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From the Dean

Dear Alumni and Friends,

I am thrilled to be back at UNC Adams School of Dentistry, and it's been a treat to revisit the things I've missed here at Carolina and to discover all the new activities and efforts going on at our school. I have embraced these new beginnings and treasure my new and renewed relationships with colleagues, the passion and determination I have witnessed from our community, and the present opportunity to build and expand on our vision for Adams School of Dentistry, together. I am delighted to get to know you, to work with you and to serve as your Dean.



One of the things I truly enjoy as dean is engaging with our alumni. You are wonderful representatives of our school – our ambassadors across North Carolina and beyond – and serve as role models for our students. I am inspired by your many contributions that make OUR school so special! We would not be the school we are today without your expertise, support and outreach, and I am grateful that you are part of our dental school family.

Prior to my arrival, Ed Swift played an instrumental role as interim dean and has led in a variety of roles for the school during his storied career at UNC. I am grateful to Ed for his service as interim dean and his continued dedication to the school as I've taken the reins. Ed, along with others on the leadership team, the faculty, staff, students and alumni have assisted in my transition. I'm looking forward to partnering with you and our academic family in building on our culture and continuing our forward momentum.

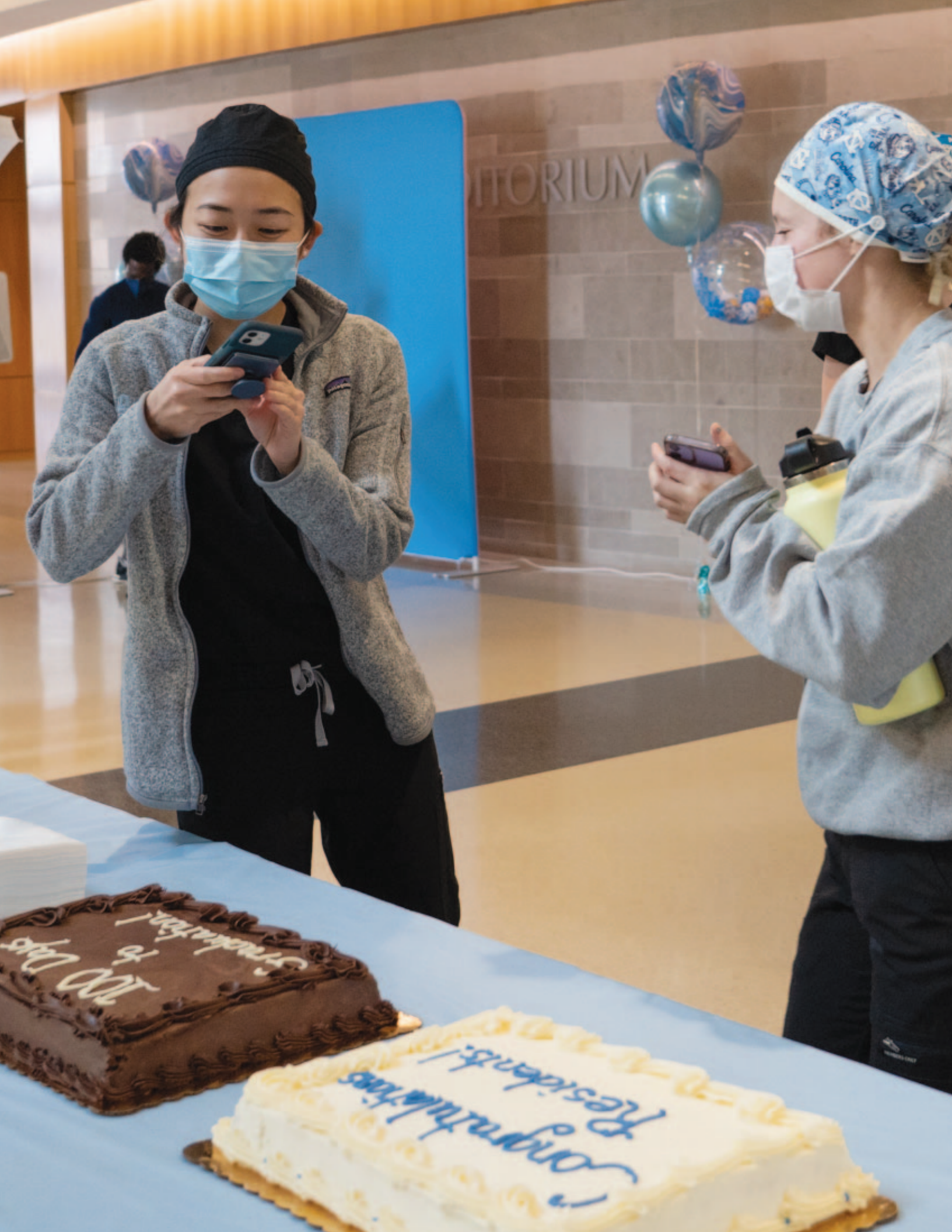
I hope you'll enjoy seeing our community in action in the coming pages. You'll read about some alumni accomplishments and achievements, including the launch of a sugar-free candy company and a fellowship dedicated to pediatric dentistry. You'll learn more about how our students are excelling in their education and succeeding at every level. You'll see wonderful moments captured from many events, including commencement! I hope you enjoy reading the stories and learning more about what's going on here at Adams School of Dentistry.

Thank you for everything you do to support the leadership team, the faculty and staff, and the students here at Adams School of Dentistry. We are a wonderful team together, and I look forward to continuing to work with you and making this a wonderful place to learn, work and succeed.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet M. Guthmiller". The script is elegant and cursive.

Janet M. Guthmiller, DDS, PhD
Dean, UNC Adams School of Dentistry



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“A Special Place”

New dean builds on culture, experience to lead UNC Adams School of Dentistry

“Adams School of Dentistry is a special place where students can learn from the finest faculty and staff, taking that knowledge out into their communities, and then leading the way as dental professionals, making an impact on patients and their families,” new dean Janet Guthmiller said.

Guthmiller, the Dr. Claude A. Adams Distinguished Professor, previously served as the dean at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry for eight years and began her new role as dean of Adams School of Dentistry on October 15, 2022, after a national search.

In her previous role in Nebraska, Guthmiller led dental programs serving more than 300 students across five campuses. A proponent for public service, Guthmiller focused on increasing oral health services to the underserved in

Nebraska and encouraged graduates to work in rural areas with underserved populations.

Her experience in private practice, academia and administration was part of her selection as the dental school's next dean, and it all started during her childhood in Orange City, Iowa. She came from a family of health care providers — her father was a physician and her mother was a nurse. Her sisters are also in health care — a dietitian and an OB GYN. She was interested in health care and curious about the dental profession, so she decided to explore dental hygiene first, knowing it would be a wonderful profession and expose her to the field of oral health care. During her dental hygiene education, Guthmiller knew she wanted to pursue dentistry.

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Guthmiller meets with Adams School of Dentistry faculty members during an introductory lunch.



Guthmiller enjoys a sunny day with Rachael Purvis Veazey, DDS '23, at a reception celebrating the graduating classes of 2023.

After completing the hygiene program at the University of South Dakota, she completed her predoctoral requirements at Northwestern College in Orange City and practiced for a short time as a dental hygienist. She went on to earn her DDS from the University of Iowa while her husband worked on his master's degree in business administration. She then pursued her periodontal certificate and a doctorate in cellular and structural biology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio as part of the NIH sponsored Dentist-Scientist program.

Her career evolution as a professor at the University of Maryland (1993-1997), University of Iowa (1997-2007), and academic dean at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry (2007-2014) and dean at

UNMC College of Dentistry (2014-2022) was fueled by her mentors and the support of her family — including two daughters — Katie who has a master's degree in public health and Emily who plans to pursue veterinary medicine.

She has received many awards throughout her career, but the ones she remembers most fondly are the ones selected by students. "Teaching awards and mentoring awards are so meaningful because you realize the lives you've had an impact on," she said. "I really got to do it all in academics. I love the diversity of what I have been able to do. I love teaching, I had an active research lab supported by NIH and have mentored many students and residents; and I had a robust periodontal practice until I became

more involved in administration."

As the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Adams School of Dentistry, Guthmiller led 12 programs through the accreditation self-studies and a successful site visit in 2010. In her return to Carolina, she is working to shape the new vision for Adams School of Dentistry, relying on the ASOD community, starting at the grass-roots level. Since her arrival in October 2022, she has been engaged with faculty and staff, students, and alumni to listen and learn and gather their feedback. She challenged the school community to address nine different areas across the school, forming focus groups based on identified areas of need. The groups are working on areas including creating a strategic vision, creating a culture of

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excellence and wellness, staff and professional development, communications, the creation of an ambassador program, the patient experience, clinic finances, EPIC deployment and training and redesigning the school's websites.

"These focus groups are working hard and coming up with short and long-term

goals for each of these areas to help us solidify our strategic vision," Guthmiller said. "These groups are led by and driven by our community — staff, faculty and students — who have a vested interest in making our school a better place."

To Guthmiller, a better place also means a robust learning environment for students and residents to learn from the best and brightest faculty and staff and ultimately lead the way in the oral health profession after graduation and as they transition into their oral health careers.

After many hours spent on the details, the new curriculum and student assessment pieces have already garnered national attention for UNC Adams School of Dentistry. "At a recent national meeting, our faculty were presenting our new curriculum and our assessment of students in the new curriculum, and it was standing room only. Everyone across the nation is so excited to hear about the great work the Adams School of Dentistry faculty are doing, including enacting the new curriculum and looking at the new assessment piece. It's

wonderful to see this come to fruition and see it implemented. The faculty have worked hard on this and should be very proud of what they've accomplished," Guthmiller said.

ASOD faculty and staff are also focused on being a research resource for the public and growing the research enterprise. There are a number of research collaborations happening across UNC's campus, and oral health is a key component in several areas.

When Guthmiller returned to UNC, she was excited to see the growth in outreach and a renewed focus on providing more services to the underserved through student-led initiatives and the Dentistry in Service to Community program.

In addition, ASOD is actively recruiting the world's best oral health professionals to join our dental family, helping create a community that's dedicated to one another and ultimately, to oral health.

"A current top priority for Adams School of Dentistry is recruiting and retaining amazing faculty and staff and recruiting amazing students. As we think about that as a priority, we ask ourselves 'how do we create an environment that we know will excite people?' We want to draw people to us, make this a place where people want to come to work and learn, where they feel rewarded, and they feel valued. Every day, we look at how we treat people, how we value our people, and how we recognize people. We want to celebrate our community," Guthmiller said.



Guthmiller poses with Grayson, the pediatric dentistry service dog, and Azadeh Perry, clinical operations manager in pediatric dentistry.

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A New Reality Brings Renewed Resilience

Pandemic challenges lead to new strengths for Adams School of Dentistry students and residents

A new reality set in for UNC Adams School of Dentistry during the early months of 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic created a new set of rules for everyone, shifting classes and lectures online, moving meetings to a virtual space and even shutting down operations. While faculty and staff learned to work and teach using virtual tools, students were forced to forge a new path for both education and training, using creativity and raw talent to make their dental education work for them, despite the hardships of the pandemic.

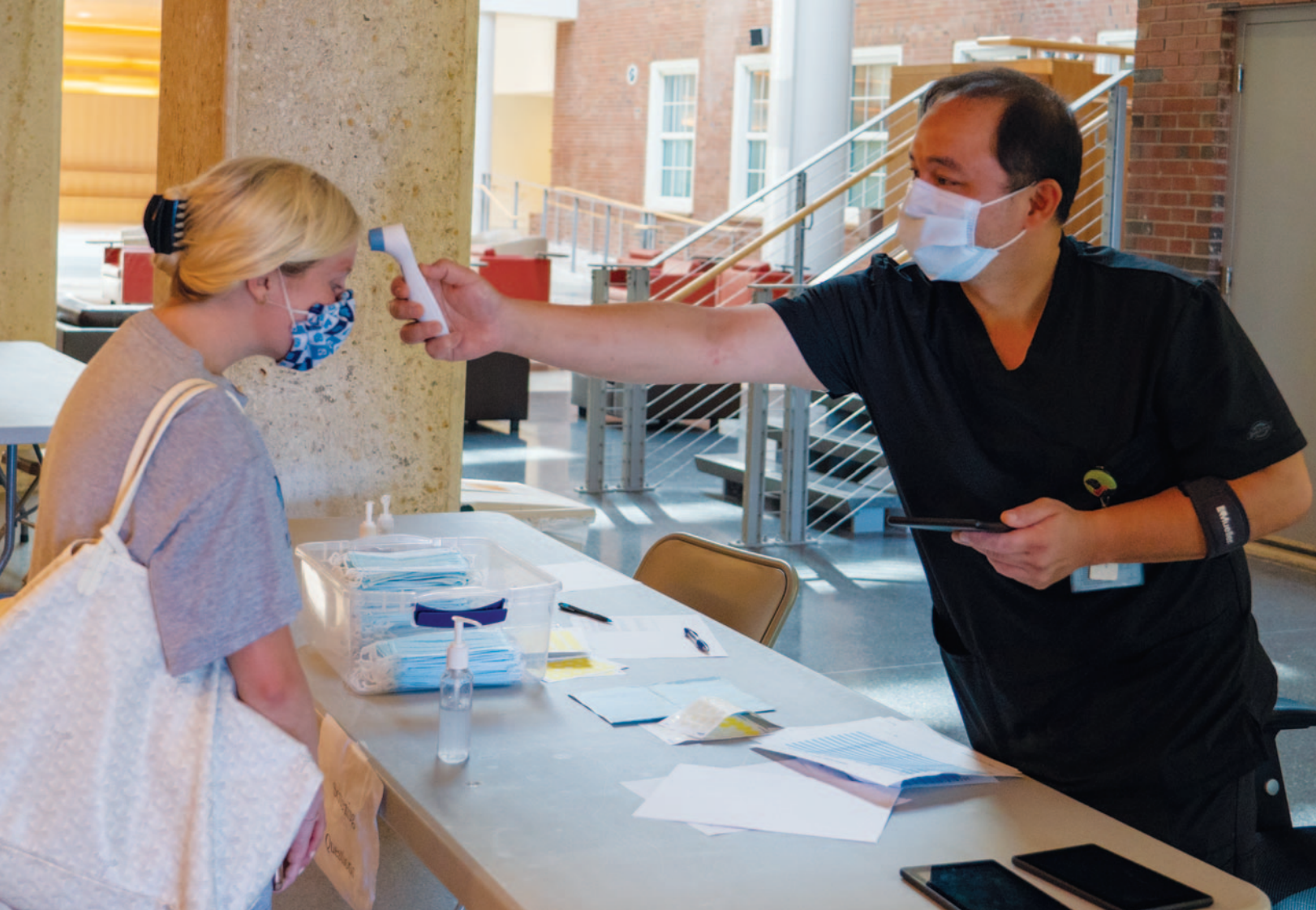
The resiliency of our student body is a testament to their dedication to learning and the care they displayed during the past three years as they learned and practiced oral health care in a setting that was always changing, based on forces beyond their control.

The timing was especially difficult for Kiner's class, as she was in her third year of school, a key juncture when students start putting their education into practice in clinical settings.

“There was constant fear and anxiety that we would not be able to complete requirements, and there was always the looming threat of a mandatory fifth year if things didn't change,” Kiner said. “A mild comfort at the time was knowing that other dental students across the country were going through the same, if not worse, situation. It became necessary to focus on my day-to-day rather than the future because it was too overwhelming and scary as there were many ‘what ifs’ that were closer to real possibilities than conjecture at that point.”

“After March 14, 2020, our dental education was truly never the same. When we first heard that we would not be returning to school, my first concern was ‘when are we going to take our pharmacology test?’ Although we still had to take the exam, we did not return to school until August, 2020. Initially I only thought we would be out of school for two weeks, maybe a month, and I never expected the entire world to completely shut down and for us to start dental school online,” said Emily Kiner, DDS, ‘22.

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New protocols, including masking, social distancing and temperature checks were part of a new COVID-19 reality.



Clockwise, from top left:

Clinics had limited hours and reduced staff members during the pandemic.

Students participated in Give Kids A Smile Day as part of community outreach and service efforts.

Masked classes made for challenging lectures for Adams School of Dentistry students during the pandemic.

Faculty were also challenged to create a new type of learning environment to meet the needs of their students, help them fulfill their educational requirements and still impart knowledge in an accessible way, despite separation of six feet or further, on a virtual stage.

“Educators had a hard time, and it wasn’t as easy to see it from student perspectives,” said Wendy Clark, PhD, prosthodontics faculty member. “We tried everything to make the transition from hybrid to in-person as easy as possible. I kept remote options and hybrid learning when I could. I would do a recording, and have extra videos I shared. I didn’t want to take the hybrid option away from the students. It takes time but they appreciate that.”



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While the uncertainty was difficult, it also allowed some students to take a step back and carefully consider next steps while things were still in flux. Shadoe Stewart, DDS ’22, a periodontology resident, said the pandemic caused a huge disruption to his dental education, but he was able to find a silver lining.

“The interruption was a nice break from the monotony of dental school classes and clinic,” Stewart said. “It allowed me the unique opportunity to step out of my routine in dental school and re-envision some aspects of my dental school experience. Without the break, I don’t believe that I would have recognized the opportunity to improve the way student Teaching Assistants are connected with course professors. I certainly would not have been able to invite speakers from across the country, including program directors for prosthodontics residency programs to come and speak to our students without the culture shift to Zoom meetings. So, while the challenges of distance learning were certainly there, the opportunities were there too, if you were looking.”

Other students gained new perspectives during the pandemic, creating a better mind-set for them moving forward as oral health care professionals.

“As a health care provider, I was reminded that understanding perspectives beyond my own was absolutely crucial. Being able-bodied and healthy is such a privilege and being able to work toward the final step of becoming a doctor is a privilege,” said orthodontics resident Beatrice Williams, DDS ’21. “In hindsight, I am immensely grateful that we were able to frontload the remaining didactic and non-clinical seminars to the summer while we were conducting virtual learning in the meantime. In short, I have come to learn that perspective is key and that meetings can often be an email.”

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In addition to working through logistical challenges, faculty turnover and administrative changes caused some uncertainty until new leadership took the reins at the school. As we move away from a reactive model of work and education to

a more proactive perspective, students can look back at a chaotic time and know they came through hardships and are better health care providers because of it.

“I am SO grateful for my ASOD education,” said Williams. “Our access to technology was second to none. I can’t say how happy I am that I truly feel I had a modern dental education. Thanks to ASOD, I had a great deal of experience with intraoral scanning (for diagnostics, crown and bridge, and implants), milling, 3D printing, photography, and advanced laboratory communication. Our didactics were very strong, and our faculty were so friendly. I still reach out to several of them often for questions or to chat. I definitely miss them!”



Celebrating Match Day 2022 and 100 Days to Graduation

We are so excited for our **34 students in the DDS Class of 2022 who matched** with a MATCH or non-MATCH program to further advance their education! Congratulations to these amazing oral health professionals! Take a look at their next steps:

Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center
Brooklyn Hospital Center
Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine
Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University
East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine
Indiana University Health - Riley Children's Hospital
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education
McGuire VA Medical Center

Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry
Texas A&M University School of Dentistry
The University of Tennessee Health Science Center - College of Dentistry
United States Air Force Advanced Education in General Dentistry
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of California - Los Angeles
University of California - San Francisco
University of Cincinnati Dental Center
University of Colorado Children's Hospital Colorado

University of Florida College of Dentistry
University of Minnesota School of Dentistry
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Adams School of Dentistry
University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Dentistry
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Dentistry
University of Utah
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry



Celebrating Match Day 2023 and 100 Days to Graduation

We are so proud of our **40 students in the DDS Class of 2023** who **matched** with a MATCH or non-MATCH program to further advance their education! Congratulations Tar Heels! See where they're going next:

Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center
Carilion Medical Center, VA
Case Western Reserve University
Children's National Hospital, D.C.
Cincinnati Children's Medical Center
Johnston Memorial Hospital - Abingdon, VA
Johnston Memorial Hospital - Foundry Dental Center of Bessemer, AL
Medical University of South Carolina
James B Edwards College of Dental Medicine

Mountain Area Health Education Center, N.C.
Navy Medical Center
New York-Presbyterian Kids/Columbia
Ohio State University
Rocky Mountain VA Medical Center
United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO
University of Florida College of Dentistry - Seminole
University of Florida Health
University of Illinois - Chicago

University of Louisville
University of Michigan
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Adams School of Dentistry
University of Pennsylvania
University of Tennessee
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
University of Texas School of Dentistry - Houston
University of Washington
Veteran Affairs Medical Center, Fayetteville, NC



On Friday, May 6, 2022, students gathered in the Carmichael Arena to celebrate their many varied accomplishments. The UNC Adams School of Dentistry graduated 86 Doctors of Dental Surgery, 24 Dental Hygienists, and 39 Residents.

Congratulations, Class of 2022!



Celebrating the Class of 2022





On Friday, May 12, 2023, students gathered in the Carmichael Arena to celebrate their many varied accomplishments. The UNC Adams School of Dentistry graduated 90 Doctors of Dental Surgery, 22 Dental Hygienists, and 36 Residents.

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Days of Service

Wednesday, October 6, 2021, was the school's seventh annual DEAH DAY (Directing Efforts And Honoring Deah And Yusor). See all the ways the UNC Adams School of Dentistry community shared the spirit of giving back in memory of Deah and Yusor.

353 volunteers

1,256 hours of service

33 sites across the Triangle

\$8,206 worth of estimated in-kind care provided

575 people/families served

DEAH DAY honors the memory of the late Deah Barakat and Yusor Abu-Salha. Barakat, a member of the school's DDS Class of 2017, and Abu-Salha, an incoming member of the DDS Class of 2019, were two of three victims of a fatal shooting in February, 2015.

Following their deaths, students at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry wanted to establish something that would truly represent Barakat and Abu-Salha, and that could encourage future students to give back to their community the way Barakat and Abu-Salha did during their lives.





Governor Roy Cooper joined us at The Light House Project to help pack oral hygiene products.

On Wednesday, October 12, 2022, the eighth DEAH DAY, 407 volunteers provided **1,450 hours of service** in the Triangle.

Volunteers worked at four of the school’s student-led free dental clinics — DYOR Clinic in Raleigh, Pride Clinic in Carrboro, HSDA Outreach Clinic held in the student clinics, and CAARE Clinic in Durham —providing \$8,533 in in-kind care to patients. The full impact of the day includes:

27 bags of trash collected	311 meals delivered
40 bags of groceries delivered	380 children taught oral hygiene
45 lbs of food packaged	592 families served
78 procedures performed	1,800 weeds pulled
35 miles of shoreline cleaned	13,125 diapers donated



In Memoriam

Dr. Matt Wood

Matt Wood, DDS '58, MS '68, a Prosthodontics faculty member for 52 years, passed away November 1, 2022. He was 90 years old.

Wood graduated from UNC Chapel Hill in 1954 and UNC Adams School of Dentistry in 1958. The Enfield, N.C., native joined the school's faculty as an instructor in the Department of Removable Prosthodontics following his graduation. In 1966, he resigned to pursue his master's degree in prosthodontics, which he completed in 1968 prior to rejoining the Department of Prosthodontics faculty. Wood served as chair of the department from 1976-88, during which time he established the maxillofacial prosthetics service at UNC. Wood retired from his full-time position at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry in December 1994 and remained an adjunct professor in the Department of Prosthodontics for an additional 16 years.

During his tenure at UNC, Wood implemented an innovative television-assisted approach to complete denture clinical instruction, which continues to evolve with technology and be used today. He was also instrumental in the establishment of the school's



summer community service rotation site at the Cherokee Indian Hospital. His innovation and dedication to the school and students was honored in 1985 when he was named the recipient of the Dr. Richard F. Hunt, Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence in Pre-Doctoral Teaching and again in 2009 with a Certificate of Educational Excellence for Teaching presented by the Department of Prosthodontics.

A leader in the UNC Dental Alumni Association (UNCDA), Wood served on the board for several years and as president from 1969-70. He was later honored with the UNCDA Distinguished Service Award in 1992, and in 2008 was given the same award by the Dental Foundation of North Carolina. He also held memberships in several professional organizations, including the American Dental Association, the International College of Dentists, The American Prosthodontic Society, The American College of Prosthodontics, and the Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics.

The school's Department of Prosthodontics honored him in 2012 with the creation of an endowment fund and an annual continuing education program. The Dr. Matthew T. Wood Faculty Support Endowment Fund supports clinical teaching in the Department of Prosthodontics, including the recruitment and retention of clinical faculty.

Dr. Ray Williams

Dr. Ray C. Williams, periodontist, dental educator, mentor, researcher, world traveler, raconteur, devoted husband, loving father, father-in-law, and grandfather, caring brother and uncle, and gracious friend, died October 28, 2021. He was 77 years old.

Ray was a mentor to so many wonderful individuals, be they dental students or others that he came across later in life. Some of his greatest pleasures came from watching people succeed, and you could see it when he bragged on those with whom he had worked, but especially his family.

After attending Samford University, Ray moved to the University of Alabama Dental School in Birmingham where he graduated with honors before attending Harvard School of Dental Medicine for his periodontal training. It was at Harvard where Ray began his career as a dental educator, serving as the associate dean for postdoctoral education and head of the Department of Periodontology until 1994.

Upon leaving Harvard in 1994, Ray embarked on another life-changing journey when he came to Chapel Hill, to serve as a distinguished professor and the chair of the Department of Periodontology at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry, a position



he held and loved for many years. Finally, Ray left North Carolina and moved to Stony Brook University where he served as dean of the School of Dental Medicine before retiring and moving back to Chapel Hill.

Throughout his career in these wonderful places, Ray was the recipient of many prestigious awards, including the American Academy of Periodontology's (AAP) Outstanding Educator Award; the AAP Gold Medal (the highest award to be bestowed on a member of the Academy); Harvard's Paul Goldhaber Award (recognizing someone whose work in dentistry has garnered international recognition); The UNC-Chapel Hill Teaching Award (the highest campus-wide recognition for teaching excellence); and the John C. Brauer Award (recognizing a lifetime of service to the UNC Adams School of Dentistry), among others.

Ray endowed The Joan Lash and Ray Williams Fellowship in Periodontics Fund to support UNC Adams School of Dentistry periodontology residents.

Dr. Gene Holland

Dr. Gene A. Holland passed away peacefully at his home, with his wife by his side, on October 31, 2021. He was 79 years old.

Gene grew up in Marion, North Carolina. He attended Glenwood High School where he was valedictorian and played on the varsity baseball and basketball teams. He went on to Brevard College where he earned an Associate's degree in 1963, and played on the varsity baseball team. He received his undergraduate degree from UNC in 1965.

In 1968, he graduated with honors from the UNC Adams School of Dentistry. After serving on the faculty here for two years, he enrolled in the Graduate Restorative Dentistry program at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he graduated with a Master's degree.



He then returned to UNC Adams, where he served with distinction in various capacities until 1996, when he retired from the University. At UNC he served in the Department of Prosthodontics as the Director of the Graduate Program and as Chairman of the Department. In 1996, he was awarded the Dr. Richard F. Hunt, Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence in Pre-Doctoral Teaching.

That same year he established his own private practice in Fayetteville, North Carolina, where he practiced until the fall of 2011. After moving to Flat Rock, he practiced part-time at the office of Dr. Jack Teague in Asheville from 2011 to 2019, when he retired. In 2005, he was awarded The North Carolina Dental School Meritorious Achievement Award. That same year he was recognized by the UNC Prosthodontic Alumni Association for his excellence in teaching. He received numerous other awards from the dental society for his service and was an active member of many prosthodontic organizations. Gene was a dedicated and much-loved mentor by the hundreds of dentists he helped train over the years.

Dr. Robert Lee Warren

Dr. Robert Lee Warren, DDS '72, was born on July 20, 1943 and remained in Watauga County for 79 years where he lived a full life dedicated to his family, community, and dentistry.

Warren was dedicated to dentistry for 47 years. He opened his general practice doors in 1972 and dedicated his life to providing high-quality care to the people of Boone and surrounding communities.

He served as an adjunct faculty member at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry for 25 years, served on the Board of Directors of the Dental Alumni Association, and as Grand Master of the Graduate Chapter of Delta Sigma Delta. He was a proud alumnus



of the Pankey Institute, a Fellow of the International College of Dentists, and a Master in the Academy of General Dentistry. Dr. Warren was also a founding member and past president of the Tar Heel Dental Study Club and held membership with several dental organizations. He was honored in 2018 by the Dental Alumni Association with a

Distinguished Service Award for his service to the dental profession. He donated time charitably to UNC and UNC Adams School of Dentistry, a place that gave him so much throughout the years.

Dr. Frank Webb McCracken

Frank Webb McCracken III, BDS '60, DDS '63, passed away March 19, 2022. He was 82 years old.

A Morehead Scholar, he was a member of the Delta Sigma Delta Dental Fraternity and was inducted into Omicron Kappa Upsilon.

After graduation, Webb joined the United States Army and was assigned to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, to serve as a captain in the U.S. Army Dental Corps. At the end of his service, Webb was awarded the Army Commendation Medal.

After the Army, Webb returned to his hometown of Sanford where his



grandfather had practiced dentistry. Webb had a private practice from 1965 until 1968 when he was invited to become a member of the faculty at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry where he served in various positions. Named Professor of Removable Prosthodontics in 1978, Webb also served as Assistant Dean for Administration from 1984 to 1990. Before retiring in 1997, Webb served as Director of the Prosthodontic Clinic. He was a Fellow in the International College of Dentists, served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Dental Foundation of NC for many years, and was President of the UNC Dental Alumni Association (1990-91).

In his many duties at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry, nothing was more rewarding to Webb than his role of teacher. He was so honored to receive multiple Faculty Appreciation Awards and cherished the special friendships he had with many of his colleagues, both faculty and staff, at the dental school.

Ms. Alberta Dolan

Former Dental Hygiene Program Director, Alberta Beat Dolan passed away February 10, 2023, at the age of 103. Dolan leaves behind a monumental legacy as the first dental hygienist appointed to the faculty of the UNC Adams School of Dentistry as Assistant Professor. A native of Kansas and a graduate of Columbia University and the University of Washington, she came to Chapel Hill in January 1953, following several years of dental assisting and seven years of dental hygiene teaching and office practice experience in Kansas, New York, and Seattle.

In 1953, Dolan became the acting Dental Hygiene Program Director at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry, where she remained until 1967, before becoming the Director of the Dental Auxiliary Teaching Program in 1968. Alberta authored chapters in *Clinical Dental Hygiene* (1968) and *Comprehensive Review for Dental Hygienist* (1965 and 1968), and she served as president of the Supreme Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Honor Society and Vice

President (for Auxiliaries) of the American Association of Dental Schools. Dolan remained a valued faculty member until her retirement in 1981. In the years following, Alberta remained a loyal Tar Heel through and through; she always enjoyed watching and hearing about the UNC basketball team.

Upon her retirement, alumni and friends of the department worked with the Dental Foundation of North Carolina to establish the Alberta B. Dolan Scholarship in Dolan's honor. This need-based scholarship is awarded annually, and in perpetuity, to deserving hygiene students. Before the pandemic, one of her favorite things to do was meet the recipients of the scholarship. Dolan's passion and legacy for the UNC Adams School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Program continue through the program today and through the students her scholarship supports.



Dr. George Greco



Dr. George W. Greco passed away March 20, 2022. He was 89 years old. George grew up in the small Maryland town of Emmitsburg, a community of 1,100 people. He attended Saint Joseph's High School, where he was valedictorian in a class of 26 students. Graduating in 1950, he lived at home and received a bachelor's degree in science at Mount St. Mary's college, where his father was a professor on the faculty for 45 years. In 1953, he attended the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery and graduated in 1957 with a degree in dentistry.

Dr. Greco joined the United States Air Force and was accepted into an internship program for a year at an Army hospital in Pennsylvania. It was in this hospital that George developed an interest in periodontology. Dr. Greco was then assigned for three years to the Pentagon in Washington D.C. Following this assignment, in 1963, he was selected for graduate training at the Ohio State University School of Dentistry in Columbus, where he received a master's degree in periodontology. In 1978, Dr. Greco retired from the Air Force as a colonel in the Dental Corps. He accepted a faculty position in the Department of Periodontology at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry. Dr. Greco thoroughly enjoyed teaching and the opportunity to impact so many students' lives.



patient care, teaching, research and was a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon. Dr. Webb received the Richard F. Hunt award for teaching, as well as the Distinguished Clinical Research Award. Webb enjoyed the outdoors and adventures, regularly taking family camping, hiking, and beach trips. He was an Assistant Scoutmaster for his son's Boy Scout Troop 820. He was a husband, father and grandfather and enjoyed wood turning as a member of Chapel Hill Woodturners Club. His work was carried in local galleries and occasionally commissioned, but he enjoyed giving his creations to family, friends, charity auctions, and the "Beads of Courage" program for children undergoing cancer treatments at North Carolina Basnight Cancer Hospital.

Dr. E. Leland Webb

E. Leland Webb, DDS '76, MS '78, longtime faculty member at UNC Adams School of Dentistry, passed away after a brief illness on April 30, 2023. Webb moved to Chapel Hill as a freshman at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1968 and, as he enjoyed saying, never left. He was a triple Tar Heel, earning his bachelor's degree in Biology, DDS and then MS in Prosthodontics all at UNC. He joined the faculty of UNC Adams School of Dentistry after graduation and served on the faculty until his retirement at the end of 2010. He remained involved in dentistry in part-time practice with the Kennedy Dental Group and its successor Chapel Hill Dental Group and as adjunct faculty at Adams School of Dentistry. Throughout his career, Leland volunteered with the NC Dental Foundation's Missions of Mercy and was active in the Durham Orange Dental Society. He was active in



Left to right: Dr. Karl Leinfelder, Dr. Cliff Crandell, Dr. Eugene Sandler and Dr. Diane Dilley.

Faculty remembered for their contributions to dental school

Four longtime faculty members of the UNC Adams School of Dentistry passed away during the recent year. Drs. Karl Leinfelder, Cliff Crandell, Eugene "Gene" Sandler, and Diane Dilley made significant contributions to the field of dentistry and were deeply committed to the education and success of their students. Their dedication and expertise to the field, school, and students will be missed by all who had the opportunity to work with them.

A former member of the Clinical Research department, **Dr. Karl Leinfelder's** dental education was interrupted when he was drafted into the military and fought in the Korean War. After his service, he was able to finish his education at Marquette University in Milwaukee where he received a Doctor of Dental Surgery and master's degree in dental materials. He worked at Marquette's dental school, and eventually came to UNC CH with his wife and six children.

After 13 years at UNC, Dr. Leinfelder spent most of his academic career at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. Upon retirement, he and his wife returned to Chapel Hill, where he worked as an adjunct faculty member in Operative Dentistry preclinical courses. Dr. Leinfelder led many early clinical trials and established UNC as a leader in clinical research on the emerging science of posterior composites.

Dr. Cliff Crandell joined the faculty in 1955 and was a member of the Department of Oral Diagnosis where he taught Advanced Dental Radiology before becoming Director of the school's Dental Data Center in 1970. He stayed for more than 28 years and co-authored "From Quonset Hut to Number One and Beyond – A History of the UNC School of Dentistry" published in 1982, as well as authored all or part of 13 dental textbooks. Dr. Crandell served as President of the American Academy of Dental Radiology from 1969-70. He was a Consultant on Dental Records for the World Health Organization, and to the University of Nijmegen Dental Faculty, The Netherlands. He was a Fellow in the American Academy of Dental Radiology and the International College of Dentists.

His daughter, Sue Felton, was the Director of Continuing Dental Education for many years and his son-in-law, Dr. Dave Felton, is a professor and former chair of prosthodontics at the school.

Dr. Eugene Sandler was a Professor of Dental Ecology and Pediatric Dentistry at the school where he taught for thirty years. In 1979, Dr. Sandler was recruited as a teacher and administrator of what became a model dental program for teaching dental students to practice in an outreach setting in most of the 100 counties in North Carolina.

He was a die-hard Tar Heel, and his

family fondly remembers his last game at the Dean Dome against Georgia Tech in December. After four straight losses, he was so excited to be there with his eldest son for the win. Then on January 10th, he "watched" the game against the University of Virginia on TV from his hospital bed, with his sons calling the game for him. He punched his fist in the air with every Carolina basket.

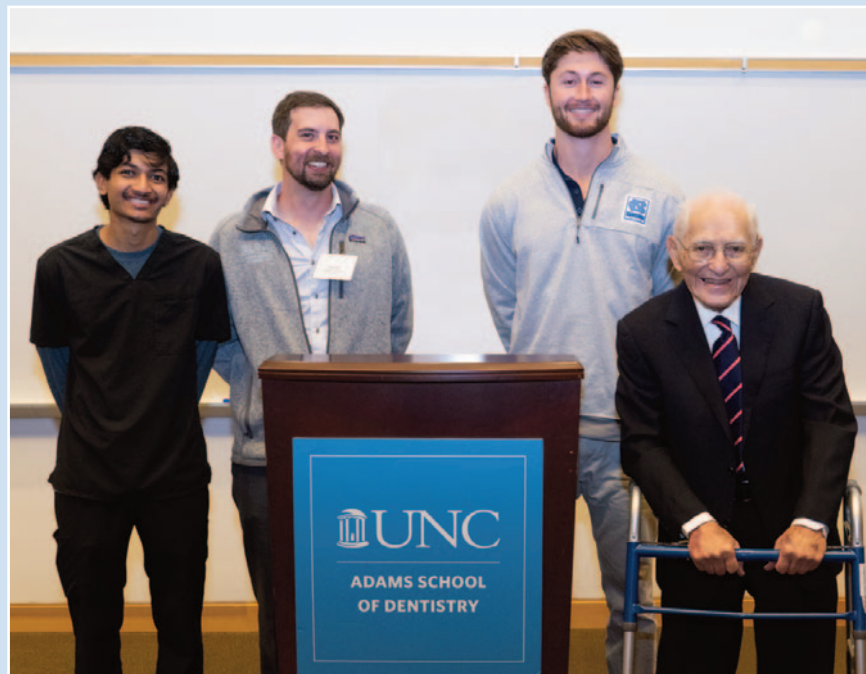
Dr. Diane Dilley was a much beloved faculty member in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry for over 35 years. She was a pioneer and served on the Craniofacial Center team and as both the pediatric dentistry undergraduate and the graduate program directorships during a time when there were very few women on the dental school faculty.

In 2008, The Pearls, a group of pediatric dentistry program alumni of UNC Adams School of Dentistry, endowed the Diane C. Dilley Fellowship Fund in Pediatric Dentistry for pediatric dental residents of UNC Adams School of Dentistry in honor of Dilley's impact on the school and profession.

Each of these faculty members contributed to the school's culture, and their dedication to dentistry and to Carolina will always remain, as their legacies are passed down to students and new members of the oral health care profession.

Zaytoun Award Winners

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Zaytoun, Sr. established the Dr. Henry S. Zaytoun Sr. Professional and Ethical Demeanor Award through the Dental Foundation of North Carolina in 2011 to recognize the third- and fourth-year dental students who have demonstrated superior professional and ethical demeanor during the cumulative clinical training obtained at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry. Dr. Zaytoun earned his MS from the Department of Orthodontics in 1959.



2021 Zaytoun Award Winners

Three of the four winners of the 2021 Zaytoun Award are pictured with Dr. Henry Zaytoun, Sr.

From left Mustafa Girnary, DDS '23, Shadoe Stewart, DDS '22 and Will Welborne, DDS '23. Not pictured is Nadia Drabick, DDS '22.



2022 Zaytoun Award Winners

Three of the four winners of the 2022 Zaytoun Award are pictured with Dean Guthmiller.

From left are Margaret McGuire, DDS Candidate '24, Olivia Nillissen, DDS '23 and Rachael Purvis Veazey, DDS '23. Not pictured is Christine Sulzer, DDS Candidate '24.

Honoring the First Periodontology Graduates

Fifty-five percent of the UNC Adams School of Dentistry's DDS Class of 2021 intended to pursue advanced education and residency programs after dental school. Their specialization will provide them and their future patients incredible opportunities and access to care.

However, those two or three years of additional tuition and costs come with a price tag. The average dental student in 2019 already had more than \$292,000 in debt upon graduation — deterring many students from even pursuing advanced education or purchasing their own practice.

While the Dental Foundation of North Carolina is able to provide more than \$450,000 in scholarships and fellowships to Post-DDS students and residents each year, costs continue to rise and the need for additional support remains.

Luther "L.H." Hutchens, Jr., DDS '67, MS and a few periodontology alumni have established a scholarship in the hopes of helping mitigate the climbing costs of advanced education. As a faculty member for more than 30 years, including serving as the second chair of the periodontology department from 1974-1983, Hutchens is acutely aware of the challenge of student debt having seen the rising costs himself.

The Dr. Rey Carnevale and Dr. Wilson Shoulars, Jr. Scholarship was established in

memory of the first periodontology grads — Reynolds "Rey" Carnevale, DDS '61, MS '68, and H. Wilson Shoulars, Jr., BA '56, DDS '60, MS '68 — and will provide critical support for future periodontology residents.

Both Carnevale and Shoulars were North Carolina natives and graduated from the UNC Adams School of Dentistry prior to pursuing specialty training. Shoulars served in the U.S. Army Dental Corps and Carnevale served in the 1881st Combat Engineers in WWII.

Carnevale practiced general dentistry in Fayetteville, North Carolina, before applying to the periodontology program at the school. Following their graduation, both maintained generous support of the program — returning to teach part-time in the predoctoral and graduate programs.

Hutchens served as the chair of the scholarship steering committee, along with Dan Averett, DDS '67; Dudley "Chan" Chandler, Jr., BA '65, DDS '70, MS '72; William "Bill" Cohen, DMD, MS '91; Pat Gainey, Arey Grady, Steve Hamrick, DMD, MS '86; Stephen "Steve" Mackler, BA '64, DDS '69, MS '71; Riley Pleasants, and Mark Suttle, BA '94, DDS '98, MS '01.

More than \$175,000 was contributed to the scholarship fund, and recipients were awarded in 2022 and 2023.

Members of the DDS Class of 2021 who intended to pursue advanced education and residency programs:

55%

Average amount of debt owed by dental students in 2019:

\$292,000

Fundraising goal for the Dr. Rey Carnevale and Dr. Wilson Shoulars, Jr. Scholarship:

\$200,000

Make a gift to the scholarship fund

You may make a gift to the fund online at <https://go.unc.edu/carnevaleshoulars>



Workman Gift to Help Train Students for Career Excellence

Students at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry will continue learning valuable leadership skills to help them excel in their careers as oral health professionals

A \$5 million gift to the school from Dr. Richard and Angela Workman established The Dr. and Mrs. Richard E. Workman Dental Leadership Endowment Fund. The fund supports innovative leadership courses — including Bell Leadership Institute courses — and professional development initiatives for students in the school’s Doctor of Dental Surgery, post-DDS and dental hygiene programs.

“We know that honing leadership skills is foundational to positive patient outcomes and that dental teams deliver their best level of care when led by thoughtful and

collaborative oral health professionals,” said Ed Swift, Executive Vice Dean for Education. “We are incredibly grateful for the investment in this professional development by the Workmans, and the work that the Bell Leadership Institute team puts in to ensure our students graduate with strong leadership skills.”

With a focus on reinventing modern dental education beyond classic clinical training, the Adams School of Dentistry launched its new Advocate-Clinician-Thinker, or ACT, curriculum in 2021. ACT

offers students training in leadership, person-centered care, effective decision making, practice management and behavioral sciences.

The Dr. and Mrs. Richard E. Workman Dental Leadership Endowment Fund ensures leadership training programs become a permanent part of the ACT curriculum.

“While they are in dental school, students obviously should focus on obtaining the technical and clinical skills needed to enter the profession,” Dr. Rick

“Over the course of their careers, the advancement of [students’] leadership skills will be the most important variable on their influence within their practice, family and community.” — Dr. Rick Workman

Workman said. “But over the course of their careers, the advancement of their leadership skills will be the most important variable on their influence within their practice, family and community. That is why I am so honored to establish the endowment that will bring Bell Leadership courses to all students at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry.”

As medical technology and the practice of dentistry rapidly evolve, the Adams School of Dentistry has committed to preparing its students to become nimble caregivers capable of critical thinking and adaptable to new technologies, changing disease demographics and emerging health care models.

The Adams School of Dentistry and the ACT curriculum also exemplify UNC-Chapel Hill’s focus on integrating career preparation opportunities into the student experience. Carolina is strategically committed to ensuring students are equipped to adapt in a rapidly changing global economy and workplace landscape.

“The Bell Leadership Institute is excited to be part of UNC Adams School of Dentistry’s significant initiative to build future leaders in our university,” said Dr. Gerald Bell, founder and CEO of the Bell Leadership Institute. “Dr. Richard and Angela Workman’s leadership and support for leadership development within the dental profession and the dental school curriculum provides an important foundation to help dental professionals become even more effective leaders and contributors in their communities and practices.”

Tang Blanton ’25 (DDS) has participated in leadership programming through the ACT curriculum and said it has been an ideal complement to the training he is receiving at the Adams School of Dentistry.

“The Bell Leadership lessons at the beginning of basecamp were a chance to envision the kind of professional I wanted to be and look to my peers for what they considered essential in a good leader,” said

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Blanton. “Through this first year, I’ve tried to keep those lessons in mind and use them as a framework around which I can grow.”

An innovator and leader in the field and practice of dentistry, Dr. Rick Workman founded Heartland Dental in 1997. A Southern Illinois University graduate, Workman started his career with a single dental office in Effingham, Illinois. Angela Workman is a University of Missouri

graduate, a former Heartland Dental employee and a member of the Heartland Foundation Advisory Board. Heartland Dental is the world’s largest dental service organization, supporting more than 2,400 doctors in 1,600 offices across 38 states.

In 2020, the Workmans contributed \$1 million in expendable funds to launch leadership training programs for dental students developed and led by Dr. Bell.



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Gift to Support Pediatric Dentistry Residents

Gail and Paul Rohlfling Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry will offer funding, opportunities for pediatric dentistry residents.

Gail Rohlfling, DDS, MS '96, a UNC Adams School of Dentistry pediatric dental alumna, recently realized she and her husband, Paul, had the perfect gift for the school where she got to work among the “nicest people she’d ever met” — a fellowship in pediatric dentistry.

Originally from Nebraska, Gail was in her third year of dental school at University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry when she discovered that pediatric dentistry was the field she wanted to focus on. Her work with a family that included a child with achondroplasia set her on a journey that led her to Chapel Hill.

“That family is who inspired me. I like the growth and development aspect of pediatric dentistry,” she said. “All of my dental school professors were wonderful, but the pediatric dentists were the nicest people. I thought to myself, ‘I want to be one of the nicest people.’”

After applying to residency programs, and considering schools across the country, a snowy day in Nebraska helped make the decision for the couple; they were going to try to match in Chapel Hill. “A month later, I received a phone call from Mike Roberts at UNC Chapel Hill. They were excited to

have me as part of the program,” she said.

While Gail worked her way through school, Paul worked for Wyeth and later, Pfizer. They built a home, and after completing her specialty work, Gail and her partners built a pediatric dentistry practice. She had purchased a piece of land where she pictured her future clinic, but staffing changes and the economic downturn affected that prospect. She ended up buying out a partner instead of building from scratch, and the land went unused. Gail has practiced for more than 30 years in Greensboro and Winston-Salem and now consults as a pediatric dental expert.

As she looked back at her career and how she got there, she discovered she had an idea that would help her give back.

“That land sat empty. We decided this is the perfect gift for the pediatric dental department,” she said. “We can make it beneficial to the department and fulfill a dream of mine to have a fund in our name and help support residents long term.”

The Gail and Paul Rohlfling Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry will support pediatric dentistry residents at ASOD once the sale of the land is complete. The fellowship will help fund education for dentists just like Gail, something she’s grateful for.

“I’ve had a wonderful career as a pediatric dentist. It’s a wonderful livelihood. I’ve built a practice that was based on strong leadership, and having work life balance,” she said.

And while she and Paul have contributed to other charitable causes during their years in North Carolina, this gift is a little closer to their hearts.

“I grew up in a philanthropic family, and I’ve seen my parents give back. That’s how I was raised. We’ve shown our children that it’s important and told them that they should consider giving back on their alma mater’s annual giving day,” she said. “For me, it’s looking at what my education at UNC gave me, and I wouldn’t be where I am without my residency, the connections and relationships from UNC.”



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FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The Dr. James Eagle Generalist Program Fund

In June 2021, the Dr. James Eagle Generalist Program Fund was created in fond remembrance of **Dr. James C. Eagle, Jr., DDS '66**, a cherished colleague, mentor and friend at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry. For many years, he was the Director of Comprehensive Care, influencing thousands of dentists during his tenure. Dr. Eagle was not just a beloved faculty member, he was also a devoted participant in his community of Spencer, North Carolina, where he served as a deacon of Spencer’s First Baptist Church and as an alderman on the city council.

To pay homage to Dr. Eagle’s impact, the Eagle Fund will provide necessary resources for advancing general dentistry, particularly in the Generalist Program. In addition to expenditures



Dr. James Eagle

such as salary supplementation for faculty members, assistance for graduate residents and support for research, the Eagle Fund endeavors to provide funding for travel, equipment purchases, faculty development and other expenses identified by the director of the Generalist Program. The Eagle Fund not only contributes to the continued excellence of the UNC Adams School of Dentistry, but also pays well-deserved tribute to the memory of an outstanding member in the dental community.

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Dr. William R. Proffit Distinguished Professorship

In 2018, the Dr. William R. Proffit Distinguished Professorship Fund was established to honor the memory of W.R. Kenan



Dr. William R. Proffit

Distinguished Professor **William “Bill” R. Proffit, DDS ’59, PhD, MS.** Dr. Proffit was not only known as the prolific author of 10 orthodontics textbooks but also venerated by those who knew him as a mentor, teacher and friend.

During the 26 years he spent as the Chair of the Orthodontics Department, Dr. Proffit was largely responsible for shaping the Orthodontics Program into its present

form; as such, his Distinguished Professorship will be awarded exclusively to professors in the Orthodontics Program in order to continue the recruitment and retention of world-class faculty for the future of orthodontic education.

Now, nearly five years after its establishment, more than \$1M has been raised for the professorship, aided by generous donations from Dr. Proffit’s family. Once the professorship reaches \$1.33M in cash, the state will provide a matching gift of \$667,000. As Gavin Heymann, DDS ’05, MS ’08, summarized, “The Proffit Distinguished Professorship represents an opportunity for us to honor the legacy of excellence cultivated by Dr. Proffit and the UNC Adams School of Dentistry’s orthodontic program.”

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FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Dr. J. Timothy Wright Fellowship

In 2017, alumni and friends established the Dr. J. Timothy Wright Fellowship Fund to honor the legacy of James W. Bawden Distinguished Professor **J. Timothy Wright, DDS ’78, MS ’83.** In addition to being a board-certified pediatric dentist, Dr. Wright is an internationally recognized leader in pediatric research as well as a former



Dr. J. Timothy Wright

President of the American Association for Dental Research (AADR). His named fellowship will provide support for residents in pediatric dentistry, with the twin purposes of enabling residents to pursue their passion and supporting the education of specialists.

Fellowships are an invaluable source of financial relief for

residents, who often face four years’ worth of dental school debt. While most residency programs provide stipends, living expenses and the burden of existing debt can deter some students from specializing for some time. Angela Baechtold, DDS ’95, MS ’98, fundraising committee co-chair and one of the first residents mentored by Wright, believes that one of the best ways to pay it forward to future residents is by providing this fellowship to support their education and training.

“The support provided by this fund will be used exclusively to supplement stipends of departmental residents and forever serve as a continuation of Tim’s legacy to support and mentor pediatric residents,” said Robert A. Moran, Jr., DDS ’94, MS ’97, one of Wright’s first residents and the other fundraising committee co-chair.

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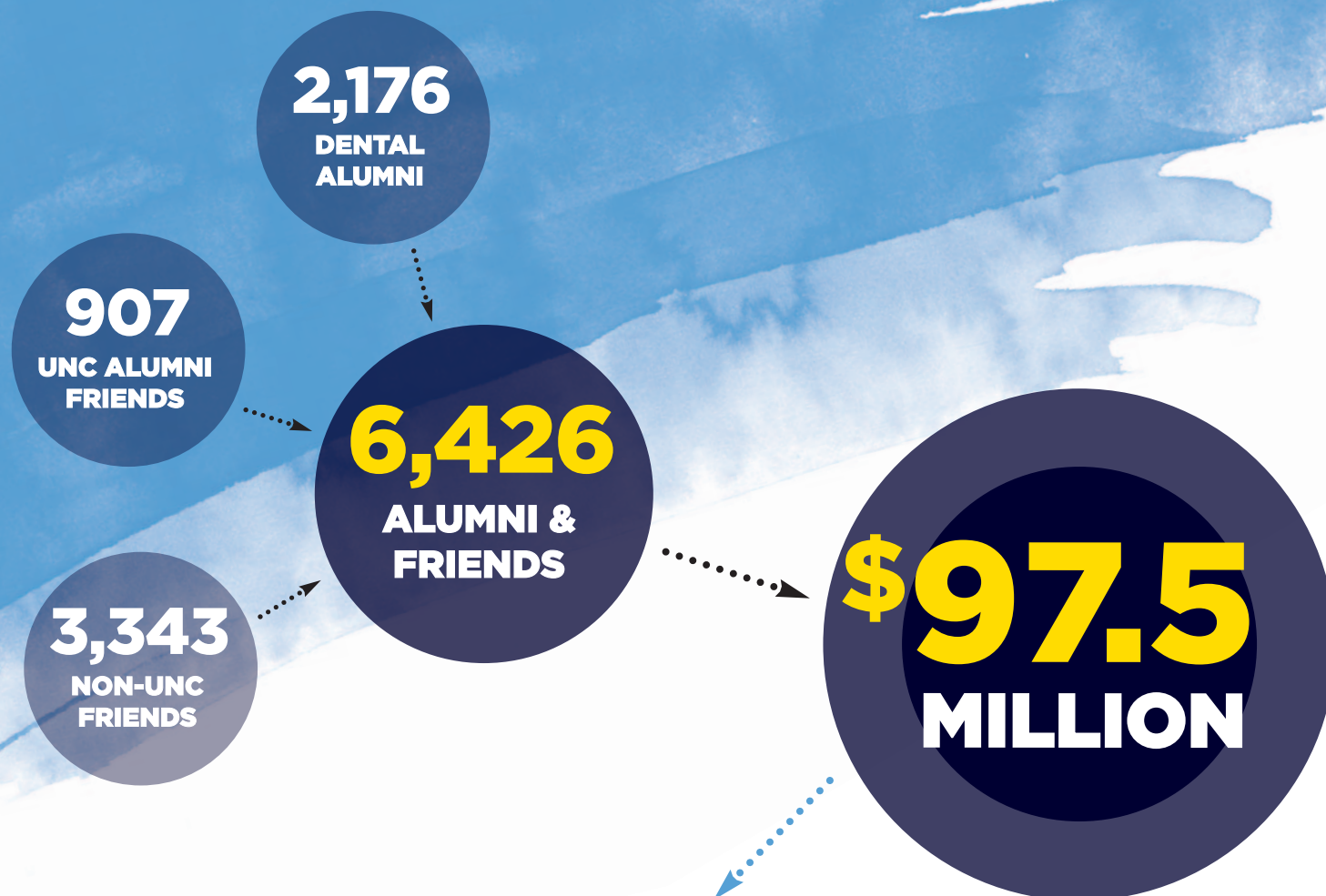
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Why I Give

Q&A with Dr. Zhengyan (Maria) Wang PHD '04, CPDN '05, DDS '13 Donor, Alumna and Owner of RTP Pediatric Dentistry in Durham

Q. Tell us about your background and why you decided to become a pediatric dentist. Did someone inspire you to pursue this career? Did you always want to become a pediatric dentist? Why did you decide to attend the UNC Adams School of Dentistry to study pediatric dentistry?

A. Growing up in China, I attended West China University of Medical Sciences, which was founded in 1910 by American and Canadian missionaries. Its dental school has been consistently ranked No. 1 in China. When I was a dental student, however, there was no established pediatric dentistry specialty program in China. In my sixth year of dental school (I was in a seven-year DDS MS program), I applied for a small research grant to look at how educating preschool teachers on oral health could change the oral hygiene of preschoolers at boarding schools. Working with faculty in the pediatric department, I visited several boarding preschools in Chengdu, measuring the gingival index and the plaque index of hundreds of children, giving lectures to teachers, and comparing the before and after readout to see whether educating caregivers affected the children's oral hygiene.



That was so much fun! The cute words and questions from the kids made me laugh. It was amazing to see how their oral hygiene

improved dramatically after the education. These experiences made me realize how rewarding it is to work with children and inspired me to become a pediatric dentist.

In 1998, I came to UNC Adams School of Dentistry to pursue my PhD in oral biology. I did a rotation in Dr. Tim Wright's lab, working on a gene mutation in tricho-dento-osseous syndrome, which affects children's teeth. There, I had the opportunity to get to know more about the specialty, especially the prestigious program at UNC. Later on in my PhD studies, I decided to apply for a pediatric dentistry residency. Gratefully, I was accepted as an international student. I was fortunate to work with talented and dedicated faculty members, who have made a transformative impact on my professional trajectory. I also found that the dynamic changes in primary and mixed dentitions are so fascinating. I like using a broad

spectrum of treatment modalities with a potential to modify the growth. It is so rewarding to see children's bright smiles.

After receiving my PhD degree and certificate in Pediatric Dentistry, I valued the opportunities to stay in academic dentistry to train a cadre of pediatric dentists and dentist-scientists. Being a pediatric dentist, a mother and a first-generation immigrant, I appreciate all the challenges of new immigrants. I am very proud to be able to build a strong connection with communities from different cultural backgrounds. Such connection continues to our current private practice, which serves several underprivileged and immigrant communities. We aim to build mutual trust and increase access to affordable high-quality pediatric dental care. I appreciate my training experiences at UNC, which present me an opportunity to serve a diversified community.

Q. How did Dr. Wright influence you and/or your career? What were some of the lessons or wisdom he shared?

A. My training experiences with Dr. Wright were career-defining. As a clinician-scientist, he is always ready to take challenges and push the

boundary of innovation. As a scientist, he has established a world-class distinguished research program with bidirectional translational potential. Dr. Wright inspired me to be confident to take on all clinical challenges, as well as to seek innovations in dental care and education through research. Dr. Wright focuses on the career development of trainees and imparts his wisdom of work-life balance into his daily work routine. Many of his trainees have become faculty members or started successful private practices that are making transformative impacts on pediatric dentistry on a daily basis. He also inspired me in how to lead my team members. It is so wonderful to support and watch my team members grow. Some of them also got into dental schools.

Q. What motivated you to support the Dr. Michael W. Roberts Pediatric Dentistry Fellowship fund and J. Timothy Wright Fellowship fund?

A. As an international student in my first year of pediatric residency, I did not qualify for any stipend for residents. That was a particularly difficult time for me financially. I am grateful for the Ted Oldenburg Fellowship, which alleviated stress for completing my clinical training. Sadly, Dr. Oldenburg passed away, but I will never forget his kindness and the positive impact his fellowship has had on our family. I wrote him a letter to thank him. He responded that he really enjoyed reading my letter and liked my words about seeing my home country differently from across the Pacific Ocean, and how he appreciated different cultures. I made up my mind then that I would do something in the future to continue this legacy. With deep appreciation in mind, I am delighted to be able to

contribute to the Dr. Michael Roberts and Dr. Tim Wright Fellowship funds when there is opportunity to help. Both Dr. Roberts and Dr. Wright had been my mentors and colleagues during my time at UNC as a trainee and then as a faculty member. They genuinely care about children's dental care and the future of our profession. Their professionalism, passion and leadership are my unwavering inspiration.

Q. How do you hope your investment will impact the school and/or future students?

A. Covid made the past few years extremely challenging for everyone. Many students faced the emotional challenges of being separated from their family, stressful online study, lack of peer support and limited clinical experiences. Private practices saw a sudden drop in the number of visits and exacerbated oral health care disparity. My practice was no exception. In 2020, we were challenged by the two-month shut down, substantially reduced patient visits, and soaring increase in overhead costs to keep the care environment safe. However, it is more important than ever that we should take care of each other as a community and support the future of our profession. I hope my donations can be of help to students who are making difficult financial stewardship decisions as I was 20 years ago. The donations are also meant to enrich their educational experiences including opportunities to attend academic meetings for career development and leadership training.

Q. Why should people consider supporting their educational institutions (or other causes that interest them)?

A. From my personal experiences, the support from the UNC Oral Biology program, pediatric dentistry residency program, and the DDS program have transformed my career trajectory. All this support made it possible for me to have the opportunities to be a faculty member at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry and the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, as well as a founder of a private pediatric dental practice. I want to pass that legacy on. I remember as an international student, the former dean, Dr. John Stamm, and his wife Dr. Carol Stamm, would invite us to their house every year to celebrate the holiday spirit. The dedicated faculty members in all programs made great efforts to spend time with us outside of the classroom, listening to my concerns, sharing their experiences, and helping me overcome every obstacle. It is very heartbreaking that some of them passed away, including Dr. Stamm, but I have vivid memories. The faculty supported me — not only academically as professors, but also as mentors who really cared about our lives and our future. This is a wonderful legacy at UNC, and that is why I contribute. As part of this community, it is a privilege to support our professional home so that the next-generation dentists from diverse backgrounds can thrive academically and professionally.

A Sweet Way to Reduce Tooth Decay

Candy company yet another way for ASOD alumna to give back



Jenny Citineni, DDS '10, has her hands full. She's a full-time pediatric dentist, owner of two businesses, a wife and mom to two girls. But even with a lot on her plate, Citineni wouldn't have it any other way, since she's following her passions and doing work she believes in.

Citineni, a UNC Adams School of Dentistry alumna and double Tar Heel, got her first taste of service when she was an undergrad at Carolina. Her parents were pushing her toward medicine as a career, but while pursuing a pre-med curriculum, she was inspired to start a nonprofit to help address hunger and nutrition through student entrepreneurship, which was later incorporated as Nourish International. Her work with the nonprofit led her to pursue an Americorps Public Allies placement at TROSA, a residential program for people with substance abuse disorders, and it was there she met Grant Service, DDS, a pediatric dentist in Durham, North Carolina.

"He gave me my introduction to dentistry," Citineni said. "I shadowed him at his office to see if we could form a dental clinic for TROSA, and I saw the ins and outs of dentistry from a clinic owner and doctor. I fell in love with it."

She applied and was accepted to dental schools across the country, but Citineni had done her undergrad at UNC, her family was in the area and she felt like Carolina was the best fit for her. During dental school, she fell in love with children's dentistry and landed a job as the health department's children's dental clinic

director in Lexington, North Carolina, after she graduated. In this position, she first got the idea for a new business, Tom & Jenny's Candy.

"When I was in Lexington, I would see patients coming back with more and more tooth decay," she said. "They would come with 'Mountain Dew' or 'sweet tea mouths.' The decay was so bad that I could guess the child's drink of choice."

Citineni knew that cutting down on sugar would help her patients, but she also saw the benefits for her family and other families who enjoyed sweet treats, yet needed a better option for health reasons.

"My husband [Tom Thekkekandam] and I love sweets, and we'd never tried any of the sugar-free treats out there. They were so artificial tasting, and we said to each other 'Let's try to make something better. In dental school, I had heard about [natural sugar alternative] xylitol," she said, "and that was my starting point for creating my own sweets."

That was easier said than done, and the couple — with no culinary background — started experimenting in their kitchen, making different candies with various alternative sweetener blends.

"We didn't have much success at first," she said. "Our candies didn't look or taste right at first."

The couple started researching techniques, talking with food scientists and even a chemist in their family, and eventually came up with a caramel recipe that tasted great without the sugar.

"Tom emailed a large number of

pastry experts in New York, where we lived at the time," Citineni said. "Michael Laiskonis, a James Beard awarded pastry chef really liked the idea, and the two connected. Together, Tom and Chef Laiskonis worked to perfect that recipe even more. That's how the classic caramel and chocolate caramel flavors were born."

The business has grown and evolved since the early days in their home kitchen, and with the popularity of low-carb and keto diets, the demand for their candies has increased. Today, Tom & Jenny's are in the top three best selling caramels on Amazon and they also sell on their own site, tomandjennys.com.

"We had this thought that people think sugar-free doesn't taste good, but what if we can make something good enough that they crave it? If we can get it to that level, you're changing the way people think about the [sugar-free] industry and the way they snack," she said.

Her passion for her dental practice and her business stay intertwined, and Citineni said she and Tom are always looking for new products to add to the candy line, including chocolates and hard candies.

"I have so many passions that drive me," she said. "I love my staff, and I want to provide an amazing home for my work family. I love my patients. I get to enjoy all the clever and funny things they say and do daily! Children are my greatest joy. I'm passionate about what I do, and have a longing for what's next to create in this world."

classNOTES

1950s

Andrew Jackson Franklin III, DDS '53 passed away on July 10, 2021. He was 91 years old.

"Jack" was born in Bryson City, North Carolina. He was the only son of Andrew



Jackson Franklin, Jr. and Edith Bryson Franklin. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia. He had a private practice in Denton, North

Carolina and then in Charlotte, North Carolina for 17 years.

In 1974, he decided to become an orthodontist. He and his family moved to Boston, Massachusetts in order for Jack to attend Boston University's Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine. He graduated with a degree in orthodontia in 1977. After moving back to Charlotte, he practiced as an orthodontist until his retirement in 1995.

David Raymond Hinkle, DDS '56, MS '62, passed away on December 18, 2021. He was 92 years old. Dave graduated



from R.J. Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem. After earning his DDS, he served in the Army as a dentist for several years. After earning his degree in orthodontics, he ran a successful orthodontic practice in Winston-Salem and created beautiful smiles all over town. He was a beloved son, brother, friend and wonderful "Unc." Blessed with a wry wit, generous spirit and humble demeanor, he will be greatly missed by the family and friends he held so dear.

Harold Winfred Twisdale, BSD '55, DDS '58,

passed away on June 27, 2022. He was 89 years old.

He enrolled in the U.S. Air Force in 1958 as a dentist with a rank of captain, serving at Homestead Air Force Base. His dentistry practice spanned more than 50 years. He was known by his patients as a caring dentist and treated generations of patients.

"Twis" founded the Southeastern Analgesia Society and served as its President, 1972-74. He founded the Metrolina Dental Society in 1994. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha and Delta Sigma Delta fraternal organizations.



1960s

Jon William "Buck" Couch, DDS '65, passed away on August 20, 2021. He was 85 years old. While earning his undergraduate degree from Duke University, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserves, where he served as a hospital corpsman. He received an honorable discharge in 1964 after attaining the rank of Hospital Corpsman Second Class (HM2).

After graduation from the UNC Adams School of Dentistry, he opened a dental office in Asheboro, North Carolina, where he practiced for 29 years. He was known as a skilled and compassionate dentist, who provided his services to patients regardless of their ability to pay.



Morris Hal Griffin, DDS '69, passed away on March 1, 2022. He was 79 years old. He practiced dentistry in Durham, North Carolina for 46 years. He was a

past president of both the Durham Orange County Dental Society and the N.C. Dental Society. He received the 2021 Distinguished Service Scroll for leadership and outstanding service to the profession of dentistry. He also received the John C. Brauer Award from the UNC Dental Alumni Association. He was a founding member of the Guy Willis and Paul Revere Study Clubs and a lifetime member of the American Dental Association which honored him for outstanding service on the Council on Access, Prevention and Interprofessional Relations. He was also past president of the N.C. Academy of Dentistry and member of the American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists, and Academy of Dentistry International.

Charles "Jay" Harris Jr., DDS '66 passed away on September 27, 2022. He was 81 years old.

After earning his dental degree, Jay joined the U.S. Air Force where he served as a captain. Jay practiced dentistry for 40 years in High Point, North Carolina. His last dental partner, and good friend, Dr. Paul Kwon, acquired the practice and provided a bridge to retirement. Jay's office was a special place for both patients and staff with many staying with the practice for several decades. Jay was a mentor and encouraged many of his assistants to further their education and follow their dreams.



Sarvis Joel Hedgecoe, BSD '64, DDS '67, died on Tuesday, August 10, 2021. He was 78 years old.

Following dental school, he joined the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. He opened his dental practice in Fayetteville in 1969, beside his dental school classmate P.W. Jessup. For more than 52 years, Joel cared for his patients and was honored to do so. He practiced dentistry as he lived life, treating people as he



would want to be treated. He was grateful to have shared his professional life with his son and daughter, making Hedgecoe Dentistry a true family business.

Ronald Young Ward, BSD '65, of Pinehurst, North Carolina, passed away on July 27, 2021. He was 78 years old. After earning his bachelor's degree in dentistry, Ron earned a degree in pharmacy from UNC. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1969 and stationed at Fort Sheridan in Illinois from 1969-1971 in the pharmacy. After his military service, he worked from 1971-1973 at a pharmacy in Marion, North Carolina. He moved to Aberdeen and bought Craig Drug in 1973, and later opened The Prescription Shoppe with a business partner.

Larry Albert Williams, DDS '66, passed away on Aug. 18, 2021. He was 79 years old. Larry's community involvement included serving as a member of the Benson Chamber of Commerce, where he was the Citizen of the Year in 1981, a member of Benson Mule Day's Committee for 29 years, and also was the Home Football Timekeeper at South Johnston High School for 26 years. Larry was a member of Benson Baptist Church in Benson, where he served in many capacities, including chairman of the deacons. He received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 2016.

Pinkney Beryl Young III, DDS '67, passed away on July 9, 2021. Pinkney grew up in Washington, North Carolina, where he graduated from Washington High School and then attended East Carolina University on a football scholarship. After earning his dental degree, he established his dental practice of 46 years in Greenville, North Carolina. An active member of the Greenville community, Pinkney was a member of Jarvis Memorial Methodist

Church, Rotary Club, Kiwanis, and the Greenville Country Club. He also served on the ECU surgical staff and as a district President of the NC Dental Society.

1970s

Jerry Butler, BSMAT '68, DDS '72, passed away March 25, 2022. He was 75 years old. A native of Grifton, North Carolina, he began his dental practice in Boone in 1972 after graduating from the UNC Adams School of Dentistry. He opened his practice on Faculty Street, in the 'Little Blue House' that is now The Brooke's Apartments, which he built with and dedicated to his daughter. He served on the Appalachian District Health Board and was a member of the American Dental Association, American Cancer Society, North Carolina Dental Society, Tar Heel Dental Club, Pankey Institute, and local leader of the UNC Alumni Association.

Nelson Hague "Chip" Leonard DDS, '70, passed away Sunday, January 30, 2022. He was 76 years old. Chip grew up in Tryon, North Carolina. He attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. After serving two years in the U.S. Air Force, Chip moved his family to Kernersville and established his dental practice with the help of several generous Kernersville families. He spent the next 48 years serving patients, many of whom now represent multiple family generations.



Tex Mabe, DDS '78, passed away January 16, 2022. He was 71 years old. Tex enjoyed practicing dentistry for 43 years and loved spending countless hours at the dentist office. He was an animal lover, and he enjoyed working on old cars. He was very active in his community, but it was always behind the scenes.

John S. Olmsted, MS Endodontics '77, received the Edward D. Coolidge Award from the American Association of Endodontists (AAE). The award is AAE's highest honor, recognizing the recipient as a role model for the endodontic community. Olmsted has been active in practice, teaching, and lecturing in professional dental associations for 46 years. He is emeritus in an endodontic practice in Greensboro, North Carolina.



1980s

Jeffrey Todd Martin, BSBIO '80, DDS '85, of Charlotte, North Carolina, passed away on October 29, 2021, after a year-long battle with cancer. He was 63 years old. Todd graduated from Concord High School in 1976 and became an Eagle Scout around the same time. He then attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he graduated in 1980 and then went on to complete dental school, receiving his Doctorate in 1985. Todd spent his career as a diligent, hard-working dentist who prided himself on providing the highest quality care to his patients.



1990s

Lee Bass Nunn, DDS '95, of High Point, North Carolina, sold her practice to **Jennifer P. Newsome, DDS '16**, and her husband, **Albert Newsome III, BA '10, DDS '16**. "Jennifer is the perfect match for my practice and I am truly blessed to have found her," Lee said. "I am looking forward to a new chapter in my life. I

thank the faculty and staff of the UNC Adams School of Dentistry every day for providing me with a top-notch education!"

2010s

Benjamin Anders, DDS '16, and his wife Allison, welcomed Maxwell Easton Anders on September 29, 2021. Max was named for his great-grandfather, who turned 97 just two days before Max was born.

Elizabeth Consy, DDS '14, MD, has settled back in Atlanta, Georgia, after a year and a half in Anchorage, Alaska. She is now a board certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon in private practice at Sandy Springs Oral Surgery. She plans to become an adjunct professor with the Emory University OMFS residency in the Fall. She is confident that her two young sons, Eli (age 2.5) and Gabriel (7 months) will be true Tar Heels when they grow up.

Jeffrey Goldsmith, DDS '18, of Webb & Goldsmith Orthodontics in Charlotte was certified by the American Board of Orthodontics in January 2022.

Noah Menaker, DDS '19, was lead author of an article published in the January 2022 issue of *The Journal of the American*

Dental Association. Menaker and his co-authors evaluated prescription patterns for bite-wing and panoramic radiographs for pediatric and adolescent dental patients after the implementation of new guidelines. Menaker practices at SouthPark Pediatric Dentistry in Charlotte, North Carolina.



2020s

Anastassia Dokova, MS Pediatric Dentistry '21, and her husband, Adam, were blessed in April 2022 with the birth of their first child, Adam Antoni Brys, who weighted 8.1 lbs at birth.

Laura Dawn Sundmark, DDS '21, was named a 2021 Dental Hero by the Pankey Institute. She practices at Hedgecoe Dentistry in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

2000s

Anbec DeShield-Mayes, DDS '09, owner and general dentist at Best Smile Dental in Greensboro, North Carolina, was named one of *Triad Business Journal's* "40 Under 40 2022" in the publication's Feb. 21, 2022 edition. Between 2016 and 2020, DeShield-Mayes served as president of the North Carolina Dental Society third district. She also serves as a member of the Grand Magnolias of North Carolina, and volunteers at her church as a college ministry leader and career development volunteer.



Message from the UNCDAA President



Dear Fellow Alumni,

I am excited to share the latest *North Carolina Dental Review* with you. The impact and contribution of our community to the field of dentistry is truly remarkable.

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

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Your investments have helped years of students, residents, and employees transform dentistry for better health. Whether that is through new technology to ensure our graduates are nimble practitioners or programming that prepares them for private practice — without you, our mission and vision would not be possible. Your investments set the foundation of success for the future of oral health care in North Carolina and beyond.

It has been an honor and a joy to serve as president of the Dental Alumni Association and to be connected with you all and our great school in this capacity. Thank you, as always, for your support of the UNC Adams School of Dentistry and the Dental Alumni Association.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Lynn Styers'.

E. Lynn Styers, DDS '87
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