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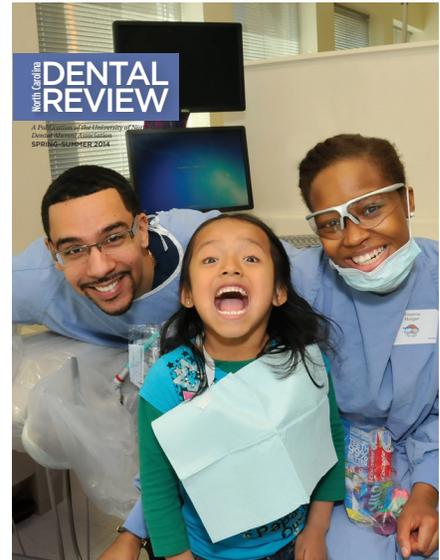
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# Message from the Dean

*Dear friends,*



Weintraub

I am always moved by the stories students tell as they reflect on how the time outside of our dental clinics encourages their growth as caring, skilled and well-rounded dental professionals.

My third year as dean is coming to a close. Our school has much to be proud of in all aspects of its mission — patient care, education, research and service. By the time you have this magazine in your hands, we will have celebrated our third annual Best of Dentistry Weekend and our 61st school commencement, with alumna and ADA President Dr. Chuck Norman as our keynote speaker. I know our 2014 graduates are excited to join the ranks as your colleagues, and I appreciate that many of you will provide continued mentorship to help them settle into their careers as competent and caring dental professionals.

At the UNC School of Dentistry, we're fortunate to benefit from a number of long-standing, mutually-beneficial relationships within dentistry. In this issue, you'll see a tip of the hat to our close relationship with the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Society. We're grateful for the investment that the Hinman Dental Society continues to make in our school, especially the newly endowed professorship. Please read the article in the following pages for more information.

In what follows, you'll see a number of articles about our students and faculty being honored, as well as a number of event recaps. I'm especially proud to share details with you about our school's student-led Give Kids a Smile event, held for the first time in our new facilities. During a single morning of service, our school had more than 200 volunteers serving nearly 100 local Head Start children. It was a wonderful event and, by the end, we were all smiling — not just the kids.

As is done each spring in the *North Carolina Dental Review*, please note the feature section on a number of our students' Dentistry in Community Service (DISC) experiences. This section is where you can read about their experiences and the impact of those rotations on our students. I am always moved by the stories they tell as they reflect on how the time outside of our dental clinics encourages their growth as caring, skilled and well-rounded dental professionals providing care for people from all walks of life.

Please enjoy this issue of our magazine. I hope to see you all soon.

Sincerely,



Jane A. Weintraub, D.D.S., M.P.H.  
*Dean and Alumni Distinguished Professor*

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#### Update in General Practice 2014

DATE: June 12-13, 2014  
SPEAKERS: Dr. James Parker, et al.  
LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, N.C.

#### 31st Annual Dental Review

DATE: June 19-21, 2014  
SPEAKERS: Dr. Dwight R. Weathers, Dr. Randy Huffines, Dr. Lee Boushell, Dr. Harald Heymann, Dr. Ralph Leonard, Dr. Andre Ritter and Dr. Edward Swift  
LOCATION: Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

#### Educational Strategies for Radiology Educators: Classroom and Laboratory Applications

DATE: July 17-19, 2014  
SPEAKERS: Dr. Sally Mauriello, Ms. Vickie Overman, and Dr. Enrique Platin  
LOCATION: UNC School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, N.C.

#### 30th Annual Prosthodontics: Dental Implants and Endodontics for General Practitioners

DATE: July 21-26, 2014  
SPEAKERS: Dr. Glenn Wolfinger, Dr. Carlos Moglianesi, Dr. Peter Tawil, Dr. Ibrahim Duqum, Dr. Robert Wright and Dr. Thomas Ziemiecki  
LOCATION: Omni Hilton Head Oceanfront Resort, Hilton Head, S.C.

#### 10th Annual Hinman Lecture

DATE: Wednesday, September 17, 2014  
SPEAKER: Dr. Gordon Christensen  
LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, N.C.

#### SPICE - The Epidemiology of Infection Control in Dentistry

DATE: September 19, 2014  
SPEAKERS: Dr. Ralph Leonard and Dr. Valerie Murrah  
LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, N.C.

#### Hands-On Surgical Planning and Placement of Dental Implants

DATE: September 26-27, 2014  
SPEAKERS: Dr. Sompop Bencharit and Dr. Thiago Morelli  
LOCATION: Zimmer Labs, Parsippany, N.J.

#### A Review of Oral Sedation of Children for Dental Procedures: Its Current Status

DATE: October 10, 2014  
SPEAKER: Dr. Stephen Wilson  
LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, N.C.

#### Coronal Tooth Polishing for DA IIs

DATE: October 17, 2014  
SPEAKERS: Ms. Amy Nguyen and Dr. Carol Haggerty  
LOCATION: UNC School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, N.C.

#### The Harrelson Lecture

DATE: October 24, 2014  
SPEAKER: Dr. Kenneth Kornman  
LOCATION: UNC School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, N.C.

#### Advanced Functions in Dental Assisting: A DA II Prep Course

DATE: October 31-November 1, 2014  
SPEAKERS: Ms. Lynn Smith and Dr. Ralph Leonard  
LOCATION: UNC School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, N.C.

#### Creating Endodontic Excellence

DATE: November 7, 2014  
SPEAKER: Dr. Clifford Ruddle  
LOCATION: UNC School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, N.C.

#### Hands-On Endodontic Excellence Workshop

DATE: November 8, 2014  
SPEAKERS: UNC Endodontics Faculty  
LOCATION: UNC School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, N.C.

#### OSHA Annual Update

DATE: November 14, 2014 Morning Program  
SPEAKERS: Dr. Ralph Leonard and Dr. Valerie Murrah  
LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, N.C.

#### Medical Emergencies Annual Update for Dental Professionals

DATE: November 14, 2014 Afternoon Program  
SPEAKERS: Ms. Amy Nguyen and Ms. Linda Stewart  
LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, N.C.

#### 60th Annual Dental Seminar Day: "Avoid Liability: Know Your Patients' Medications and Their Effects on Dental Treatment"

DATE: November 21, 2014  
SPEAKER: Dr. Harold Crossley  
LOCATION: The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, N.C.

#### Hands-On Crown Lengthening Workshop

DATE: December 5, 2014  
SPEAKERS: UNC Dept. of Periodontology Faculty  
LOCATION: UNC School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, N.C.

#### Third Annual Wood Symposium: "Computer-aid Implant Planning and Guided Implant Surgery"

DATE: December 12, 2014  
SPEAKERS: Dr. Paul Scruggs, Dr. Sompop Bencharit and Dr. Matt Hopfensperger  
LOCATION: UNC School of Dentistry, Chapel Hill, N.C.

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# Strong Relationships for Strong Futures

## A Hat-Tip to Hinman Dental Society

“Our relationship with Hinman allows us to provide support to a number of different areas of emphasis, which makes us a better school in the long run.”

**PAUL GARDNER**  
Associate Dean of Advancement  
and Executive Director of the  
Dental Foundation of North Carolina

Over the years, the UNC School of Dentistry has been fortunate to forge and maintain strong relationships with a number of national dental organizations. These organizations invest their time, resources and money in the school with many different goals in mind: helping students reduce debt through a scholarship; providing a faculty support fund to help retain top-tier faculty; sponsoring a lunch and learn for students about challenges they'll face outside of dental school.

The Hinman Dental Society is one of those organizations. Based in Atlanta, Ga., the society supports the UNC School of Dentistry in a number of ways, not the least of which has been through the establishment of an annual lecture, a continuing education scholarship and, most recently, the school's newest professorship.

“It's with great pleasure that the Hinman Dental Society is able to fund the school's latest professorship. We have a long history of support with the UNC School of Dentistry and it dovetails perfectly with the society's mission to enhance dental education,” said Dr. Paul G. Isler, Hinman Dental Society chairman of the trustees. “It's through the commitment of our society members and the success of our annual meeting that we are able to endow this professorship and contribute to the outstanding education the school

provides its students in preparing them to be future dentists.”

The UNC School of Dentistry's relationship with the Hinman Dental Society isn't necessarily unique — the society supports other dental schools throughout the South as well — but that doesn't make the relationship any less important.

“We know exactly how fortunate we are to have an organization like the Hinman Dental Society supporting our school,” said Paul Gardner, associate dean of advancement and executive director of the Dental Foundation of North Carolina. “Our relationship with Hinman allows us to provide support to a number of different areas of emphasis, which makes us a better school. We're grateful to Hinman for all they've done to invest in us.”

### About the Society

Dr. Thomas P. Hinman, for whom the Hinman Dental Society was named, graduated from Southern Dental College in Atlanta with his D.D.S. in 1891, and one year later joined the faculty of his alma mater, becoming professor of oral surgery. Hinman held many high offices in numerous professional organizations, including an appointment by President Woodrow Wilson as the U.S. delegate and honorary chairman of Section VII of the Fourth International Congress of Dentists in London.



Dr. Clayton Davis and his wife, Julia, with Dr. Chuck Norman and Ms. Sharon Norman.

The Hinman Dental Society, founded by Hinman himself in 1911, is a not-for-profit organization comprising more than 800 member dentists. The society is committed to the advancement of its membership and provides educational and professional development opportunities while promoting high practice standards through advocacy and outreach.

Annually, the society holds the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta, Ga. The meeting, which is considered the first conference strictly for serious-minded educational purposes, occurs each March. Ongoing for more than 100 years, meeting attendees know the event will offer the opportunity to learn from and meet some of dentistry's foremost experts.

Numerous UNC alumni attend the meeting, and most of them gather each year for an alumni reception, which is partially funded by the Hinman Dental Society.

“We're so excited and grateful to have a presence at the meeting each year through our UNC Dental Alumni Reception,” said Nicole Quallen, assistant director of development and UNC Dental Alumni Association executive director. “Everyone knows that the Hinman Dental Meeting draws top-tier presenters to their meeting, and our alumni and students so enjoy learning from and interacting with those experts. It is one of the premier meetings in

dentistry annually, and we are honored to be a part of it.”

### Supporting the UNC School of Dentistry

The Hinman Dental Society has contributed more than \$600,000 to the UNC School of Dentistry over the years.

“The whole school, but particularly the Department of Operative Dentistry, has benefitted greatly from Hinman's generosity,” said Dr. Ed Swift, long-time Department of Operative Dentistry chair. “They're a benevolent group that truly wants to invest in the future of dentistry. We're fortunate that they choose to do a part of that investment here at UNC.”

In 2004, the society established the Thomas P. Hinman Continuing Education Scholarship Fund, which helps student recipients defray their continuing education costs. Students can use the funds to attend CE courses at the Hinman meeting or other CE programs not associated with the Hinman Dental Meeting.

The society also endowed the Thomas P. Hinman Distinguished Lecture. This lecture, now in its 10th year, is hosted annually by the Department of Operative Dentistry, and boasts notable speakers presenting on relevant, timely topics. In previous years, the lecture has featured Drs. Frank Spear, John Kois and Gordon Christensen, among others.

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**ED SWIFT**  
Interim Associate Dean  
for Clinical Affairs

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JANE WEINTRAUB  
Dean

### The School’s Fifteenth Professorship

Most recently, the Hinman Dental Society pledged \$500,000 to establish the School of Dentistry’s 15th professorship: the Dr. Thomas P. Hinman Distinguished Professorship in Restorative Dentistry. This new professorship specifically supports the school’s Department of Operative Dentistry.

“We are very appreciative of the support the Hinman Dental Society has shown our school, historically and today,” said Jane Weintraub, dean of the UNC School of Dentistry. “The establishment of this new professorship will allow us to recognize, reward and augment our already top-tier restorative dentistry faculty by providing additional funding to retain or recruit deserving educators to advance our school’s missions.”

The endowed professorship adds to the long-standing support that the school has

received from the Hinman Dental Society.

“As a non-profit organization, the Hinman Dental Society is committed to supporting dental education through scholarships, gifts and endowments, such as this \$500,000 gift to endow a professorship in restorative dentistry at UNC,” added Isler. “We are honored to be in a position to support one of the most prestigious dental schools in the country. If Dr. Hinman were alive today, he would be very pleased that we continue to dedicate our organization to furthering education for both practicing and emerging dentists.”

Gardner says the feeling of being honored is mutual. “We’re honored that Hinman invests in us and considers us one of the top dental schools in the U.S. We consider them one of the top dental organizations, and we’re glad to be able to consider the organization and its leadership not only supporters, but friends.”

has also served the department as both former graduate program director and former department chair.

He holds memberships in the Academy of Operative Dentistry, the International Association of Dental Research and the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry, of which he’s a past president. Heymann serves as the current editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Esthetic and Restorative Dentistry*.

Heymann has been active in the clinical research of esthetic restorative materials and participates in the UNC Dental Faculty Practice with a primary focus on esthetic dentistry. He is the author of more than 190 scientific publications, a number of textbook chapters on esthetic techniques and is co-editor of *Sturdevant’s Art and Science of Operative Dentistry* — one of the best-selling dental textbooks worldwide. He has given more than 900 lectures on various aspects of esthetic dentistry worldwide. He serves as a board member of the Clinical Research Associated Foundation and is a recipient of the Gordon J. Christensen Award for excellence as a continuing education speaker.

The school is pleased to announce that Dr. Harald Heymann of the Department of Operative Dentistry has been named the first Thomas P. Hinman Distinguished Professor in Restorative Dentistry.

“It is an absolute honor to be named the first Hinman Distinguished Professor,” said Heymann. “I’m humbled by the recognition and grateful for the support.”

Heymann earned his D.D.S. from the school in 1978, after which he joined the UNC School of Dentistry faculty. During his first few years on the faculty, Heymann also pursued his M.Ed. at Carolina, which he completed in 1980. As a faculty member, his achievements have been numerous and

significant, including being honored with the 2006 John C. Brauer Award by the UNC Dental Alumni Association for his service to the school and to dentistry. He

## UNC Renames Regional Center of Neurosensory Disorders

BY: CARON MODEAS

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill recently gave approval to the Regional Center for Neurosensory Disorders to change its name to the Center for Pain Research and Innovation.

The decision to rename the center was made to better reflect the interdisciplinary work being carried out by researchers. The Center for Pain Research and Innovation dedicates its work to characterizing the biological, psychological and genetic factors that contribute to acute and persistent pain, with the ultimate goals of identifying individuals most at risk for the development of painful conditions and contributing to the genesis of new therapies based on an individual’s unique profile.

At the time of its establishment in 2005, the center’s focus was on orofacial pain, primarily temporomandibular joint disorder and fibromyalgia syndrome. Because patients often reported the coexistence of these and other pain-related conditions, Dr. William Maixner, center director, and others suspected that their origins were linked in some way beyond

environmental causes such as injury. As the group initiated studies of other disorders including irritable bowel syndrome, migraine headache, neuropathy, low-back pain, and vulvar vestibulitis syndrome, it incorporated psychological and molecular testing into its research methods to explore potential associations among these conditions. Since that time, members of the Center for Pain Research and Innovation have published more than 200 articles describing their findings and have engaged

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Maixner

in numerous collaborative projects among scientists and clinicians both within and outside the UNC infrastructure.

As Maixner explains, “Our program is recognized as being on the cutting edge of pain research and produces highly innovative and clinically applicable findings. We do not conduct pain research in isolation; rather, we enlist clinicians from across the medical and dental specialties, as well as psychologists, alternative/complementary medicine practitioners, biomedical engineers, neuroscientists and biostatisticians. Our program’s name should focus on innovation since much of what we are doing impacts clinical pain management and patient care. The title, Center for Pain Research and Innovation, truly reflects what we do and will permit our stakeholders (sponsors, collaborators, patients, and the general public) to locate us on the web, stay abreast of our current and future endeavors, and become supporters of our threefold mission of research, education and patient care.”

To learn more about the center, visit: <https://www.dentistry.unc.edu/research-researchcenters/CPRI/>.

## School Wins ADEA/Gies Dental Research Scholarship

The School of Dentistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill received the 2014 American Dental Education Association (ADEA)/William J. Gies Foundation Dental Research Award at the recent ADEA Annual Session. The scholarship, presented biannually, supports dental research at the predoctoral level.

“This award is truly an honor for our school,” said Dean Jane Weintraub. “It is bestowed to only one dental school and only once every two years. Dental research is an integral part of our school’s mission.

I’m thrilled that some of our incoming pre-doctoral students will benefit from this funding, have the opportunity to learn from our outstanding faculty and experience the joy of discovery.”

The award provides \$35,000 to the school over a four-year period to support predoctoral research. It is the school’s responsibility to identify the students who have a unique research interest or who may pursue dental research careers to benefit from the funds. The participating students will be supervised by faculty members.

“The University of North Carolina at

Chapel Hill School of Dentistry is very supportive of research at all levels, and they are especially cognizant of the value of mentored student research,” said Stephen K. Young, D.D.S., M.S., chair of the ADEA Board of Directors. “ADEA and the Gies Foundation congratulate the school and Dean Weintraub’s efforts to expand what is already a diverse and robust research enterprise by engaging her outstanding faculty to mentor more students in their research endeavors.”



## Chancellor Folt and Provost Dean Visit the School

Early in the spring semester, the school had the pleasure of hosting new University Chancellor Carol L. Folt and new University Provost Jim Dean. During their time in our dental complex, they tried their hand at dentistry (on a manikin!), toured the school's research space, met key administrators and toured the fourth-year D.D.S. clinic. During the visit they remarked on how very impressed they were with the school, our faculty and staff, and our students.



## Weintraub Appointed to National Dental Research Council

Dean Jane Weintraub was recently appointed to serve on the National Advisory Dental and Craniofacial Research Council of the NIH. Her appointment will conclude at the end of November 2017.

The Council, which comprises 15 members, advises and consults with the secretary of DHHS and the director of NIDCR on issues related to research, research support, training and career development supported by NIH. It provides a secondary review of grant applications,

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cooperative agreements and career development award applications.

"It is an honor to be appointed to a committee that I hold in high esteem," said Weintraub. "I'm pleased to be able to provide input in the future of oral health research and the future of the research workforce."

Weintraub is widely known for her expertise in oral epidemiology, dental public health and clinical research, and is considered a leader in research to understand and prevent oral health disparities. Following a seven-year employment at UNC, she took a position as the Lee Hysan Professor and chair of the Division of Oral Epidemiology and Dental Public Health at the University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry. From 2001 until 2011, when she returned to UNC, she was the director and principal investigator of the NIH-funded



**Weintraub**

Center to Address Disparities in Children's Oral Health, nicknamed the CAN DO Center. Weintraub is a diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health, a fellow of the International College of Dentists, and past president of both the AAPHD and the Behavioral Sciences and Health Services Research Group of the International Association of Dental Research. Her accolades include the 2009 IADR H. Trendley Dean Distinguished Scientist Award for her research in oral epidemiology and dental public health, the 2010 American Dental Association's Norton Ross Award for Excellence in Clinical Research, the AAPHD President's and Special Merit Awards, and the 2012 Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors Distinguished Service Award.

## Samuelson Wins University Distinguished Teaching Award

*"It is a privilege to work with so many wonderful students!"*

Dr. Allen Samuelson, director of special care dentistry and clinical associate professor in the Department of Dental Ecology, was honored by the University and Chancellor Carol Folt with one of four annual Distinguished Teaching Awards for Post-Baccalaureate Instruction.



**Samuelson**

"Dr. Samuelson is not only a compassionate clinician, but is an outstanding educator," said Dr. Christine Downey, one of the nominators. "He is not only patient centered, but student centered."

Samuelson, who joined the UNC faculty

in 1996, directs all didactic and clinical geriatric dental courses at the school. He teaches in both the General Practice Residency Program and the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program. A popular figure at the school, Samuelson is most well-known for his excellent patient care, his positive attitude and his willingness to be accessible to his students whenever they need him.

As a winner of this award, Samuelson received a one-time \$5,000 stipend and a framed citation commemorating the honor.

"I am honored to receive this award, and I would like to thank the many superlative, insightful and enthusiastic teachers I have had all my life, beginning

with my parents and siblings," said Samuelson. "I have been blessed beyond measure by God, family, friends and former and present faculty at the school of dentistry. Furthermore, it is a privilege to work with so many wonderful students!"

The selection committee focuses on finding winners who stand out in the classroom and outside of it by providing memorable lectures and how they interface with students outside of lectures. Winners of this award are regarded as impactful and as those who stand out in the mind of their current and previous students. The selection committee provides a small group of finalists to Chancellor Folt for final selection.

## Smith Starts Appointment as Director of Dental Assisting Program

Effective April 1, Lynn Smith began her new appointment as director of the school's Dental Assisting Program. Most recently, she'd been serving in this role in an interim capacity.

"I am honored to be given the opportunity to direct the program, advancing it to a premier dental assisting program," said Smith. "This program is one of two dental assisting programs housed in a dental school. As such, the program faculty are in a position to educate students in a state-of-the-art facility with internationally renowned faculty."



Smith

As program director, Smith will direct the educational curricula in the 10-month Dental Assisting Certificate Program. She will strive to continue to recruit and foster the education of academically gifted candidates in the program. One of her primary goals is to develop and incorporate advanced educational programs for graduates of accredited programs.

"I'm delighted to announce Ms. Smith's appointment as director of the Dental

Assisting Program," said Department Chair Dr. Lauren Patton. "She's a wonderful fit for the position and we're all excited to see how she will impact an already successful program."

Smith received her certificate in dental assisting in 1977 and her bachelor's in dental auxiliary teacher education in 1983, both from the University of North Carolina. After that, Smith joined the UNC School of Dentistry, serving as a clinical instructor and clinical assistant professor with the dental assisting program in the Department of Dental Ecology at UNC since 1984.

## IN MEMORIAM Matteson, Former Director of Radiology, Passes Away



Matteson

In January, Dr. Stephen Matteson, former director of radiology at the UNC School of Dentistry, passed away at the age of 76.

Matteson spent 13 years on the school's faculty in the Department of Diagnostic Sciences, starting in 1975. During his tenure at UNC, he contributed to the educational training of hundreds of dentists and oversaw the school's radiology program. He was well known and respected for his passion for teaching in the D.D.S. and allied dental programs. In 1979, Matteson received the Richard Hunt Award for outstanding pre-doctoral instruction. While at UNC, Matteson was appointed to lead the panel developing the original FDA-sponsored radiographic selection criteria for dentistry. In 1988, Matteson was recruited to the University of Texas Health Science at San Antonio Dental School, where he served as chair of the Department of Dental Diagnostic Sciences. He retired as professor emeritus in 2002 before returning to the University of Texas in 2005.

After earning his D.D.S. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1962, Matteson served as a general dentistry officer in the U.S. Air Force for two years. He then returned to his home state of New Jersey, where he spent 10 years in private dental practice before entering an oral radiology residency program at the University of Connecticut Health Center. Once he completed his radiology training, he joined the UNC School of Dentistry faculty from 1975-1988.

Matteson served as president of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, the American Board of Oral Maxillofacial Radiology and the national supreme chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon. He published more than 50 scientific articles and served as radiology editor for Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, Oral Radiology and Endodontology.

Matteson is survived by his wife, Dr. Mary Ann Matteson, his three children and five grandchildren, all of whom live in San Antonio.

## Quinonez, Alumni Inducted into American College of Dentists

Dr. Rocio Quinonez, associate professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, and four school alumni were included in the 2013 American College of Dentists (ACD) convocation. The induction ceremony was held concurrent with the recent 2013 ADA Annual Session in New Orleans.

"It is truly an honor to become part of this great organization and to share convocation with such an esteemed group of colleagues," said Quinonez.

Other School of Dentistry alumni who received this honor included **Scott Cashion, D.D.S. '94, M.S. '97; Roslyn Crisp, D.D.S. '82, M.S. '96; Evan Miller, D.D.S. '89; and Michael "Mickey" Webb, D.D.S. '79.** All UNC inductees are part of the Carolinas Section of ACD. Seven other non-alumni were also inducted as fellows of the Carolinas Section.



Quinonez

ACD, founded in 1920, is the oldest major honorary organization for dentists and strives to advance dentistry through advancing excellence, ethics, professionalism and leadership. Its membership is by invitation only; those accepted exemplify excellence in leadership and contributions to dentistry and society. Today, ACD comprises 51 sections, including five in Canada, one in Europe and one in Puerto Rico.



### Barbour Named Recipient of Order of the Long Leaf Pine

Long-time staff member Martha Barbour was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in late 2013. The honor, which is conferred by the governor of N.C., is considered the highest civilian award given by the governor. It recognizes extraordinary service to the state during one's career.

Barbour was celebrated with a school-wide reception on March 31, 2014.



# Faculty Development

## School Again Participates in Academy of Academic Leadership

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 its 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 course (on-site in Chapel Hill), six and one-half days, with distance education modules between phases. Since 2007, over 20 full-time dental school faculty have graduated from the ITL and enhanced their teaching through the training they received.



Hollowell

Three faculty completed the 2013 ITL: **Dr. Bob Hollowell**, clinical associate professor in the Department of Dental Ecology, **Dr. Brent Golden**, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Oral

Surgery, and **Dr. Thiago Morelli**, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Periodontology who was also the recipient of the 2013 American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) Foundation Fellowship to the Institute for Teaching and Learning in the Health Professions. The fellowship,



Golden



Morelli

presented annually by the AAP Foundation, honors periodontists involved in academia and covers the full tuition for the institute's program.

## Faculty receive travel grants to attend the ADEA meeting in San Antonio, Texas

Four faculty received a travel grant to attend the 2014 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) meeting in San Antonio, Tex. 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 theme of the 2014 meeting was *The Science of Learning*. The faculty will soon provide a faculty "Teach-Back" Lunch and Learn to share information they learned at the meeting with other school faculty. More on these four faculty members follows.

**Dr. Kimon Divaris**, Research Assistant Professor. Dr. Divaris has been a faculty member in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry since 2012. He is a board-certified pediatric dentist and active member of the medical staff at UNC Hospitals and



Divaris

the Dental Faculty Practice. In his current role, he is involved in NIH-funded research activities, teaching and clinical practice. He serves as a consultant of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry scientific affairs committee, scientific program chair of the Pediatric Oral Health Research group of the International Association of Dental Research (IADR), and director of the Behavioral, Epidemiologic and Health Services Research IADR group. His research interests are diverse, including proximal and distal determinants of oral health and disease, and range from genetics and fluorides to health disparities and dental education.

**Dr. Sun-Yung Bak**, Clinical Assistant Professor. Dr. Bak was appointed to the Department of Prosthodontics in



Bak

December 2013. Dr. Bak's responsibilities include teaching preclinical fixed prosthodontics and removable complete denture courses and overseeing third and fourth-year dental students' clinical group practice. Her research interests are in maxillofacial prosthetics and digital dentistry. She is interested in continuing the research that she started at UCLA

during her maxillofacial prosthetics fellowship looking at dosimetric distribution of the lesions of the oral cavity in head and neck cancer radiation.

**Dr. Lewis Lampiris**, Clinical Associate Professor. Dr. Lampiris was appointed as director of the school's Dentistry in Service to the Community (DISC) program in the Department of Dental Ecology in July 2013. After practicing general dentistry for 17 years, Dr. Lampiris earned his M.P.H., after which he served first as Illinois' State



Lampiris

Dental Director and then the director of the American Dental Association's Council on Access, Prevention and Interprofessional Relations. He is a recipient of the 2007 Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors Distinguished Service Award, 2010 American Dental Association Presidential Citation and the 2013 American Association of Public Health Dentistry's Distinguished Service Award. In his new role, he has begun to collect both qualitative and quantitative data for programmatic improvement and is working with the extramural rotation sites and the D.D.S. students to maximize the benefit of the community based service learning experience.

**Dr. Carlos Barrero**, Clinical Associate Professor. Dr. Barrero has been a faculty member since 2008 in the Department of Prosthodontics. He is currently one of the group practice directors for fourth-year D.D.S. students, where he teaches all phases of prosthodontics. In the Dental Faculty Practice he treats patients with extensive,



Barrero

esthetic and reconstructive dental needs. Dr. Barrero's scholarly interests are in utilization of e-learning tools to improve assessment experiences during competencies in dental students, development and improvement of tools for accurate transfer knowledge among young learners, and color stability of materials used in restorative materials such as acrylics and BisGma. Dr. Barrero also develops CE courses designed to train participants to successfully pass regional clinical boards to become or regain dental licensure status.

## Formal Mentoring Program Updates

The Formal Mentoring Program implemented in March 2013 for all assistant professors in the School of Dentistry is up in full swing. Currently



Guthmiller



Wilder

there are 27 mentoring teams in place. Over 50 faculty (in addition to the 27 mentees) are participating on mentoring teams. **Dr. Janet Guthmiller**, associate dean for academic affairs, and **Professor Rebecca Wilder**, director of faculty development, presented a session at the 2014 American Dental Education Association meeting in San Antonio, Tex. The session was titled, "Developing a Formal Mentoring Program for Junior Faculty." Very few dental schools in the U.S. and abroad have a formal program for mentoring their faculty.

## Donovan Presents Fall Clinical Update Series

**Dr. Terry Donovan**, professor of Operative Dentistry presented the fall Clinical Update Series topic to the faculty. The title, *Controversies in Dental Amalgam*, included a review



of classic studies verifying the safety of amalgam, studies that seem to question its safety, and

recently conducted randomized controlled clinical trials comparing the safety and efficacy of amalgam and composite resin. He also discussed effective strategies for talking both to patients and the media.

The Clinical Update Series is presented several times per year to offer departmental updates to all clinical faculty in the School of Dentistry.



Donovan

## facultyNOTES

**Dr. William Maixner** was appointed by Kathleen Sebelius, U.S. Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, to serve on the Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee.

**Dr. Thiago Morelli** was named an International Team for Implantology (ITI) fellow. He has also been honored by the American Academy of Periodontology as the recipient of the 2013 American Academy of Periodontology Foundation Fellowship to the Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL) in the Health Professions.

**Ms. Lattice Sams** was selected as a recipient of the ADEA/Academy for Academic Leadership Faculty of Color Tuition Scholarship for Professional Development.

**Dr. Jay Park** received a UNC junior faculty development award that will support his research project on inflammatory

cytokine changes following acupuncture treatment as a mechanism for pain regulation and perception of well-being in patients with TMJD.

**Dr. Mary Pettiette** was nominated as secretary for both the American Association of Endodontics Foundation and also the endodontic section of the American Dental Education Association, effective this spring.

**Dr. Ray White** was named the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award at the SSOMS Annual Meeting.

**Dr. Eric Everett** has been selected to serve as the University-wide Institutional Research Integrity Officer.

**Dr. Tim Turvey** spoke at a number of meetings and locations in India, including the Sixth Annual Workshop on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, the 18th National Workshop on Maxillofacial Surgery, the Indian Dental Association, and others. While in India, he also provided care to patients, which was televised to interactive audiences as live surgical demonstrations.

## The School Welcomes New Faculty



Bak



Lucci

### Dr. Sun-Yung Bak

Clinical Assistant Professor, Prosthodontics D.D.S., University of Michigan School of Dentistry M.S., Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center

### Dr. Gary Lucci

Clinical Associate Professor, Operative Dentistry D.M.D., Temple University



Walter



Yarborough

### Dr. Rick Walter

Clinical Associate Professor, Operative Dentistry D.D.S., Federal University of Santa Catarina M.S., UNC School of Dentistry

### Dr. Alex Yarborough

Clinical Assistant Professor, Prosthodontics D.D.S., UNC School of Dentistry M.S., University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry

# 90+ Reasons to Smile

## UNC School of Dentistry Provides More Than \$16,000 in Free Dental Care to Local Children

The School of Dentistry provided more than \$16,000 in free dental care services to more than 90 Durham Head Start children ages 3-5 on Friday, Feb. 7. The event was held in conjunction with the ADA's annual Give Kids a Smile Day, a program that began 11 years ago to address and raise awareness of untreated dental disease in children.

"At our Give Kids a Smile Day, we provided preventive dental care to the children while educating them about taking charge of their oral and overall health for the rest of their lives," said Ben Anders, a second-year D.D.S. student and one of the event co-chairs. "School of Dentistry participants, student athletes, and students from the UNC Schools of Nursing, Medicine and the Gillings School of Global Public Health all came together to make our event a true success."

Anders's co-chairs were fellow second-year D.D.S. student Mackenzie Hatfield and third-year D.D.S. student Gentry Lasater.

The event boasted more than 200 volunteers in the form of students, residents, staff and faculty members from the School of Dentistry. Most School of Dentistry volunteers provided dental care to the children. The care provided included dental exams, tooth cleanings and fluoride varnish treatments. Paid for in private practice, the estimated total cost of the care provided through the event is \$16,185.

Event co-chairs Mackenzie Hatfield, Ben Anders and Gentry Lasater.



In addition to dental care, the children also participated in a health fair. One station at the fair was designed to get the children moving, another allowed the children to dress like a dentist and others provided education on tooth brushing, hand washing, nutritional habits and overall body health. Volunteers from the UNC School of Medicine, the UNC School of Nursing, the Gillings School of Global Public Health and members of the UNC volleyball and football teams participated alongside dentistry volunteers.

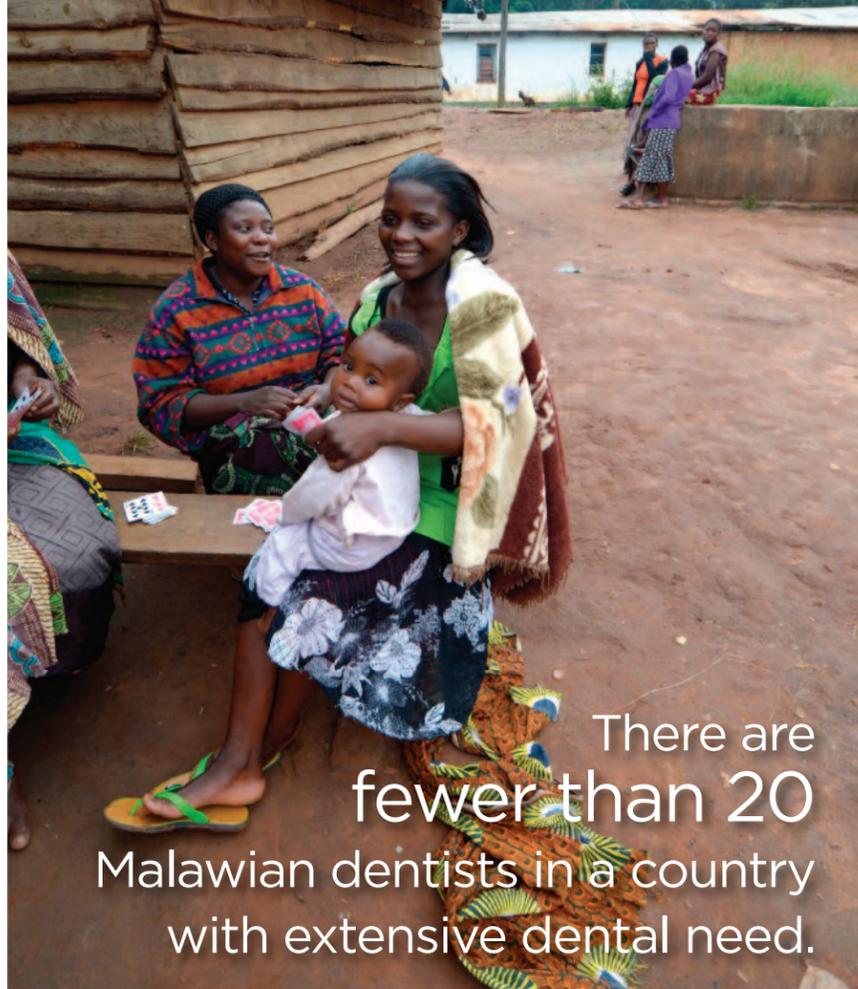
"I am particularly proud of the way our Give Kids a Smile Day showed how interdisciplinary collaboration among dental, medical and public health providers can have an impact on our patients and their families," said Anders. "I believe that our school's Give Kids a Smile Day exemplifies how successful and fun these collaborations can be."



# Malawi Dental Project Wins Award from American Dental Association Foundation

The Malawi Dental Project has been awarded the 2013 Dr. Thomas J. Zwemer Award from the American Dental Association Foundation for its work with an underserved population outside the U.S.

"It is an absolute honor for our project to win the Zwemer Award from the ADA Foundation," said Dr. Jennifer Webster-Cyriaque, faculty advisor for the Malawi Dental Project. "Unfortunately, there are fewer than 20 Malawian dentists in the country to provide care to a population with extensive dental need. Each year, the project members impact hundreds of Malawians by providing oral care, oral



There are fewer than 20 Malawian dentists in a country with extensive dental need.

we're grateful for the recognition from the ADA Foundation."

The annual award, which is now in its second year, recognizes a dental school student program annually that provides services to underserved populations outside the United States. As the winning outreach project, the Malawi Dental Project will receive \$5,000 from the ADA Foundation in support of their efforts.

UNC has a longstanding history providing service to Malawi, originally through the UNC Project Malawi conducted through the School of Medicine. That project, in existence since 1990 and based in Lilongwe, provided the School of Dentistry a starting point for its outreach. The Malawi Dental Project, now in its eleventh year, allows four students pursuing their D.D.S. to travel to Malawi for three to four weeks to provide oral hygiene education, HIV/AIDS education and basic dental care. Malawians without oral pain and active disease will receive preventive treatments, and those needing surgical care will be provided the correct emergency and/or restorative treatment.

The students see patients at the Kamuzu Central Hospital in Lilongwe, at a home for children in Mzuz, and in several small villages.

Worldwide, Malawi is the eighth poorest country and has the ninth highest adult prevalence rate of HIV/AIDS. Despite its population of sixteen million people, the country has only 30 dentists to treat its citizens. Malawians often cannot afford a dentist, let alone physically travel to a dentist, making access to dental care one of the nation's largest problems.

"After spending a month in Malawi caring for people who have never seen a dentist, our students come back from this trip forever changed. Over the decade, I can say without reservation, that the Malawi Project has been life changing for each student and has impacted their approach toward dentistry and toward service," said Webster-Cyriaque. "The impact they make in the short time in Malawi, the warm heart of Africa, makes an impression that encourages and warms the heart of service in their lives and careers."



D.D.S. Students of the 2014 Malawi Project: Tayla Cunningham, Gabrielle Jackson, Ivy Brisbin and Elba Oliverio

education to orphans and HIV/AIDS education during their time in Malawi. Without projects like this, many Malawians would go their entire lifetime without seeing a dentist. As such, this project makes a significant difference to an incredibly underserved population, and

## Congratulations!

Our students and residents continue to excel and be recognized at the highest levels. Here is a brief overview of what they've been accomplishing while working towards their degrees. Congratulations to all!

## UNC Students, Residents Recognized Nationally



Brooks

**Dr. Carolyn Dicus Brookes**, resident in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, received the 2013 Straumann Resident Research Award at AAOMS. This is the second time Dicus Brookes has won this award.



Corbin

**Matthew Corbin**, D.D.S. Candidate 2015, received the ASDA District 4 Delegate of the Year Award. This is known as a very prestigious honor within ASDA.



Jackson

**Gabrielle Jackson**, D.D.S. Candidate 2016, was awarded one of 10 National Dental Association Foundation/Colgate-Palmolive Scholarships.



Moreland

**Gina Moreland**, D.H. Candidate 2015, was elected as a student delegate for the local district for ADHA and will represent dental hygiene students in N.C., Fla., Ga. and S.C.



Holloman

**Jessica Holloman**, M.S.D.H. '14, won one of two ADEA/Crest Oral-B Scholarships for Dental Hygiene Students Pursuing Academic Careers.



Katz

**Lauren Katz**, D.D.S. Candidate 2015, was a second place Hatton Award winner in the junior category at this year's AADR meeting. She will have the opportunity to compete in Cape Town at the IADR meeting.



White

**W. Charles White**, D.D.S. Candidate 2016, was awarded one of 25 ADA Foundation Under-represented Minority Dental Student Scholarships.



Martin

**Dr. Jim Martin**, current orthodontic resident, was named a recipient of the UNC Graduate School's 2014 Impact Awards for his work mapping trends in children's oral health care. He was one of 20 recipients.

## Sergio Acero Passes Away

Sergio Acero, D.D.S. Candidate 2016, passed away Saturday, March 1 following a single vehicle motorcycle accident at 6:35 a.m. He was 27 years old.

Born in Bogotá, Colombia, Acero and his family moved to rural North Carolina



Acero

in the early 1990s. Acero earned his undergraduate degrees in economics and pre-dental studies from UNC in 2009.

He participated in the MED Program (Medical Education Development Program) in 2008. Later, he worked for the program (2013).

“Sergio was a bright light among us and he touched many people,” said Jane

Weintraub, dean of the UNC School of Dentistry, in her email to students following the accident. “Our dental school will be diminished by his passing.”

Known among his fellow students as optimistic and generous, Acero gave much of his time outside of class to investing in the lives of his classmates. Whether hosting Super Bowl parties or birthday parties for his classmates, where his custom cakes always made an appearance, Acero welcomed his fellow students into his home and his life with open arms.

“Sergio was a person with a passion for life and for living,” said Devinn Geeson, D.D.S. Candidate 2015. “He was the kind of person that put his friends first. He would

make sure his friends had everything that they needed before he took care of himself. His great pleasure was to plan parties and events for his close friends to include birthday parties, barbeques in the summer, and end of semester events. He was a truly selfless individual as is easy to see by the community service that he has contributed to for years.”

Acero is survived by his mother, Zoraida, his father, Alfredo, of Elizabeth City, and his brother Danny. His funeral was held in Elizabeth City, N.C., and the school sponsored a bus to transport students to and from the memorial. A school memorial was held on Tuesday, April 1 at the Newman Center.

“Sergio was a bright light among us.”

## U.S. Congressman Paul Gosar Visits UNC School of Dentistry

Members of the UNC ASDA chapter had a unique opportunity to meet with U.S. Congressman Paul Gosar in October 2013. The congressman, who represents the fourth district of Arizona, is one of two dentists currently serving in the U.S. Congress.

About 20 dental students signed up

to attend the Saturday event, which was scheduled at Gosar’s request. The group had an open forum with Gosar about current and potential governmental policies and the potential impact on current D.D.S. students in the future. After the forum, the students took Gosar for a tour of the school, complete with

a visit to the simulation lab and a game of foosball in the student lounge.

“It was an absolute honor for us to welcome Dr. Gosar to UNC,” said Matt Corbin, president of the UNC ASDA chapter and main organizer of the event. “We were thrilled when the congressman contacted our chapter to visit with our students. He’s one of the most influential dentist-politicians of our day, so hearing his perspective about the future of dentistry was valuable and enlightening for us as future dentists.”

Gosar is a D.D.S. graduate from Creighton Boyne School of Dentistry. After earning his dental degree, Gosar owned a private dental practice in Flagstaff, Ariz. for 25 years. He first took elected office in the 2010 elections.



# D.D.S. Students Serve through DISC

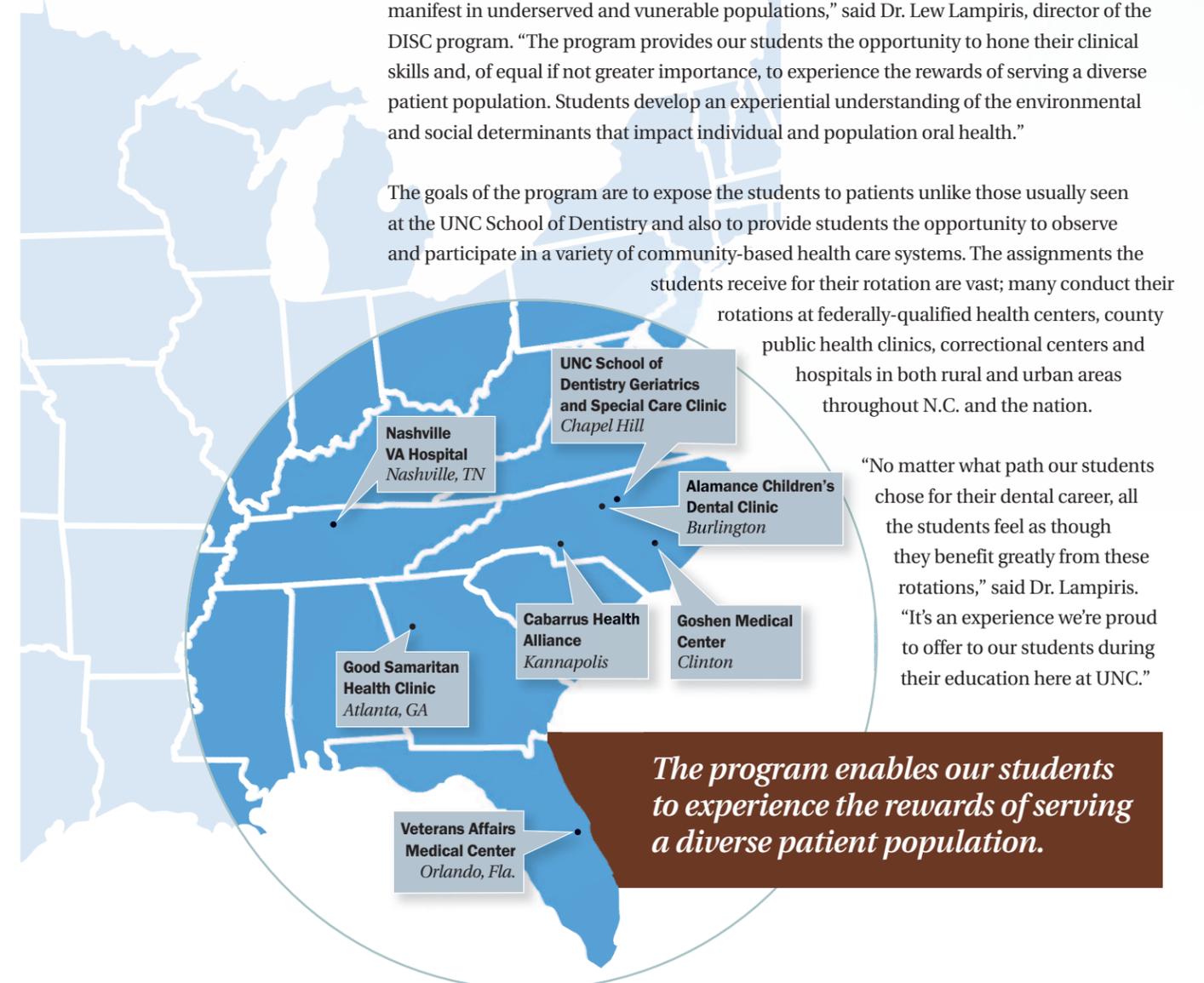


Each year, our rising fourth-year students participate in the Department of Dental Ecology’s Dentistry in Service to Communities (DISC) program. The extramural program, which is one of the nation’s first service learning programs, has been in existence for over 30 years and is considered a model program for other dental schools. Participation in the DISC extramural rotation program is a required part of the D.D.S. 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 serving a diverse patient population. Students develop an experiential understanding of the environmental and social determinants that impact individual and population oral health.”

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 the opportunity to observe and participate in a variety of 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.”



*The program enables our students to experience the rewards of serving a diverse patient population.*



Petrola

## Coping with Parental Apathy

Alamance Children's Dental Clinic, Burlington, N.C. • Katie Petrola, D.D.S. Candidate 2014

We were scheduled to see a cute two-year-old girl who needed four extractions. The decay on D, E, F and G was so severe that the teeth were rotted to the gum line. The young patient walked back by herself, waving and saying hi to everyone.

As soon as Dr. K tried to look into her mouth, the girl started screaming and crying. She was squirming all over. It took one person holding her head, one person holding her arms and two people holding her legs down to get her still enough to do the injections and complete the extractions. She screamed and cried the whole time. It was obviously a very traumatic situation for her.

When the procedure was over, everyone was emotionally drained from performing such a horrible procedure on such a young girl. The mother came back for Dr. K to update her on the procedure and the importance of oral health. Instead of being interested in learning about properly caring for her daughter's teeth in the

future, the mother stood laughing and smiling.

This will stay with me forever. It was heartbreaking to see this little girl go through this procedure when she didn't cause the problem. It was infuriating to see the mother laughing after what everyone in the room had gone through to help her child. I'm now aware that some parents either do not understand the importance or do not care about oral hygiene. This patient was referred to the dentist from her physician, and her mother may have never taken her to the dentist without this referral.

As a health care professional, it is important to realize that there is a large portion of the population who is not receiving dental care and cannot afford private practice. It is very important to be willing to donate some of our time to help out patients in another way such as by working in public health clinics, volunteering at MOM clinics or seeing some pro-bono cases in our offices.

## The Importance of Medical Histories

Goshen Medical Center, Clinton, N.C. • Tyler Wynne, D.D.S. Candidate 2014

My rotation allowed me to see how poverty and socioeconomic status correlates highly with tooth loss and poor health. I am certain that I prevented medical emergencies by refusing elective treatment to patients who had uncontrolled hypertension and uncontrolled diabetes with blood glucose levels of 600mg/dl. However, one patient's unremarkable medical history proved to be a reminder of what can go wrong.

A 50-year-old Hispanic migrant worker came in for an emergency appointment, complaining of pain with an Ellis Class III fracture of #13. The condition of the patient's mouth indicated a lack of dental care for decades, possibly his entire life. After asking about his medical history and developing a risk assessment for the proposed extraction, I could tell he likely had never been to a physician so various medical conditions could be undiagnosed.

I proceeded with the extraction, starting by using the periosteal elevator to reflect attached soft tissue to see if there was abnormal bleeding. Everything appeared normal but after extracting the remaining root tip, the extraction site began hemorrhaging

profusely. I was forced to use a high-speed evacuator to remove the volume of blood and used 2X2s to manage the bleeding. I obtained hemostasis after applying pressure with gauze and using my fingers as a hemostatic clamp on the extraction site for around 20 minutes.

I felt prepared for the procedure, however this situation reminded me to always expect the unexpected, even with patients whose medical history you know well. This individual likely had some kind of coagulopathy and may have consumed alcohol the previous night, which would have compounded the difficulty obtaining hemostasis.

I learned that any procedure, no matter how simple, may turn into an emergent situation in which you must be able to think on your feet and use your judgment to do what is needed to bring the situation under control for the safety and health of your patient. These rotations reinforced the fact that often with medically-compromised patients no treatment may be the best treatment, especially when you are seeing them for the first time.

## Making a Difference through Dental Public Health

Cabarrus Health Alliance, Kannapolis, N.C. • Amanda Kerns, D.D.S. Candidate 2014

I felt tears stinging my eyes and I left the operatory before my emotions clouded my judgment. It was the second week of my rotation at the Cabarrus Health Alliance and this was the most heart-wrenching case I had ever seen.

A six-year-old boy had been brought to the dental clinic by his teacher; his mother was on the way to meet them. The teacher originally thought the little boy was autistic; he rarely talked, never ate and had trouble focusing. Eventually, he admitted he didn't talk much or eat because his back teeth hurt when his tongue touched them. After hearing this, the teacher called his mother every day, twice

a day, for a week, with no response.

When I opened the boy's chart, I was surprised: he had been here before and had a treatment plan over a year old for pulpectomies and stainless steel crowns on two of his primary molars. Realizing his mother knew he needed dental care but didn't address it, I got angry and frustrated. I steadied my voice and asked her why she'd neglected to follow up. With no apology as she answered her smartphone she replied, "I didn't have any transportation."

My mentor asked the mother to look in her son's mouth, showing her the teeth that were decayed to the gumline. The mother grabbed her son, saying she was leaving and wouldn't be back. Fortunately, the teacher told the mother that she could leave, but her son was getting his mouth treated.

The mother sat down until a Department of Social Services representative took her, the teacher and a clinic manager for a meeting. Meanwhile the dentist and I extracted his molars. He didn't say a word, despite trying to get him to talk or laugh. Eventually, his teacher (a licensed foster parent) came and explained that he was going to stay with her. The boy hugged me, telling me he was so happy he could eat chicken nuggets again. He promised to brush his teeth three times a day so sugar bugs would never live on his teeth again.

This experience made me realize what a difference a public health dentist can make for their patients. The Cabarrus Health Alliance is near where my husband and I would like to raise a family, and I can see myself working in this clinic. I hope that I develop the strength and knowledge to work for the overall benefit of these families.



Kerns

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Wynne

*Always expect the unexpected, even with patients whose medical history you know well.*



Robinson Campbell

*I signed, "My name is Liz." I'll never forget the huge smile that erupted on her face.*

## Signs of Caring

UNC School of Dentistry Geriatrics and Special Care Clinic, Chapel Hill, N.C. • Elizabeth Robinson Campbell, D.D.S. Candidate 2014

During my last week at the UNC Geriatrics and Special Care Clinic, I had a patient with Treacher Collins Syndrome — an autosomal dominant syndrome characterized by craniofacial deformities such as malformed or absent ears. This patient had limited hearing and normally came with her mother as well as her sign language interpreter. Unfortunately she did not come with her interpreter, and she was there for her six-month cleaning.

She was seated in the dental chair and had a quiet yet complacent smile on her face. I took her vitals and then got her attention, and in American Sign Language, I signed, "My name is Liz." I will never forget the huge smile she erupted on her face and how happy she was. I signed to her that I knew a little sign language and that I mostly finger spelled. I signed to her that today I was going to clean her teeth.

During the appointment I constantly checked on her asking her in sign language if she was okay.

When I was finished with the cleaning, she jumped up and gave me the biggest hug and signed, "Thank you." I have never felt so much joy and gratefulness as I did when she hugged me and said thank you. The act was so simple and so genuinely kind.

I think many times as clinicians we get too wrapped up in treating the dental disease that we forget to treat the patients like people. We forget to talk to our patients — however they communicate — and get to know them. I loved every minute of every day on this rotation and I would do it all over in a heartbeat. This is a rotation that was so enriching and changed me for the better, not only as a clinician but as a person.



## Patience and Communication are Key

Good Samaritan Health Clinic, Atlanta, Ga. • Anna Lukic, D.D.S. Candidate 2014

One morning I was notified that I had a patient waiting for root canal treatment. After taking a look at the patient's medical history, I decided to introduce myself before the procedure. No known problems were listed except a "mental problem" alert with no added description. After I welcomed her into the office, I was surprised that she could not form words to answer me back; she kept mumbling something I couldn't understand.

After many minutes of repeatedly asking the same questions, I finally gave up and I went to see my attending, who was currently treating my patient's dad. She had me speak with him about my patient's condition. I learned that the father was my patient's primary caregiver and that he had brought her in that day. He told me that when she was younger, she had a fever which resulted in a seizure. Based on his description I asked if she had Broca's aphasia; he said yes.

I was stunned that this wasn't listed on her medical record and that I was not alerted of her condition beforehand. It was then when I realized just how important it is to go over medical history with the patient prior to treatment and how essential it is to document conditions so that

medical emergencies can be prevented — no matter if you think someone else has already done so.

Most importantly, this situation taught me the value of being patient and having compassion. After asking the same questions repeatedly, it was difficult to not let my frustration show. However I could see the positive change in behavior with the patient after my body language and tone grew more calming and understanding instead of quick and forceful. The patient had become more relaxed and less hesitant, which made the whole procedure flow much better.

Overall, I learned that different patients do need to be treated differently: more patience, more understanding and more compassion may be needed for one patient but not another. I also learned that just because someone is mentally handicapped does not necessarily mean that they will not be able to undergo treatment.

Sometimes it's that extra minute or two where you take time to explain procedures and to learn more about your patient that may help you uncover an important finding that may change your whole treatment plan and relationship with them.

## A Reminder to Never Lose Empathy

Nashville VA Hospital, Nashville, Tenn. • Laura Phelps, D.D.S. Candidate 2014

A patient visited the clinic at the Nashville VA Hospital to have a full upper and lower denture made for her. Other dentists in the clinic refused to see her because she was difficult to manage. I didn't have access to her records, but was told she struggled with mental disorders. Previously the dentist wasn't able to fabricate a denture for this patient as, due to her mental condition, she became slightly combative when the dentist tried to place the denture tray in her mouth.

I brought the patient back and spent a lot of time talking with her before starting any treatment so she became comfortable with me. The preceptor came in to help with the denture fabrication; my role was to keep the patient calm. I could tell she was confused and scared during the appointment. At one point, the patient would not let my preceptor complete the denture. Since she trusted me, I spoke to her. Once she was



calm, I explained the next step and we were able to complete it successfully.

This showed me that clinical skills alone do not make someone a good dentist. I could have had the best clinical skills and still not been able to fabricate a denture for this patient without taking the time to form a trusting relationship. My preceptor actually acknowledged how I properly communicated with the patient and how that saved the appointment.

In the middle of a chaotic schedule, empathy is something that too often gets sacrificed. By showing the patient that I cared and she could trust me, I prevented a breakdown and we were able to complete treatment. This will affect the way I treat my patients in the future. It reinforces the need to always strive to do what is best for the patient. Sometimes doing what is best involves spending extra time forming a relationship with the patient.



Phelps

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*This situation taught me the value of being patient and having compassion.*

## Taking Time to Build Trust

Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Orlando, Fla. • Lindsey Pikos, D.D.S. Candidate 2014

During my rotation, a patient came into the VA clinic. When he sat down, he told me that he was embarrassed for me to see his mouth because he knew how bad his teeth were since he had not seen a dentist in more than 20 years. He stated that he avoided the dentist because he was very fearful. I explained exactly what I would be doing that day and answered all of his questions. I reassured him that I would be very gentle and take things slow.

I started off with an intraoral examination where I observed extensive carious lesions, five non-restorable teeth and severe periodontal disease. I explained that we would start with a full mouth debridement. He was sensitive, so I anesthetized his gums with topical anesthetic prior to administering the injections. I took every step slowly, explaining everything as I went along. He later said those were the least painful injections he'd ever had.

I demonstrated the proper way to brush and

floss and, much to my surprise, the patient was dumbfounded. He had no idea how to even hold the floss! He was extremely grateful that I showed him how to properly floss and told me that no one had ever done that before. I also explained systemic connections that flossing has to the rest of the body. I was amazed at how five minutes of education could have such a huge impact.

At the end of the appointment, he would not stop thanking me for everything that I did to make him comfortable and also for explaining everything to him. He said it was the best experience that he had ever had at a dental office.

By demonstrating to the patient that you sincerely care about him/her as a person and have regard for their well-being, it enables the patient to trust you as their caretaker. It was very rewarding for me to see this patient be so grateful and it made me feel like I was upholding my responsibilities as a dental professional.



Pikos

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# 2013-14 Scholarship and Fellowship Recipients

The Dental Foundation of North Carolina honors those donors and recipients of the Foundation's endowed scholarships and fellowships. These endowments permitted the Foundation to award more than \$460,000 in scholarships and fellowships to dental assisting, dental hygiene, D.D.S. and post-D.D.S. students for the 2013-14 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.*

Ben Anders, D.D.S. 2016  
Astin Barnes, D.D.S. 2016  
Mary Mayo, D.D.S. 2016  
Chris Walker, D.D.S. 2016

### 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.*

Katherine Avanesyan, D.D.S. 2016  
Martin Baker, D.D.S. 2015  
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Blake Nelson, D.D.S. 2016  
Omar Obdelbaky, D.D.S. 2016  
Julia Powell, D.D.S. 2016  
Michael Wilson, D.D.S. 2015  
Mary Zaytoun, D.D.S. 2016

### Dr. Rex B. Card Scholarship

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

Veronica Grannis, D.D.S. 2015

### Carolina First Campaign Scholarship

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

Anna Erman, D.A. 2014  
Jon Faranda, D.H. 2014  
Keri Wimbush, D.A. 2014

### 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.*

Courtney Aman, D.D.S. 2015  
Brittany McGuirt, D.D.S. 2014  
Ashley Porter, D.D.S. 2014  
Brian Swift, D.D.S. 2017  
Molly Tesch, D.D.S. 2014  
Bryan Whitecotton, D.D.S. 2014

### Dr. Roy Corderman Merit Scholarship

*Created with an estate gift from the late Dr. Corderman, D.D.S. '55.*

Gisela Borget, D.D.S. 2015  
Gina Patrice, D.D.S. 2015

### Dr. and Mrs. Curtis Dailey Scholarship

*Established in 2002.*

Sara Emam, D.D.S. 2015

### 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.*

Lauren Katz, D.D.S. 2015

### Dental Assisting Scholarship

*Made possible by many generous supporters.*

Julie Aiken, D.A. 2014

### Dental Friends Scholarship

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

Kiara Brown, D.D.S. 2015

### 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.*

Jaehee Yoo, D.H. 2015

### Glazener Family Scholarship

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

Kelly Lipp, D.D.S. 2016

### Dr. James Baldwin Hancock Memorial Scholarship

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

Tim Callahan, D.D.S. 2016

### Miguel and Carolina Hernandez Memorial Scholarship

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

John Zermeno, D.D.S. 2014

### Harald and Karen Heymann Scholarship for Academic Excellence

*Established by Dr. and Mrs. Harald O. Heymann. Dr. Heymann graduated from the school in 1978 and is currently professor and director of Graduate Operative Dentistry at the school.*

Emilee Pilkington, D.D.S. 2016

### Dr. Edmund Baxter Hopkins Memorial Scholarship

*Established by Dr. Ken Glazener, friends and family of Dr. Edmund B. Hopkins, a '58 graduate of the school, who passed away in 2001.*

Cary Keen, D.D.S. 2015

### 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.*

Sonal Patel, D.H. 2014

### 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.*

Kaycee Obi-Gwacham, D.D.S. 2017

### Priscilla Levine Scholarship

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

Andrea Lukomski, D.H. 2014

### Linville Family Scholarship

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

Ben Cozart, D.D.S. 2014

### Loblolly Dental Study Club

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

Rebecca Bryson, D.D.S. 2017

### Keith T. Macdonald and Family Scholarship

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

Catherine Doswell, D.D.S. 2015

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## 2013-14 Scholarship and Fellowship Recipients (continued)

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

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

Alexander Edelman, D.D.S. 2017

### **Medical Security Scholarship for Leadership in Dentistry**

*Established in 2008 by the Medical Security Insurance Company.*

Trang Nguyen, D.D.S. 2015

### **Morgan Family Scholarship**

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

Brett Henson, D.D.S. 2015

Andrew McNeal, D.D.S. 2014

### **Dr. H.V. Murray, Jr. Scholarship**

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

Andrew McNeal, D.D.S. 2014

### **Old North State Dental Society Scholarship**

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

Tayla Cunningham, D.D.S. 2016

### **Robert W. and Maude B. Outland Scholarship**

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

David Crank, D.D.S. 2017

Aigin MaSoomi, D.D.S. 2017

### **Eldon and Zetta Parks Scholarship**

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

Vanessa White, D.D.S. 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.*

Jeffrey Duffy, D.D.S. 2014

### **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.*

Karen Carver, D.D.S. 2014

### **Mrs. Margaret & Dr. Bobby C. Raynor and Mrs. Gretchen and Dr. Robert A. Garcia Scholarship**

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

Zach Albertson, D.D.S. 2015

### **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 Horrell Holland.*

Amanda Kerns, D.D.S. 2014

### **Mrs. Margaret & Dr. Bobby C. Raynor and Mrs. Myra and Dr. Monte G. Miska Scholarship**

*The Raynors established this scholarship to honor one of Dr. Raynor's favorite UNC School of Dentistry professors and his wife, the late Dr. Monte G. Miska and Mrs. Myra Phelps Miska.*

Jed Arbon, D.D.S. 2014

### **Mrs. Bertie Eleanor Raynor & Mr. Dervy William Raynor Scholarship**

*The Raynors established this scholarship to honor Dr. Raynor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dervy Raynor.*

W. Charles White, D.D.S. 2016

### **Eugene Rossitch Family Scholarship Fund**

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

Ann Kennedy, D.D.S. 2015

### **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.*

Ivy Brisbin, D.D.S. 2016

### **Jack P. and Grace Silvers Scholarship**

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

Shango Etienne, D.D.S. 2014

Tawana Jenkins, D.D.S. 2014

Brenda Lopez, D.D.S. 2015

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

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

Caitlin Thomas, D.D.S. 2017

### **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.*

Erica Afandor, D.D.S. 2017

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

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

Alyssa Wolff, D.D.S. 2017

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

*Dr. and Mrs. Styers wanted to honor his father and mother with this fund that they established in 1999.*

Jeff Jackson, D.D.S. 2014

### **Tarrson Family Scholarship**

*The members of the Tarrson family have long been staunch supporters and friends of the UNC School of Dentistry, most recently by establishing this merit-based scholarship in an effort to relieve the financial burdens of dental students at UNC.*

Ashley Morgenstern, D.D.S. 2015

### **Lois E. Taylor Scholarship**

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

Kerry Stanistic, D.D.S. 2017

### **Markie Wicker Thomas Memorial Scholarship**

*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.*

Catherine Tippet, D.H. 2014

### **Dr. William "Bill" Tulloch Memorial Scholarship**

*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, NC.*

Annie Brooks, D.D.S. 2014

### **UNC DAA/DFNC Merit Scholarship**

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

Melinda E. Klang, D.D.S. 2016

### **UNC Dental Alumni Association Scholarship**

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

David Baranowski, D.D.S. 2015

Meredith Lasater, D.D.S. 2015

Rebekah McPherson, D.D.S. 2015

Sun Min Lee, D.D.S. 2015

Katherine Payne, D.D.S. 2015

Jason Sanders, D.D.S. 2015

### **UNC School of Dentistry Golf Tournament Scholarship**

*This scholarship was created using proceeds from the school's annual golf tournament, now in its 20th year. The tournament is chaired by Dr. Lynn Smith (D.D.S. '64, M.S. '73) who practices in Sanford with his son, Brian.*

Michael Cvelich, D.D.S. 2016

### **United Concordia Companies, Inc. Scholarship**

*United Concordia Companies, Inc. established this scholarship to show their support for the education of future dental professionals.*

Kwame Gyampo, D.D.S. 2017

Kaushal Gandhi, D.D.S. 2017

### **University Dental Associates Scholarship**

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

Stephanie Rounds, D.D.S. 2015

### **Dr. Michael A. "Mickey" Webb Scholarship**

*Mike and Julie Simmons established this scholarship to honor their family friend and orthodontist Dr. Michael A. "Mickey" Webb, D.D.S. '79.*

Thomas Garrett McDaniel, D.D.S. 2014

### **Bryant Wicker Memorial Scholarship Fund**

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

Katharine Rossitch, D.D.S. 2016

### **James Gurney and Ruth Williams Scholarship**

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

Payam Anvari-Aliabad, D.D.S. 2017

Thomas Brader, D.D.S. 2017

Jamie Martin, D.D.S. 2017

### **Dr. Douglas and Ursula Young Scholarship**

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

Travis Bell, D.D.S. 2015

## FELLOWSHIPS

### **Advanced Education Fellowships**

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

Dr. Julie Elpers, Prosthodontics

Dr. Mike Kelly, Orthodontics

Dr. Danny Mora, Diagnostic Sciences

Ms. Whitney Simonian, Dental Hygiene

### **Ann and G. Randolph Babcock Fellowship**

*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.*

Dr. Sumitha Ahmed, Operative Dentistry

Dr. Silvia Amaya, Operative Dentistry

Dr. Alexandra Boudreau, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Christian Brenes, Prosthodontics

Dr. Alex Delgado, Operative Dentistry

Ms. Kristin Dillow, Dental Hygiene Education

Dr. Jacqueline Hom, Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Austin Leong, Prosthodontics

Dr. James Martin, Orthodontics

Dr. Danny Mora, Diagnostic Sciences

Dr. Tiffany Peters, Diagnostic Sciences

Dr. Kevin Ricker, Pediatric Dentistry

Ms. Whitney Simonian, Dental Hygiene

Dr. Lida Swann, Prosthodontics

## 2013-14 Scholarship and Fellowship Recipients (continued)

### 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. Ross Hunter, Orthodontics  
 Dr. Mike Kelly, Orthodontics  
 Dr. James Martin, Orthodontics  
 Dr. Dana Tang, Orthodontics  
 Dr. Rick Uhlir, Orthodontics  
 Dr. Peter Weber, 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. Maggie Fetner, Pediatric Dentistry  
 Dr. Shijia Hu, Pediatric Dentistry  
 Dr. Felicia Swinney, Pediatric Dentistry

### Andrew M. Brooks Fellowship in Orthodontics

Orthodontist Greg Brooks, D.D.S. '76, M.S. '78, and his wife, Martha, established these fellowships for orthodontic residents in 1993. The fund was established in loving memory of their son, Andrew.

Dr. Tom Covington, Orthodontics  
 Dr. Jillian Meeks Nyquist, Orthodontics  
 Dr. Peter Weber, Orthodontics

### Caldwell-Christensen Fellowship

For students in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry.

Dr. Maggie Fetner, Pediatric Dentistry  
 Dr. Shijia Hu, Pediatric Dentistry  
 Dr. Felicia Swinney, Pediatric Dentistry

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

Dr. Jim Congleton, D.D.S. '75, M.S. '77, who practices pediatric dentistry in New Bern, created this fund to provide support for residents in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry.

Dr. Jenna Alvey, Pediatric Dentistry  
 Dr. Erica Brecher, Pediatric Dentistry  
 Dr. Scott Schwartz, Pediatric Dentistry

### Diane C. Dilley Fellowship

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

Dr. Maggie Fetner, Pediatric Dentistry  
 Dr. Shijia Hu, Pediatric Dentistry  
 Dr. Felicia Swinney, Pediatric Dentistry

### Jack and Renee Dunlevy Fellowship

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

Dr. Ross Hunter, 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. Hsin Chen, Endodontics  
 Ms. Danielle Cunningham, Oral Biology  
 Dr. Austin Davies, Diagnostic Sciences  
 Dr. Mike Kelly, Orthodontics  
 Ms. Christine Kim, Oral Biology  
 Dr. Dana Tang, Orthodontics

### 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. Johnah Galicia, Endodontics  
 Dr. Bashir Hosseini, Endodontics

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

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

Dr. Alex Boudreau, Pediatric Dentistry  
 Dr. Jackie Hom, Pediatric Dentistry  
 Dr. Kevin Ricker, 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. Maggie Fetner, Pediatric Dentistry  
 Dr. Shijia Hu, Pediatric Dentistry  
 Dr. Felicia Swinney, 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. Jenna Alvey, Pediatric Dentistry  
 Dr. Erica Brecher, Pediatric Dentistry  
 Dr. Scott Schwartz, Pediatric Dentistry

### Dr. Theodore Oldenburg Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry

Alumni and friends of D.D.S. '57 and M.S. '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. Alex Boudreau, Pediatric Dentistry  
 Dr. Jackie Hom, Pediatric Dentistry  
 Dr. Kevin Ricker, 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-D.D.S. students pursuing advanced degrees at the School of Dentistry.

Ms. Kristin Dillow, Dental Hygiene  
 Ms. Jessica Holloman, Dental Hygiene  
 Ms. Brittany Minichbauer, Dental Hygiene

## why I GIVE

“It was Just  
 a Matter of  
 When  
 I Would  
 Give Back.”



Elliott

Of the 10 pediatric dentistry residency programs that Robert “Bobby” Elliott, M.S. '98, applied to, he received interviews at all ten of them. Of all the places he visited during that process, the UNC School of Dentistry pediatric dentistry residency program was the one that made the biggest impact on him.

“When the National Match results were announced and I’d matched with UNC, I felt like it was the first step of the next part of my life,” he said. “I just knew — from day one of the interview process — that this was the place I wanted to be.”

Elliott, who hails from Louisville, Kentucky, graduated from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry in 1995. After completing his residency at UNC, he settled just a few miles away from Chapel Hill and opened his own practice in Cary, N.C. in 1998.

“By the second year out of residency, I was at a point where I could give back to UNC,” said Elliott. “For me, it was never a question of ‘Will I give back?’ It was always just a matter of *when* I would give back.”

For Elliott, the people that came before him and made his financial burden lighter had a profound impact on him. He credits one of his mentors, Jim Congleton, D.D.S. '75, with showing him the importance of giving back through financial contributions and also contributions of time and mentorship.

“Dr. Congleton was influential in my understanding that it was our job as graduates to invest back into the program. We had the benefit of a quality education and it was up to us to determine, in some ways, the longevity and quality of the program after we graduated,” explained Elliott.

He also appreciated the caliber — both personally and professionally — of his

instructors in the program. Every one of his faculty members have been influential to his education and career path.

“We were hand-selected by some of the best pediatric dental educators in the nation,” said Elliott. “It was an honor to be chosen to be a part of this program. From day one of my interview at UNC, I felt the pride beginning to grow about being a part of this program.”

Since that second year in practice, not only has Elliott expanded his office to include his associate Julie Molina, D.D.S. '05, M.S. '08, but he also contributes to the Dental Foundation of North Carolina (DFNC) to help students in two ways. He is contributing regularly to establish an endowment, the Robert D. Elliott Fellowship Fund, to benefit pediatric dental residents. In addition, he makes an annual expendable gift to present the Shelia F. Harris Award for dental assisting students in honor of his dental assistant and clinical manager, Shelia Harris.

“For a while, I wanted to remain anonymous as the donor of these funds. As time passed, I realized that I should share the information about the funds and, hopefully, encourage others to also consider giving back to the program,” said Elliott.

Like most in the dental field, Elliott derives a lot of joy from helping others. That goes not only for his patients and their families, but also for his current and future colleagues. By contributing to the DFNC, Elliott feels like he’s able to help his colleagues be successful in their education and future careers.

“The people that helped me — I can’t repay them directly,” he said. “But I can pay it forward by helping those coming up behind me with the gift of stewardship.”

## Quallen Begins as Assistant Director of Development

Nicole Quallen has joined the Office of Advancement staff as the assistant director of development. This position was previously held by Sarah Huppert.



Quallen

phonathon campaigns. She will also focus her fundraising on unrestricted funds, which support the school and its departments, student aid and faculty support funds, class gifts and capital projects. Additionally, Quallen will serve as the executive director of the Dental Alumni Association.

“We are delighted to have Nicole join our Office of Advancement,” said Paul Gardner, associate dean for advancement. “Nicole is smart, organized, and personable. She has done excellent work with the other organizations she has worked with, and we’re confident she’ll continue to strengthen our annual fund and Dental Alumni Association.”

Quallen is a graduate of Clark University in Worcester, Mass., and earned her J.D. with honors from the UNC School of Law. Prior to joining the UNC School of Dentistry, Quallen worked in events and fundraising positions with REACH: Rewarding Achievement, Inc., Education Reform Now, and All Star Code — all in New York City — and currently serves as a member of the Board of Benevolence Farm in Carrboro, N.C.

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“I am so excited to be back on the UNC Chapel Hill campus, and to be working to support the School of Dentistry,” said Quallen. “I believe that Carolina is a uniquely awesome place — a truly public university excelling at research and education, and a happy and healthy place to be. I am already enjoying building relationships with students, faculty, friends and alumni of the dental school.”

As assistant director of development, Quallen will lead the annual fund program, coordinating direct mail, web and

## Message from the UNCDAA President



Hollowell

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*Dear Alumni,*

Over the past semester, it has been my pleasure to serve as president of the UNC Dental Alumni Association. It is an honor to serve you, my fellow alumni, in this capacity.

This semester was a time of transition for the UNCDAA. Sarah Huppert, who had served as our executive director since 2010, was promoted to a new role within the Office of Advancement in late 2013. In March, Nicole Quallen joined the Office of Advancement staff as the assistant director of advancement and the UNCDAA executive director. We’re grateful for all Sarah did to serve our organization over the last three years, and we’re looking forward to working with Nicole. She has a lot of great ideas and I think each of you will enjoy getting to know her. You can read more about Nicole and her new appointment in this issue of NCDR.

I’ve had the opportunity to see many of you over the last few months at school and local dental events. I want to especially thank those of you who joined us for your D.D.S. Class Reunions during the third annual Best of Dentistry Weekend. We were pleased to welcome more than 150 of you back to Chapel Hill to reconnect with your classmates, and I hope that you were also able to revisit some of your favorite Chapel Hill restaurants or hangouts. You’ll find a recap of the weekend events in the fall issue of the NCDR, but I couldn’t pass up the opportunity to thank each of you now for your attendance.

I hope many of you were able to join us at the NCDS annual session in May. We had good attendance at our UNCDAA Breakfast and Annual Meeting, and at the Student/Mentor Reception. The school again co-sponsored that event with NCDS and the ECU School of Dental Medicine.

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

All the best,

Robert Hollowell, D.D.S. '86  
President, UNC Dental Alumni Association

## Huppert Promoted to Regional Director of Development

The School of Dentistry is pleased to announce the promotion of Sarah B. Huppert (formerly Andrews) to regional director of development in the Office of Advancement. This promotion was effective November 2013. In her new position, she will be responsible for major gifts fundraising in South Carolina and eastern North Carolina.



Huppert

Huppert joined the School of Dentistry as assistant director of development, responsible for the school’s annual fund

and UNC Dental Alumni Association, in September 2010. Prior to joining the School of Dentistry, she was assistant director for gift planning operations within the Office of University Development. In that role, she managed life income programs, the Charles Gerrard Legacy Society, the biannual Carolina Living Legends meeting, and marketing and stewardship initiatives, among other responsibilities.

Before joining University Development in 2007, she was a planned giving assistant with the UNC Center for Public Television. She received her Bachelor of Arts in sociology and justice and policy studies

in 2001 from Guilford College and was a Presidential Scholar from 1997 to 2001. She earned her Master of Public Administration from James Madison University in 2003.

“We are delighted that Sarah will be stepping up to this new role in our Office of Advancement,” said Paul Gardner, associate dean for advancement. “She has done a terrific job directing our annual giving program and the UNC Dental Alumni Association, and we know she’ll continue to excel when she works with alumni and friends who want to support the School of Dentistry with major gifts.”

# classNOTES

## 1980s

**Stuart Whiddon, D.D.S. '80**, served six weeks as a civilian volunteer dentist aboard the U.S. Navy's USNS Mercy hospital ship



as part of the Pacific Partnership 2012 in Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia. His portion of the mission provided oral surgery services onboard and on land to more than 8,000 citizens of North Sulawesi, Indonesia and Samar, Philippines. He also provided CE to local dental providers. Once home, he applied for and received a commission as lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Reserve Dental Corps and completed Direct Commission Officer School in Newport, R.I. He is honored to serve alongside the many young men and women of the U.S. Navy who sacrifice much for our country.

**John Saunders, D.D.S. '82**, wants to thank everyone for their support with his Spartan novels and Wicked Monkey Productions. "Frequency," the web series, is filming its third season. "Compound Fracture" is currently scheduled to be on DVD in May, and "The Mangled" has begun filming. He plans to start filming "Penance Lane" in Ramseur, N.C. in late June and is also in the process of developing a TV pilot for a show set in N.C.

**Beth Flocco Clark, B.S.D.H. '85**, is now an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Dental Hygiene at Wake Technical Community College in Raleigh, N.C.

## 1990s

**Rachel Wall, B.S.D.H. '96**, has been named one of the Top 25 Women in Dentistry by Dental Products Report. She was also a speaker at the 2014 Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta.

## 2000s

**Robert Cherry III, D.D.S. '08**, recently announced that his pediatric dental practice would merge with Dimock & Weinberg, which is owned by **Adam Weinberg, D.D.S. '98** and **Julia B. Dimock, D.D.S. '97**. The new practice, called Dimock, Weinberg & Cherry, is in Wilmington, N.C.

**George "Chip" Getz, D.D.S. '09**, and Veronica Lynn Acut (alumnae of Gillings School of Global Public Health) were married in April in Charlotte. There, Chip is in private practice and was recently elected the vice president of the Charlotte Dental Society. He also continues to serve on the advisory board for the hygiene program at Central Piedmont Community College. Last year, he received a fellowship award from the Academy of General Dentistry at their annual meeting. His wife, Veronica, is the department administrator for general surgery at the Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. She is also active with the Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte and the Mint Museum.

## A Reunion Every Six Months for D.H. 1960

The Dental Hygiene Class of 1960 hasn't let much of anything stop them from spending time together. Every six months for the last 25 years, the group has gathered for a variety of activities with the sole purpose of staying in touch.

The group has stayed long weekends at each other's homes, taken week-long vacations, toured the White House and visited Jamestown while Queen Elizabeth II was in town. But without fail, they convene somewhere every six months.

Barbara Lail, B.S.D.H. '60, writes, "When just out of high school, we had to have thought that the program 'just happened.' Now in our 70s, we're full of questions about the beginning. We listened as Ms. Alberta Dolan, founder and director of the program, explained how everything came into place. She had worked so hard." Dolan hosted the group recently for lunch at Carol Woods.



**FRONT ROW:** Joyce Carter Dulin, Judy Harward Hiley, Jackie Rice Riggsbee, Ms. Alberta Dolan, Wanda Ware Entwistle, Laura Overcash Bruno, Barbara Smith Johnson. **SECOND ROW:** Sue Dent Denton, Peggy Parker Schlapkohl, Barbara Justice Lail. **NOT PICTURED:** Ginger Shaver Watson, Sandra Laws Finch.



# Helpful Information

## ▶ Online Professional Posting Service

This helpful service to members of the UNC Dental Alumni Association is at [www.dentistry.unc.edu/alumni/opps/](http://www.dentistry.unc.edu/alumni/opps/). As a DAA member you can list the sale of your practice, available office space for lease, 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.

## ▶ Make Your Annual Fund Donation Today

Unrestricted gifts to the annual fund directly support the School of Dentistry's alumni activities, faculty and students. To make your tax-deductible annual fund contribution by mail, send a check or write in your credit card information on the gift form enclosed and return it to the Dental Foundation of North Carolina. To make an online contribution, visit <http://giving.unc.edu/gift/sod>. Thanks for your support! Your contributions make a difference!

## ▶ Changes of Address

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## ▶ Send Us Your News

Share your news with classmates and friends through "Alumni Notes." What to send? We'd love to hear about changes in your practice, family events, leadership in dentistry, community leadership, travels and hobbies, and more. Email your news to [alumni@dentistry.unc.edu](mailto:alumni@dentistry.unc.edu).



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