy Medicine Professional Development Center at Walter Reed Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. on Mar. 3. He has served as chair of the Academy of Operative Dentistry Special Recognition Committee, which has conducted a five-year process culminating in ADA recognition of operative dentistry, cariology and biomaterials as special interest areas of general dentistry. But, most importantly, he's getting more time to spend at his N.C. home.

**Steve Stroud, DDS '78, MS '81**, retired from full-time practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery in Greensboro and Burlington with Piedmont Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in July 2015 after 34 years of practice. His wife and he moved to New Bern, N.C. and he practices one day a week in the months between October and May. He spends the summer months in the mountains. He was appointed clinical assistant professor in oral and maxillofacial surgery at the East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine in January 2016. He mentors third and fourth-year dental students and a general practice resident two or three days per month.

## 1980s

**David Patterson, DDS '82**, sold his practice in 2015 to his sons, **Stuart Patterson, DDS '06**, and **Nathan Patterson, DDS '14**; they also purchased another local practice from **Bob Ricks, DDS '80**. Ruth, his wife, has also retired from dental hygiene. The couple is thoroughly enjoying being grandparents to four grandchildren. Dr. Patterson

continues to recover from bilateral shoulder surgeries related to a fall while replacing dock boards at the coast. He hopes to return on occasion to do hygiene checks. He and Ruth spend most weekends at the coast, and they still go camping and have a few RV trips planned this year. He's still playing with Volkswagens, and (at the request of his sons) the next restoration project will be a 1963 full window VW bus with a sliding rag top. He says he considers himself so fortunate to be a dentist and a graduate of the UNC School of Dentistry.

**John F. Saunders, DDS '82**, has a new movie coming out! Be sure to look for "Beach Massacre at Kill Devil Hills" this June.

**Billy Williams, DDS '85**, was honored with the W. Kenneth Morgan, Sr. Distinguished Service Award, which is the Fifth District's top award.

**Bob Schiffel, DDS '86**, is in his sixth year on the Wilmington, N.C./New Hanover County Board of Health, of which he's now the vice-chair. He also is the director for the Tri-age for NC MOM clinics. He welcomed his first grandchild, Walker Reid Echols on Feb. 20, 2016, and he says Walker is "a blast!"

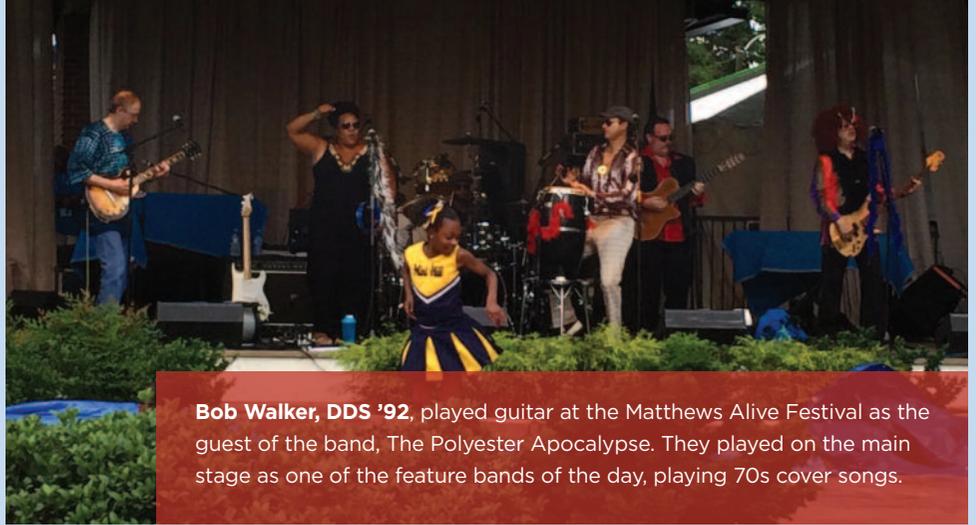


**Mark Ochs, Certificate '89**, was awarded the William J. Gies Foundation Award for distinguished achievement in the field of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

**Sid Sockwell, DDS '89**, and **Marcella Sockwell, DDS '89**, sold their practice in Oxford, N.C. in 2015 and purchased a practice in Chapel Hill at the same time. They moved to the farm, Tooth Acres Ranch, in September 2016, and now split their time between the office, volunteering at the UNC School of Dentistry, and chasing cows at the farm. It doesn't look like either of their kids — Sam (23) and Max (21) — will follow the family tradition of dentistry, but both are doing great. They want to share that Dr. Lee Sockwell (91) is doing ok, but that Mrs. Phyllis Sockwell passed away recently at the age of 87. Dr. Sockwell continues to live at the Carol Woods Retirement Center and has good days and bad. He still loves hearing from alumni and encourages everyone to make annual contributes to the DFNC, like he has done for more than 50 years.

## 1990s

**Ray Dailey, DDS '95**, officially retired from the Public Health Service in 2015, after 20 years of service as a commander. He worked with Indian Health Services for 20 years and was instrumental in bringing mid-level dental providers to Washington State from Alaska. He also worked with the Navy aboard the USN Mercy to provide dental services in Vietnam and deep in the jungles of Cambodia. In 2015-16, he and his family traveled the world for seven months. He provided volunteer dental services to orphans and street kids in Vietnam and worked as a



**Bob Walker, DDS '92**, played guitar at the Matthews Alive Festival as the guest of the band, The Polyester Apocalypse. They played on the main stage as one of the feature bands of the day, playing 70s cover songs.

teacher/provider in Kathmandu. Currently, he is working with the Swinomish Tribe and invites you to check out their sealant program under Swinomish Sealant Days online. His favorite unofficial duty is running the basketball pool every year. Go Tar Heel Nation West!

## 2000s

**Paul Tiwana, MS '02**, has been honored as the inaugural holder of the Dr. Douglas and Diane Sinn Endowed Chair of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Tex.

**Lt Cmdr Joshua F. Henson, DDS '05**, will be promoted to commander in the United States Navy Dental Corps in September 2017. For the last two years he has served as the AEGD program director at Naval Station Norfolk in Norfolk, Va. He will be transferring to the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75), also at Naval Station Norfolk, in July where he will be the new Dental Department head for the aircraft carrier.

## 2010s

**Kathryn Scott (Brann), BSDH '10**, and Jarrod Scott welcomed their son, Joshua Tyler Scott, on October 18, 2016.

**Akshay Kumarswamy, MS '11**, has relocated to India and in private practice in Mumbai. He says he is "honored to be extending the Tar Heel footprint across the world!"

**Natalia Antly, DDS '14**, welcomed her first child, Catalina Sofia, on March 15, 2017. She and her husband, Trey, are overjoyed with the new addition to their family. Dr. Antly is currently practicing in Columbia, S.C. with fellow dental Tar Heel, **Polly Paton, DDS '88**, at Paton Family Dentistry.

**Kristin Dillow, MSDH '14**, is the 2017 recipient of an American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine (AADSM) Clinical Research Award and one of the AADSM Clinical Excellence Awards. She will receive the award at the AADSM 26th Annual Meeting in June in Boston, Mass.

**Matt Corbin, DDS '15**, was commissioned as a captain in the USAF Dental Corps and graduated Commissioned Officer Training in July 2015. After completing an AEGD at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska, Corbin accepted an assignment at Eielson Air Force Base, 25 miles southeast of Fairbanks, Alaska. He and his wife, Charissa, welcomed their first child, Sadie Ann Corbin, in September 2016.

**Kayla Cunningham, BSDH '16**, is a first year graduate student in the school's Master of Science in Dental Hygiene Education Program and was named one of two national recipients of the ADEA/Crest Oral-B Scholarship for Dental Hygiene Students Pursuing Academic Careers. Kayla received award at the ADEA Annual Session in Long Beach, Calif. in March 2017.

**Blair Powell, DDS '16**, married James Love IV on October 6, 2016. Dr. Powell says she plans to take her husband's name in the near future, and will practice under the name of Dr. Blair Love.



# Helpful Information

## ▶ Online Professional Posting Service

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

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email: [alumni@dentistry.unc.edu](mailto:alumni@dentistry.unc.edu)

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