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# Deans Message

## Are We There Yet?

### Dear Alumni and Friends:

As summer approaches, our thoughts turn to family vacations. Every parent who has ever driven the family car with young children on a family vacation has “fond” memories of repeated plaintive whining from the back seat: “Dad/Mom, are we THERE yet?” So, as I reflect on my first decade of service as Dean of the College (yes, it *has* been ten years!), I think it is time for me to ask that same question about the College.

The College is now at the “2010” mark in our Vision 2010 journey, a voyage which we embarked on in the year 2000. Our Vision 2010 Statement said, “By 2010, the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry will be recognized as a world leader in patient-centered, evidence-based, clinical care founded on the preventive and public health sciences, integrated educational programs based upon advanced technology, and centers of research excellence that are interdisciplinary and focused on innovative research areas.” Now that it is 2010, I ask: “Are we THERE yet?”

The short answer is “almost.” In the clinical patient care and clinical education arena, there is no question that we have achieved preeminence among our peer dental schools (in spite of our outdated clinical equipment).

The Group Practices that we created in the College clinics for the education of our dental students, the integration of their preclinical teaching, and the early entry of second-year dental students into the clinics, have all combined to increase dental student clinical experiences to a leadership level in U.S. dental education.

By the end of the third year, our dental students now have completed more clinical patient treatment than our past graduates had completed at the end of their fourth year. Our fourth-year students gain extensive experience in “core dentistry” treatment procedures in their 50-day community-based clinic rotations, providing care for six patients each day in these safety-net clinics, working with an assigned chairside dental assistant. They also learn how to address oral healthcare disparities.

To date, 12 U.S. dental schools have sent their faculty and administrators to visit our College to learn from our faculty about our leading-edge clinical education programs. Moreover, we are the only U.S. dental school where *every dental student*

graduates with clinical patient experiences in restoring dental implants.

So, with respect to clinical education and patient care, the evidence is clear that “we are there,” and are even beyond where we hoped to be.

In the area of “integrated programs based on advanced technology,” we are only partway “there.” We hope that our new DMD curriculum, which we will implement in August 2011, will fulfill this aspiration. You can read more about this integrated, “high touch” (small group learning) and “high tech” environment for dental student learning in this issue of *Vision*. In advanced technology, we are not close to being “there,” because our clinic equipment is 25 years old.

In “centers for research excellence that are interdisciplinary and focused on innovative research areas,” we are most-of-the-way “there.” We now have two research centers and two laboratories focused on innovative discovery.

The Center for Wound Healing and Tissue Regeneration is the only one of five National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded wound healing centers to be based in a dental school. The Center for Molecular Biology of Oral Diseases is focused on cancer biology research, with an emphasis on oral cancer and the oral manifestations that result from the treatment of other cancers. The Brodie Laboratory for Craniofacial Genetics and the Brodie Tooth Development Genetics and Regenerative Medicine Research Laboratory are conducting NIH-funded research into the genomic aspects of enamel and dentine formation and regeneration.

The College faculty annually earns over \$8 million in external research funding. Unlike most dental schools, our NIH funding is not solely limited to support from the National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR). In fact, as much of our NIH funding comes from the “medical institutes” as from NIDCR.

We have recently been awarded a \$9.9 million NIH grant to complete the renovation of our



Dean Bruce S. Graham.

research laboratories, resulting in a total of 40,000 square feet of state-of-the-science laboratory space in the College. (Read more on page 22 in this issue of *Vision*). This grant will also create a new Clinical Research Unit, to facilitate the College's expansion into clinical research. **Dr. Tom Hart** has recently joined the College from NIDCR as Director of Clinical Research and Head of the Department of Periodontics (Read more about Dr. Hart on page 29).

To sum up, we are "mostly there" on our College's voyage into the future. However, we have one more significant roadblock on this journey... replacing our outdated clinical equipment. We need to renew all 292 operatories in the College clinics. Our students need to learn clinical dentistry using state-of-the-science technology, to be prepared for clinical dental practice in 2010 and beyond. Last summer, through the success of the Brilliant Futures Campaign, we reequipped and renewed the Orthodontics Postgraduate Clinic and the Delta Dental of Illinois Predoctoral Pediatric Dentistry

Clinic. The positive impact of these new clinical facilities has greatly enhanced the learning experience of our students and improved our patient care services. We thank our alumni, friends, and partners for the generous gifts that made these new facilities possible.

During the next five years, I know that I can count on your generous gifts to help the College complete the renewal of our clinical technology and equipment. By doing so, your support of the *Brilliant Futures Campaign* will introduce the technology and equipment that will keep UIC at the leading edge of dental education.

Then, the College will truly be "all the way there" as a world-leading dental school.

Sincerely,



**Bruce S. Graham, DDS, MS, MEd**  
Dean

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# Advancement Report

## Donors Generous During *Brilliant Futures*; Focus Now on Clinical Facilities

Three years into the University of Illinois' *Brilliant Futures* Campaign, the UIC College of Dentistry's generous donors have enabled the College to sail past the halfway point of its \$35 million goal. To date, the College has raised more than \$21 million during its *Brilliant Futures: Educating a New Dentist for America* campaign.

The major focus in the next year will be raising funds to renew our clinical facilities. "We will renew our building to create a teaching, research, and patient-care environment that will support the transformation of the curriculum and provide for optimal patient care services and scientific discovery," said **Dean Bruce Graham**.

### **ProCare Implant and Innovations Center**

Already under construction is the ProCare Dental Implant and Innovations Center, funded by a \$1 million donation by ProCare Dental Group PC, led by its President, **Dr. Robert G. Brunetti**. Based in Arlington Heights, IL, ProCare Dental Group PC is a leading provider of dental practice management services to group dental practices in the Chicago metropolitan area. It also operates 15 dental offices in northern Illinois.

Phase I of the construction is moving the Department of Restorative Dentistry administrative offices from the south end of the building to near where the front entranceway of where the planned innovations center will be in the core area of the third floor. Once that is completed, demolition of the core area will begin and the ProCare Dental Implant and Innovations Center will be built there, adjacent to the Department of Periodontics post-graduate clinic.

The center will feature ten operatories and classroom space.

"The ProCare and Dr. Brunetti legacy gift allows us to establish one of the most modern and technologically advanced oral health care centers in the world as a core resource for our students, patients, and educational programs," said **Dr. Stephen Campbell**, Head of the Department of Restorative Dentistry and Director of the Comprehensive Dental

Implant Center. "This is critical to realizing the best in our educational and patient care programs.

"It specifically allows us to expand and strengthen our model implant care and educational programs by providing a single comprehensive site in the College for our patient care and curriculum related to dental

implant supported therapy. In addition, it allows us to take the next step in establishing a model Science and Technology Innovation Center and curriculum that embraces the clinical aspects of current and emerging technologies as part of our programs," Dr. Campbell added.

"Our desire to support the development of the ProCare Dental Implant and Innovations Center stems from a shared Vision with the College in its *Brilliant Futures* Campaign, which is to advance our profession and the development of a new generation of dentists, the 'New Dentists for America,'" Dr. Brunetti said. "The center will not only be able to offer a unique curriculum for students who will become future dentists serving all of us and our communities, but will also provide opportunities for current practitioners to add not only clinical implant dentistry but also clinical applications of advanced dental technology to their repertoire of professional skills and services.

"Dental implant therapy has dramatically grown in importance as the most optimal method of treatment for tooth replacement and other restorations,"



*Already under construction is the ProCare Implant and Innovations Center, funded by ProCare Dental Group PC, led by its President, Dr. Robert G. Brunetti right, and planned with the input of Dr. Stephen Campbell front, Head of Restorative Dentistry; Dr. Phillip Marucha, Associate Dean for Research left; and Dean Bruce Graham center.*

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he continued. "Our goal is to provide support towards development of a center that will afford both graduate and undergraduate dental students with the capability to place and restore dental implants and to attain competency in this integral discipline in the practice of dentistry."

The ProCare Dental Implant and Innovation Center also will advance the reputation of the College as a world center for dental implant education and treatment, as well as for being at the vanguard of innovative developments in education, treatment, research, and technological advances in the clinical practice of dentistry.

"The dentist both of today and tomorrow must be broadly competent in the delivery of comprehensive, integrated professional care," Dr. Brunetti said. "While dental implant therapy continues to rapidly grow as a treatment of choice, other innovative technologies and clinical modalities will rapidly emerge as resources spur their development.

Competencies will need to be developed in these areas and centers such as the ProCare Implant and Innovations Center will become widely recognized by not only dentists but allied healthcare professionals in other disciplines as a major resource for interdisciplinary professional development.

"The Implant and Innovations Center will be able to offer better and more affordable patient care thereby promoting healthy societies, another one of the missions of the *Brilliant Futures Campaign*.

"We are ecstatic about the progress of the construction in the development of the ProCare Dental Implant and Innovations Center and excitedly look forward to the realization of our shared Vision with the College in the near future," Dr. Brunetti said.

"Without ProCare and Dr. Brunetti's generosity and willingness to partner with us by providing this legacy gift, we simply would not be able to realize adequate support to establish a focused center for our Dental Implant Center and our Comprehensive Science and Technology Innovations Curriculum," Dr. Campbell concluded. "This gift allows us to establish a focused environment of learning, care, and advancement within the department and College."

## Endodontics

The Department of Endodontics has kicked off a \$2 million campaign to build a new clinic on the third floor of the College.

Endodontics' patient care facilities have not

seen renovation in more than 30 years. Plans call for the construction of a new surgical suite with 14 operatories, a larger surgical operator, and a reception/patient registration area.

"Our new clinic is necessary so that we can attract the best and brightest dentists into our endodontic post-graduate specialty program," said **Dr. Christopher Wenckus**, '71, Endodontics '74, Head of the Department of Endodontics. "With the loss of a tuition waiver and stipend, we must be much more competitive in the post-grad student market. To this end, a new endodontic clinic, replacing the 30-year-old facilities, will go a long way to selling the program.

"All operatories will be equipped with two flat screen monitors, mounts for dental operating microscopes, and x-ray heads. Our intent is to make this as close to a modern endodontic private practice office as possible.

"Also, a new clinic will function much more efficiently. This is important because clinic revenue must replace operating dollars that the State no longer provides. We hope to get away from the one-patient-in-the-morning and one-patient-in-the-afternoon mode and get our residents to see four or even five patients or more in a clinic day. This cannot be done in our current clinic setting," Dr. Wenckus continued.

"All in all this is a very important project to ensure that we maintain our excellent reputation as one of the premier endodontic specialty programs in the world," he concluded.

Close to \$450,000 has been raised or pledged so far for the endodontics clinic. Operatories can be named with gifts of \$50,000 each.

## Pediatric Dentistry

Following upon the successful opening of the Delta Dental of Illinois Predoctoral Pediatric Dentistry Clinic (see related article, page 10), the Department of Pediatric Dentistry will completely remodel its 24-chair postgraduate clinic.

Renovations will include a new emergency care clinic, which will cost \$200,000; a laser center, which will cost \$150,000; a set of operatories dedicated to special needs patients, which will cost \$150,000; and a sedation area, costing \$150,000.

Individual operatories can be named for \$25,000. The total cost of the project is \$1.5 million.

"The current facility was designed for pediatric



*Dr. Dale Nickelsen right and his wife, Caren, are donors to the effort to build a new pediatric postgraduate clinic. His shown at the opening of the Delta Dental Predoctoral Pediatric Dentistry Clinic with Vicente Reynal left of Pelton and Crane and Dr. Bill Knight, Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.*

oral care procedures of the 1970s,” explained **Dr. Indru Punwani**, Department Head. “But oral disease in children is starting earlier now; in many ways we have become a pre-school clinic.

“With increasing numbers of sedations and the care of three- and two-year-olds and infants, the need for privacy and quiet rooms has become crucial,” he continued. “In addition, State of Illinois and



*Privacy is paramount in new and planned pediatric dentistry facilities.*

accreditation codes have changed, which requires architecturally changing the configuration of the sedation facilities.”

Dr.

Punwani feels that the numbers of autistic, special needs, and urgent care children seen in the clinic will increase, and these children in particular need quiet facilities. The louder the environment, the more nervous and unfocused they become.

“You can end up with an orchestra of crying,” he said.

“We now are the largest safety net in the City

and collar counties for these types of children,” Dr. Punwani explained. “We also must comply with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act [HIPAA] and Joint Commission on Hospital Administration requirements.

“For all these reasons, we need to reconfigure,” Dr. Punwani said. “State of Illinois funding has become unpredictable, if not unavailable. So we must rely on alumni, friends, and the corporate community to help us meet our rehab challenge.

“The need is high, and we ask for your help,” Dr. Punwani concluded.

**Dr. Dale Nickelsen**, ’62, Pediatric Dentistry ’63, MS Pediatric Dentistry ’69, and his wife, **Caren**, believe so strongly in the effort that they already have donated \$250,000.

“When Caren and I learned that the postgraduate clinic was in need of complete renovation, we immediately planned to become supporters in the *Brilliant Futures Campaign*,” Dr. Nickelsen said.

“The Department of Pediatric Dentistry has

been the defining force in my professional life and we wish to honor this impact by our contribution toward the clinic reconstruction.

At the dedication of the newly renovated undergraduate pediatric dentistry clinic, Caren and I were inspired at the possibilities that can be available for the postgraduate clinical education.

“With the partnership of State, corporate, and, *most importantly*, private contributions, our future pediatric dentistry specialists will receive superior clinical education and skills,” Dr. Nickelsen concluded.

### **Periodontics**

The Department of Periodontics is seeking to raise \$1.5 million for a new postgraduate clinic that



*In the postgraduate pediatric dentistry clinic, facilities will mirror those of private practice.*

will allow the department “to recruit the best and brightest students,” said **Dr. Thomas Hart**, Department Head.

Plans call for the construction of two new surgical suites and 14 new operatories on the third floor. In addition, a new private consultation room will be constructed.



*Several periodontics students work was honored with the Golden Curette Award for Excellence in Clinical Periodontics by Hu-Friedy Mfg. Co. Inc. Left to right, front, they are Alexis Lau, Olivia Laren, and Katie McCann. Proud perio faculty, left to right, back, are Dr. Tom Hart, Department Head, and Dr. John Crawford.*

“We want to establish our program as one of the top perio programs

in the country, as part of the Vision for the entire College to be among the leading U.S. dental schools,” Dr. Hart explained. “To do that, we need to have the best clinical space in which to work.

“We have tremendous part-time and full-time faculty and residents, but to keep attracting them, we have to improve our infrastructure. Our clinical space is the one area of our program that presents a problem in competing with other schools; the environment of the clinic is harming our competitiveness.

“We not only need to improve infrastructure, but we need more space in which to perform surgery. Times have changed, and periodontics is more implant-based,” Dr. Hart said.

“Other programs that are not as strong as ours may look better superficially, so we need to address this weakness. To make that happen, private funds are essential,” Dr. Hart concluded.

Individual naming opportunities within the new clinic will be made available in the near future.

### **Advanced Prosthodontics Clinic and Laboratories**

With older facilities that need to be replaced, the Department of Restorative Dentistry has plans

for a new 18-chair Advanced Prosthodontics Clinic and remodeled laboratories, classroom, and research space.

The Advanced Prosthodontics Clinic was last upgraded 16 years ago. It currently features 12 chairs located in close, cramped proximity to each other—an unfriendly, stress-inducing environment for patients, students, staff, and faculty.

Remodeling will result in 18 chairs placed to create a modern educational and practice environment, as well as meet myriad of regulatory guidelines for patient privacy (e.g., HIPAA). The program has outgrown the facility, and is in significant need of a new educational and patient care environment that will continue to support the best and brightest of futures.



*Dr. Stephen Campbell, Head of Restorative Dentistry, is shown in a research laboratory in 1995. Unfortunately, prosthodontics research facilities have not changed much since then, so Dr. Campbell has plans for remodeling and improvements.*

Modern technology is required for the Advanced Prosthodontics Clinic, as digital dentistry is upon us. This includes CAD/CAM (computerized design) and digital imaging that allows three-dimensional planning and guided care, all aspects of modern prosthodontic practice.

Laboratory areas are 30 years old, lack proper equipment, are not configured to modern federal regulations and requirements, and must be remodeled as well. The classroom is half the size of the needed space for the current program. With the College’s emphasis on research as an integral part of the curriculum, there is a significant need for expanded space to support the programs patient care outcome research initiatives.

A total of \$3 million will be needed for demolition, construction, and equipment, as well as the naming rights for the new Advanced Prosthodontics Clinic.

A total of \$2 million will be needed for demolition, construction, and equipment, as well as the naming rights for the Advanced Prosthodontics Classrooms and Laboratories.

“The educational, research, and practice environments have changed dramatically over the past 15 years, and this change has recently escalated,” Dr. Campbell said. “The result is that it has left our educational and patient care environments in significant need of change and updating.

“The program also plays an important role as a critical resource for our patients and for the College’s educational programs. This includes support of the restorative teaching initiatives such as our model predoctoral implant educational program, comprehensive science and technology curriculum, our core educational programs, and support for all of the College’s advanced programs,” he continued.

“We are also engaged in critical patient care outcomes research that supports the need for clinical science for all of dentistry. All while we are preparing graduates for practice and careers in education. This seeding program for faculty is critical to the future of dental education and patient care.”

“We need your help in order to realize an environment that provides all students and patients access to the current practice and emerging technological advances,” Dr. Campbell concluded. “Please consider a gift that will make a difference for our College, our program, and the future generations of patients and practitioners alike.”

### **Group Practice Clinics**

The bulk of teaching of predoctoral students goes on in the College’s group practice clinics, recently reorganized from six clinics into three and called the Da Vinci Clinic, the Monet Clinic, and the Rembrandt Clinic. The restructuring of the curriculum, including integrating the first- and second-year students into the clinics earlier, played a significant role in the reorganization.

“The rationale is to allow more focused responsibilities among the clinic leaders,” said **Dr. Susan Rowan**, ’84, Managing Partner of the Monet Clinic.

The College is seeking to create an environment in which all clinical learning is done in the Group Practice Clinics including prepatient care simulation learning, and that will take some reconfiguring. Therefore, the College is committed to ren-

ovating each of the operatories in the Group Practice Clinics.

Renovating and re-equipping each operatory within the clinics is a \$4.8 million project. Opportunities are available to name each group practice clinic. Naming gifts of \$25,000 for each individual operatory also are sought.

“Evolving technology is revolutionizing the practice of dentistry and will continue to impact the profession during the next 30 years in ways that we can’t even imagine today,” said Dean Graham. “The College’s clinical equipment is presently outdated. We need to renew the clinical technology now to bring the educational environment for our students up to the current standards of dental practice. And, some way, we have to ensure that our clinics *stay* up-to-date during the coming decades. The College can’t afford to fall behind in clinical technology again.”

### **On Our Way**

“We’re very grateful for those donors who already have contributed or pledged during the *Brilliant Futures: Educating a New Dentist for America Campaign*,” said Assistant Dean for Advancement and Alumni Affairs **Mark J. Valentino**. “Our fundraising has been going well, and we’re on the pace to reach our \$35 million goal—if we can involve many more of our alumni and friends.

“There are many opportunities for donors to make gifts that will have a significant and lasting impact on the future education of our dental students,” Valentino continued. “Our *Brilliant Futures* funding will provide the resources necessary for the College to truly achieve greatness.”

The goal of donors like Dr. Brunetti “is to further support the College and to accelerate its Vision towards realization of becoming the leading center in dentistry for education, professional care, and research in the world,” he said.

“The **Brilliant Futures Campaign** is vital to the future of the College of Dentistry and consequently is vital to the future of our profession,” Dr. Brunetti continued. “The need for financial support is crucial to the realization of this Vision, particularly when considering continued cutbacks by the State of Illinois for both academic and community based healthcare programs.

“We as healthcare professionals and a community cannot permit compromise of the education of

our 'New Dentists for America,' nor can we compromise the care they will provide patients and our communities. The need for financial support, therefore, not just from local or regional sources, but also from individuals, is an imperative that cannot be ignored," Dr. Brunetti said.

Valentino noted that gifts can be structured in ways that best suit donors' needs and abilities to contribute. "For example, someone wanting to name an operatory does not have to provide \$25,000 all at once, but can spread out their contributions over a period of up to five years if that is more convenient."

"I fervently hope that others will join me in supporting the College by generously responding to the *Brilliant Futures Campaign*," Dr. Brunetti concluded. "Inasmuch as we are all a community, our gifts will not only benefit the future of the College, but they will also benefit our patients, our profession, and they will benefit ourselves—truly—all of us."

"We look forward to partnering with more of our alumni and friends in creating a 'brilliant future' for the College," Valentino concluded.

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## Delta Dental Predoctoral Pediatric Dentistry Clinic Dedicated

The College and its Department of Pediatric Dentistry had a dedication of their new Delta Dental of Illinois Predoctoral Pediatric Dentistry Clinic on Dec. 3.

"A unique partnership allowed the Delta Dental of Illinois Predoctoral Pediatric Dentistry Clinic to become a reality," said **Dean Bruce Graham**. "That partnership includes Delta Dental of Illinois, which provided the funding needed to construct the new clinic; the Danaher Corp. companies of Pelton & Crane and KaVo, who have made significant gift-in-kind donations of dental equipment and technology; and the State of Illinois which, through the work of Governor **Patrick Quinn** and Representative **David Miller**, provided funding for infrastructure improvements."



*At the opening of the Delta Dental of Illinois Predoctoral Pediatric Dentistry Clinic were back row Dean Bruce Grabam; Tom Colgan, Irene Vasquez, and Dr. Allen Knox, 8, of Delta Dental; Dr. Richard Perry, 68, Dr. Frank Maggio, Periodontics 75, both Delta Dental of Illinois Board members; Dr. Indru Punwani, Department Head; and front row Lynne Williams, Hazel Fisher-Gable, and Sharon Heaton of Delta Dental; and Dr. Paula Allen-Meares, UIC Chancellor.*

Representative Miller is a 1988 DDS graduate of the College.

The Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation made a gift to the *Brilliant Futures: Educating a New Dentist for America Campaign* in the amount of \$250,000.

The 2,500 square-foot, 14-chair clinic features innovative equipment such as the capability for digital radiography units built into the cabinetry; new sedation areas and operatories with new dental chairs, cabinetry, and piped-in nitrous oxide at every unit; advanced imaging equipment; educational tools; facilities for special-needs patients; more privacy; and quiet areas that provide a serene setting for patient care.

Helios 3000 Lights by Pelton & Crane are of the light-emitting diode

(LED) variety. They generate no heat, have 15 times the bulb life of standard halogen lights and, with a



*David Bangert of Danaher Corp. explains the new equipment in the Delta Dental Predoctoral Pediatric Dentistry Clinic.*

simple adjustment of wave length, provide excellent operator vision without contributing to resin-composite curing.

The clinic also features a water filtration system from the Vista Research Group. The system delivers superior quality water to the units through significant particulate and organism reduction without the labor-intensive bottle and chemical insert system previously in use.

"We are committed to increasing access to oral health care for the people of Illinois. The need in Illinois is great and our support of the clinic helps provide faculty, students, and patients with a completely modern facility in which they can deliver and receive high quality dental care and oral health education," said **Tom Colgan**, President and CEO of Delta Dental of Illinois.

**Vicente Reynal**, President of Pelton & Crane and KaVo, said, "We're very honored to be part of this great endeavor; we work very well together. Our mission is to bring new technology to the dental profession, and we couldn't do that without an institution like UIC."

"It is one of the finest pediatric dentistry clinics in the United States," Dr. Graham said.

"In the State of Illinois there are only 140 pediatric dentists, who clearly are not and will never be able to deal with the oral health of all the children of Illinois," said **Dr. Indru Punwani**, Head of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry.

"Hence, enhanced training for general dentists to partner with pediatric dentists is essential and we at UIC are committed to providing the best training possible to our dental graduates so that this workforce can meet this urgent need.

"This state-of-the-art facility will enable us to provide our students an optimal setting with the

chairside availability of technologically advanced digital radiography to minimize radiation exposure, nitrous oxide inhalation anxiolysis to reduce the anxiety of these children, electronic charting, a quiet room for our infant oral health clinic, and the necessary privacy to be in compliance with HIPAA requirements," Dr. Punwani said.

The new configuration provides sound containment, "which will reduce the anxiety burden on both the parent and child," Dr. Punwani said.

The Department of Pediatric Dentistry, Dr. Punwani noted, is "the only place in the building that trains dental students for the use of nitrous oxide relaxation techniques, and we had only three units. We now have built-in units at every workstation. Before, they had to move patients from one chair to another where there was a nitrous unit.

"It's one-stop shopping so you don't have to take the patient to an x-ray or sedation room. It's all in one unit," he said.

Other dignitaries on hand for the event were UIC Chancellor **Paula Allen-Meares**; **Dr. Kapil Vij**, '99, Pedo '01, MS Oral Sci '04, then President of the UIC Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors; and officials from Delta Dental of Illinois and from Danaher Corp.

Delta Dental of Illinois is a not-for-profit dental service corporation specializing in providing benefits to 1.6 million people in more than 3,600 employee groups throughout Illinois.

The College hopes to raise funds to do a similar renovation of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry Postgraduate Clinic.

"We will be looking for support from our alumni and friends to help keep us the best Department of Pediatric Dentistry in the country," Dr. Punwani concluded.



**LITOWITZ LECTURE** Left to right, Dr. Arthur Litowitz, who endowed the Dr. Robert Litowitz Lecture, got together with Dr. Tom Diekwisch, Allan G. Brodie Endowed Chair for Orthodontic Research; and Dr. Carla Evans, Head of the Department of Orthodontics, shown presenting a certificate of appreciation to Dr. Paul A. Trainor; the inaugural Litowitz Lecturer. Dr. Robert Litowitz, 47, is the father of Dr. Arthur Litowitz, who decided to endow the lectureship as a special birthday present to his dad.

## Different Degree; Same Excellence

### *New Office of Dental Education to Ease Transition to DMD*

By William S. Bike

In 1913, the University of Illinois College of Dentistry became the first fully electrified dental school in the nation, and the new-fangled electrical equipment became part of the curriculum.

In 1917, the three-year curriculum was extended to four years.

In 1928, the College began offering continuing dental education courses.

In 1947, the College began offering lectures by telephone.

In 1988, the College added Clinic and Research Day, placing increased emphasis on research in the dental curriculum.

In 1991, the College switched its curriculum calendar from quarters to semesters.

The next year, it added a summer term to the curriculum.

A year later, it initiated student rotations to the Mile Square and Alivio community dental clinics.

In 2002, the College began changing its clinical education curriculum from separate, discipline-based clinics to interdisciplinary group practice clinics.

Curriculum change is nothing new at the College. And it has never meant that what went before was somehow insufficient. Instead, curriculum innovation always has made an already great program even better, and made the reputation of the College even more preeminent. And, of course, curriculum innovation has in turn made a degree awarded from the UIC College of Dentistry ever more valuable.

Whether that degree is a DDS or a DMD.



*Consultation and collaboration are emphasized in today's College of Dentistry curriculum.*

### **DMD to be introduced in Fall 2011**

The change that began in 2002 has led to a new curriculum that is more diagnosis-driven and medically comprehensive in nature. It will result in the introduction of the Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree, and will begin its phased implementation in the fall of 2011.

Curriculum changes or enhancements to date have included the implementation of comprehensive care group practices, evidence-based dentistry, extramural clinical education, behavioral science education, clinical simulation, implant dentistry, and refinements to biomedical sciences education.

"The DMD is not a new degree," explained **Dr. Bill Knight**, Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. "But it is particularly predominant in the new dental schools that have opened during the past 40

years (such as the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine) or are about to open in the near future. Today, 40% of U.S. dental schools award the DMD degree, and that percentage is growing as new schools are opened.

"It is consistent with our Vision and our Mission to educate oral healthcare practitioners who understand the relationship between the orofacial complex and the systemic health of the individual," he continued.

The results of the passage of Federal healthcare reform are yet to be seen, but it is a fact that for many years now, millions of Americans have been uninsured or underinsured, and the ranks of the underserved are growing. As a result, many people see a physician less; when they see their dentist, he or she may be called upon to inform the patient about systemic medical conditions.

"Some of the skills increasingly needed are going to be the ability to assess and diagnose patients with complex medical conditions," Dr. Knight said.

“To a much bigger extent than ever, dentists will have to have the ability to access information and evaluate its quality to determine its applicability to the patient in the chair and evaluate possible therapy outcomes.

“Another set of skills that practitioners are going to need is the ability to accurately, systematically, and consistently self-evaluate.

“Those three examples of skill sets are all cognitive, and not surgical,” Dr. Knight said.

As **Dr. Moneim Zaki**, Professor Emeritus of Oral Biology and member of the Curriculum Restructuring Subcommittee, said, “To reinforce the philosophy of this restructured curriculum the name of the degree awarded to graduating students will be changed from Doctor of Dental Surgery to Doctor of Dental Medicine to negate the notion that surgery is the only therapy option in oral healthcare.”

Yet, “The DMD curriculum will *absolutely* sustain the necessary surgical skills for the practitioner,” Dr. Knight said. “What it also will do is address the skill sets described earlier, to such a degree that we anticipate our learners will be very quick adaptors to the changing face of oral healthcare as it is influenced by science and technology advances.”

Dr. Knight believes that it is “irrefutable that the use of technology is going to have a profound effect on the way oral healthcare is planned, and delivered. And the DMD curriculum and new clinic designs will address the skill development of our learners in recognizing and adapting to changing technologies.”

## Process and Consensus

The issues, strategies, and educational programs that will be part of the DMD curriculum “have been piloted to a very large extent in the existing DDS curriculum,” Dr. Knight said.

“This past year we transitioned biomedical science from a discipline-based presentation to a systems-based approach,” he continued. “Similarly, for the last few years we have had students produce patient-care portfolios, lead seminar sessions, and examine patient care issues, and we have had a very robust extramural clinical education program. We have been moving the curriculum from focusing primarily on treatment to focusing on diagnosis and applying the best treatment to each diagnosis.

“All of which are key features in the



*Dr. Charlotte Briggs right and Nancy Norman are available to consult with faculty to help work more technology into their teaching.*

DMD curriculum,” Dr. Knight stated. “So we aren’t making a sudden shift. There’s been a lot of preparatory activity led by **Drs. Charlotte Briggs, John Crawford, and Phil Patston.**”

Dr. Briggs is Director of the new Office of Dental Education; Dr. Crawford chaired the Curriculum Restructuring Subcommittee; Dr. Patston was chosen to represent the basic biomedical science and research community in the curriculum restructuring process.

Approximately 50 faculty members were involved in developing the learning objectives for the DMD curriculum, and many additional faculty members and students were involved in the committees that

reviewed the proposals and suggested revisions. Department Heads provided feedback specific to their departments.

The College’s Curriculum Restructuring Subcommittee worked on the DMD curriculum for several years. It drafted the DMD curriculum proposal in 2007, and throughout 2008 it was discussed at open forums and



*Dr. John Crawford right chaired the Curriculum Restructuring Subcommittee, which led the way on the changes the College has made in its academic programs. His work contributed to his being named the first Dr. Jon Daniel Teaching Scholar see related article, page 27 .*

reviewed and approved by the departments, Curriculum Committee, Executive Committee, and full College faculty, which approved it with an 80% majority.

It then passed the UIC Senate Committee on Educational Policy, the full University Senate, the University Board of Trustees, and the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

“With the significant endorsement of our faculty and their willingness to embrace and mold change, this DMD curriculum will position us not only as a leader in oral healthcare education but also as a leader in the development of healthcare policy,” Dr. Knight said. “I believe it will help us provide the leaders in dentistry for the next 20-to-30 years.”

## Office of Dental Education

In June 2009, **Dean Bruce S. Graham** asked **Dr. Brad Johnson**,

Associate Professor and Program Director, Endodontics, to chair a committee charged with developing a proposal for a new Office of Dental Education (ODE) that would not only provide support for the development and implementation of the DMD curriculum, but would provide faculty development support for teaching; serve as a center to promote educational research; and provide leadership in pursuit of education grants, contracts, and research funding.

“The office makes the efforts of the College to improve dental education more visible to members of our own faculty, the University at large, others in the dental education community, as well as to grant funding organizations,” said Dr. Briggs, who is Head of the ODE. “Having a central clearinghouse for resources and projects related to curriculum development makes it easier for faculty members to connect with others with similar interests, and for the College to become part of teaching and learning networks that help bring new ideas and resources to the

College.”

In the past, “College faculty members have had few resources to help them improve their teaching or to document excellence in teaching scholarship,” Dr. Briggs noted. “The ODE now is working with the Office of Academic Affairs and others to identify and meet faculty development needs, such as by improving our course evaluation system and assisting those seeking peer evaluation of their teaching.

“The longer-term vision for the ODE,” Dr. Briggs said, “is to develop mechanisms by which faculty members can have affiliations with the office as resident or visiting scholars to pursue collaborative projects in education research and curriculum development.”

With the DMD program driving that curriculum development, “I have much work to do to establish faculty development programs needed for the DMD

program,” Dr. Briggs said. “My overarching goal is to develop a learning community among faculty members who wish to focus significant effort on teaching scholarship, and to support that community to achieve the varied goals of its members.

“I firmly believe that the best way to improve teaching and develop the curriculum is by developing the knowledge and skills of the faculty by supporting

them in projects that inherently capture their interests,” Dr. Briggs noted.

The College has focused on developing the learning objectives and assessment criteria for the DMD in the past year, “and we are now moving into the next phase, which is developing the patient case scenarios that will be a central feature of the learning process,” Dr. Briggs explained. “In addition, we have been developing descriptions of the various roles that faculty members will play in the DMD, and an organizational chart to show how they will relate to each other and to existing structures in the College.”

The DMD curriculum increasingly incorporates



*The curriculum gets students into the clinics faster; they now receive their white coats early in their D-1 year.*

new technology. **Nancy Norman**, MA, Instructional Technologist reporting to Dr. Briggs within the Office of Dental Education, has been hired to help faculty with technology.

"I'm here to support and assist faculty in preparing to use new technology in instruction, especially as we move to the DMD curriculum with small groups and independent learning," Norman explained. "We want to develop digital learning resources such as recorded lectures and other computer-based modules for faculty and students.

"My role is to work with faculty in developing those sorts of things, guiding them through the process. I also do instructional design, so I can assist in designing media for computer-based learning," she continued.

The College's goal is not only for students to become lifelong learners, but faculty as well. "I'm here to support faculty in becoming lifelong learners when it comes to instructional technology," Norman noted.

## Enhanced reputation

Just as curriculum change in the 1920s, 1940s, 1980s, 1990s, and other years was looked upon as an enhancement, so is the change from a DDS to a DMD expected to enhance the reputation of all UIC alumni. As the program continues to improve in the future, it will only increase awareness of the College's decades-long history of high quality education and highly skilled, well-educated graduates.

Still, College administrators understand the warm feeling toward and the traditional attachment to the DDS.

"For those of us including myself, who earned the DDS degree, this transition arouses mixed feelings," concluded Dean Graham. "But it is clearly reflective of dentistry's evolution to our current understanding of oral health as inextricably integrated with systemic health. My DDS degree will always be *my* degree, but I am proud to see my profession evolving into more comprehensive healthcare provision, as the DMD degree symbolizes."

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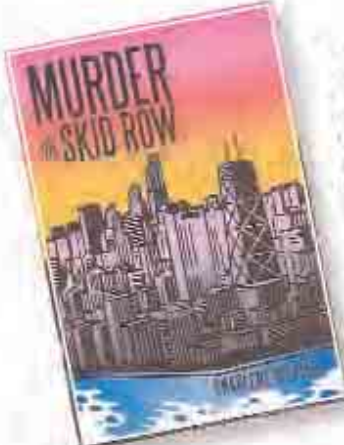
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## They're Coming to America And to the College

### *Changes in IDDP Aim to Increase Applicant Pool, Target Growing Underserved Communities*

By William S. Bike

*"On the boats and on the planes  
They're coming to America."*

"America," by Neil Diamond

Since the program's inception in 1994, change has been a constant in the College's International Dentist Degree Program (IDDP).

The International Dentist Program (IDP) was started by the late **Dean Allen W. Anderson** as an 18-month board preparation Continuing Education program in 1994 with **Dr. Terry L. Parsons** as its Clinical Director. The program was expanded for educational reasons to a two-year certificate program at the end of the first year, at no added expense to the students. **Dr. Edward E. Savers**, Clinical Assistant Professor, became the program's



*Dr. Terry Parsons right is Director of the IDDP, whose students, represented by Jasleen Raina, presented him with a Crystal Apple for teaching excellence in 2009.*

second faculty member shortly thereafter. Dr. Parsons became the Director in 1998 and Dr. Savers was named Clinical Director. The International Program evolved so that in the 2006-07 year, the IDP became the IDDP and began granting the DDS degree instead of certificates.

The size of the program has increased from 12 students, to 16, 20, 24, and then 30. At first, most of the students hailed from Eastern Europe. In recent years, there have been more students from the Middle East and from throughout Asia.



*Dr. Claudia Piccolo, providing dental care to children in a rural area of Colombia.*

The goal always has been to prepare individuals who have earned dental degrees in foreign countries to successfully challenge the licensure board examinations leading to practice in Illinois.

"Foreign-trained dentists' educational background and experience with dental materials may vary dramatically," said Dr. Parsons. "The goal of our program is to help foreign specialists acquire the necessary experience to practice successful dentistry in the U.S. and specifically in the State of Illinois."

That goal will not change. But the program will; it is evolving not only to meet the needs of the students, but of the community as well. The College's Mission Statement calls upon it to provide patient-centered care "for a culturally diverse population," to "address community and regional health care needs," and "value and seek diversity in students."

Students like **Drs. Cristina Olarov** and **Claudia Piccolo** are part of the reason why the College is evolving the program once again.

*“Got a dream to take them there  
They’re coming to America.”*

Dr. Olarov graduated from the University of Medicine and Pharmacy’s College of Dentistry in the city of Timisoara in her homeland of Romania. There was no question that she was the kind of hard worker that the College seeks for the IDDP.

“After graduation I spent one year in an internship program in the municipal hospital there in the oral and maxillofacial surgery clinic, and then I was accepted in a two-year General Practice Residency (GPR) program in the same hospital,” Dr. Olarov said. “Meanwhile, I worked part-time in a private office.”

Dr. Olarov’s husband, **Dorin**, got a job in the U.S. as a software engineer, and after she completed her GPR, she followed him here.

“I looked on the Internet for options for continuing my education, and in this way I came across the program offered by UIC,” she noted.

Dr. Olarov completed the academic requirements needed, but had to wait for paperwork regarding her immigrant status before she could be admitted. Seeing the wait as an opportunity, “I took advantage of this time by taking English as a Second Language classes in order to improve my English skills, and I also took social science, Spanish, and early child development classes at Truman College,” Dr. Olarov said. She also had a baby, daughter **Anna-Maria**.

She began the IDDP in May 2008, and has felt lucky ever since. “With all of us students coming from different countries and with different backgrounds, having Drs. Parsons and Savers as



*The IDDP will make my life better, by allowing me to continue the career that I loved performing before coming to the U.S., said Dr. Cristina Olarov right, receiving congratulations from Dr. Terry Parsons at the 2009 White Coat Ceremony.*

instructors and mentors made a big difference in our getting along and in reducing our accommodation time,” Dr. Olarov said.

“My luck did not stop there,” Dr. Olarov noted, “as I was assigned to the DaVinci Clinic in the College, where I worked and learned under the supervision of an excellent group of clinical instructors overseen by **Dr. Michael Santucci**,” Managing Partner of that clinic and Clinical Assistant Professor of Restorative Dentistry.

“The IDDP is highly demanding, competitive, and provides a good pool of patients,” Dr. Olarov said in summing up her experience. “It offers the required experience that a foreign trained dentist needs in order to be able to practice high-quality dentistry in the U.S. The program will make my life better, by allowing me to continue the career that I loved performing before coming to the U.S.”

Dr. Olarov ended up winning the Robert Savage Award at the end of her last year, for showing particular concern for the welfare of her patients. She missed receiving it in person, however, as she had a second daughter, **Veronica**, the same week as the ceremony.

*“Got a dream they’ve come to share  
They’re coming to America.”*

Dr. Piccolo may have done her doctoral work at one of the most prestigious universities in her native Colombia, Colegio Odontologico Colombiano (COC) in Bogota, but the experience was not a cushy one.

“I did my residency in Florencia, Caqueta, with the Colombian National Army,” she explained. “This part of the country is considered a ‘red zone’ because of the violence and scarcity of resources that exists there.”

Because of the great need for her services, Dr. Piccolo signed up for a second tour of duty with the army after she fulfilled her original commitment. “I felt a calling to continue my work and culminate the projects I had started in order to rehabilitate the programs and infrastructure of their clinical dispensary.”

She also volunteered on weekends to work with the Colombian Government visiting schools without electricity, running water, or any other modern commodities in remote areas near the Amazon jungle with a group of professionals that included a priest, a physician, an educator, and a civil engineer. “We

all performed our respective duties,” Dr. Piccolo said understatedly.

The Colombian Air Force would distribute flyers with the team’s schedule to the natives by helicopter. “The inhabitants of the region met us in those locations,” Dr. Piccolo explained. “Entire families traveled for days by riding donkeys, horses, or simply by foot.”

Dr. Piccolo eventually returned to Bogota and worked for four years at three clinics and as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Radiology and Pediatric Dentistry at COC. But she wanted more, and was considering becoming an oral surgeon. So she decided to come to the U.S.

After working at several jobs in the U.S. in the dental field—and after getting married and becoming a U.S. citizen—she got a job in the UIC College of Dentistry’s Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS).

While working there, she began volunteering to teach Spanish to the College’s faculty, staff, and students through the Hispanic Students Dental Association.

“I had the opportunity to get to know wonderful people and witnessed the amazing experience of being part of the elite family of UIC,” Dr. Piccolo said. “They really inspired me to expand my knowledge and pursue my dream of becoming a student in this prestigious University.”

As an IDDP student, Dr. Piccolo has been highly involved in community service. “I not only had the opportunity to experience the quality of UIC’s academic and research programs, but to be part of different organizations volunteering in projects targeting the Chicago community,” she said.

*“Every time that flag’s unfurled  
They’re coming to America.”*

Just as the Mexican, Puerto Rican, and Cuban communities grew in Chicagoland in the 1950s and 1960s, the Central and South American community in Chicago is growing today. And just as the Eastern European community expanded in Chicagoland after World War II, a new wave of immigrants from this area is arriving in Northern Illinois now.

Students like Dr. Piccolo and Dr. Olarov show that the IDDP can attract top-notch students from those areas. Since dentists from foreign countries tend to attract patients from the areas from which

they came, increasing the number of IDDP students from Central/South America and Eastern Europe could generate more dentists better able to serve the healthcare needs of those growing, yet underserved, communities in Chicagoland.

Dr. Olarov, for example, hopes to practice in the suburbs southwest of Chicago.

“Considering the population living in this area, I can say I have a fair chance of treating Romanian patients,” she said.

“As an American citizen established in Chicago I would be able to continue to contribute to my community,” Dr. Piccolo said. “I always have been involved in different philanthropic organizations, and the IDDP opened new opportunities for me to be able to contribute within my field and expertise.”

To attract more students from these communities, and to attract even more top-notch candidates from all countries to an already high-quality pool of applicants, “We therefore would like to increase the size of the applicant pool,” said **Dr. Darryl Pendleton**, Associate Dean for Student and Diversity Affairs. “We want to reach out to the Central/South American- and Eastern European-trained dentists. Those are strong communities here in the area that we know are very vibrant when it comes to immigrant health professionals.

“There is a perception among some in the practicing community and in the immigrant community that the program targets foreign dentists here on educational or work visas who will be leaving the country,” he continued. “Actually, *everyone* in the program is a U.S. citizen who can be expected to provide dental care in the U.S., particularly in Illinois.



*I always have been involved in different philanthropic organizations, and the IDDP opened new opportunities for me to be able to contribute within my field and expertise, Dr. Piccolo said.*

“We want to increase the applicant pool because we want to make sure that we are reaching *all* the candidates who are eligible for the program. We have gotten great candidates, but we know there are other great candidates out there whom we have not reached with our communications, which do not always penetrate deeply into the immigrant communities in the area,” Dr. Pendleton noted.

“There seems to be an increased number of foreign-born and trained dentists immigrating to this country,” Dr. Parsons said. “Increasing the size of the applicant pool will mean a larger number of more highly qualified people applying. A lot of dental schools are starting international programs in response to immigration and economic pressures. The competition for the students is getting tougher, so we’ve got to look at more applicants to maintain and increase the quality of our students.”

Dr. Pendleton looks at increasing the size of the IDDP applicant pool “as part of our commitment to recognizing and celebrating diversity, and part of our mission to increase access to care in Illinois,” he said.

“In the pursuit of my dream I met my soul mate, and when we got married automatically I became part of a wonderful Italian-American family,” Dr. Piccolo explained. “Illinois has become my homeland and is where my husband and I desire to plant our family and professional roots.

“I made a promise to myself to help others no matter their circumstances, cultural, and socioeconomic background,” Dr. Piccolo said.

Increasing the size of the pool also will increase the diversity of the IDDP student population.

“We have gotten more students from India and across Asia in recent years who were taught English in their homelands, so they are at an advantage when we interview them,” Dr. Pendleton said. “They are prepared, and they have the com-

munication skills. We will continue to welcome those candidates, but we want to increase the applicant pool to give others a chance as well.”

Candidates who have had an opportunity to gain some understanding how dentistry is being practiced in the U.S., by working in a dental office as a receptionist, office assistant, or other jobs not requiring licensing, gain qualifications to enter the IDDP. The selection committee looks to see if a

candidate has a general understanding of how patients are being treated in the U.S. and if he or she has a knowledge of insurance programs, legal liabilities, infection control procedures, and dental materials and equipment.

“Exposure to the work at dental offices helps students succeed in the program,” Dr. Parsons said.

Dr. Piccolo, for example, worked as a dental surgical nurse; chair-side dental assistant; dental clinic coordinator; sales representative, technical consultant, lecturer, and interpreter for a dental implant company; office manager for three dental clinics; and for the College’s OMFS program before enrolling in the IDDP.

Increasing the size of the applicant pool is not the only change planned. “We’re going to try to truncate the pre-patient care part of the IDDP curriculum to get the students to patient care more quickly, just as we have done in the predoctoral curriculum,” said **Dr. Bill Knight**, Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Also with the College’s predoctoral curriculum changing as the program evolves from a DDS to a DMD (see related article, page 12), some of the points of intersection between the DDS and IDDP no longer will exist. “So the IDDP curriculum is under constant change too, and the DDS/DMD change will necessitate us redesigning a new IDDP curriculum,” Dr. Parsons said.

“We’re making these changes based on what previous IDDP students have told us, and on facul-



*The IDDP Class of 2010: Ready to provide oral care in the United States.*

ty observation of the students going through the program,” Dr. Knight said. “Wherever we see opportunities to improve the quality of the educational experience, we do so with the intent to enhance the fidelity to patient care.”

With the program more than 15 years old, “we are at a point now where we know what works and what doesn’t,” Dr. Pendleton said. “IDDP students usually are more mature and they come to us with some clinical dental experience. We want to evolve and revise the curriculum to reflect this.”

“IDDP students are a value to the entire College because they bring a level of maturity that is a good model for predoctoral students,” Dr. Knight said. “And we offer a value added to them because our predoctoral students in many ways provide an acculturation process for the IDDPs. So it’s a win-win.”

“Although they are U.S. citizens, their social skills have mostly been confined to within their communities,” noted Dr. Pendleton. “That is neither good nor bad; it’s just a fact. But the diversity that they experience here and the relationships they develop prove to be very valuable, as does their interaction with our foreign-trained faculty who have traveled the same path as these students.”

“Today’s IDDP students tend to be more effective communicators and more integrated into American society than their predecessors,” Dr. Parsons said. “Those are attributes we want to bring to a wider circle.”

IDDP students also often go on to specialty programs, Dr. Pendleton noted. “They are excelling in their performance, and having more dental specialists is an advantage to the ethnic communities they come from as well,” he said.

“The strong side of foreign candidates is their experience working in community-based dentistry,” Dr. Parsons concluded. “In numerous countries, dentistry education programs include time spent in the communities providing care to people who cannot afford dental care. Our program prepares future dentists to be multiculturally competent in order to meet the needs of low-income, underserved populations.”

“I was able to utilize innovative dental materials and the latest high-tech equipment available at the University in order to achieve clinical excellence,” Dr. Piccolo concluded. “I made long-lasting friendships on my path. I met amazing people with different cultural and social backgrounds, and

I treasure the opportunity the UIC College of Dentistry has given me to provide optimal treatment care for the wonderful community of Illinois.”

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The College has been awarded a \$9.9 million grant from the American Reinvestment and Recovery (“Stimulus”) Act through the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to renovate and construct 23,000 sq. ft. of research space on three floors of its building.

The College was the only unit on campus, and one of only three dental research facilities nationwide, to be awarded such funding.

“We focused our application where we felt the greatest need was—on clinical and translational research facilities,” said

Associate Dean **Phillip T. Marucha**, who led the Office of Research team that prepared the application. “It will provide space for all College faculty interested in patient-based research, enlarge animal facilities, revitalize laboratories for our translational researchers, and provide new core areas for shared equipment.”

The need for new clinical research space has been discussed at the College since it obtained a U24 grant from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) in 2004 to improve research infrastructure through a program entitled Interdisciplinary Research in Cancer from an Oral Perspective, focused on epidemiology and behavioral science, tissue engineering and biomimetics, cancer biology, microbiology and immunology, pathology, and wound healing.

“Since then a lot of new faculty have joined the College and we need better research facilities to accommodate them,” Dr. Marucha said.

The Office of Research worked with a CAD-CAM (computer-aided design/computer-aided manufacturing) program; with architects subcontracted by UIC; and with the Research Advisory Committee on the proposal.

On the first floor, a new Clinical Research

Facility will be constructed and will include five large research operatories; space for subject/Principal Investigator (PI) interaction; facilities for processing samples from patients, for storage of records, and for instrument processing; and offices for clinic coordinators and other research staff. This facility will be developed to interact with the University’s new Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences which will provide training and other support.

Plans for the fourth floor include enlargement and reconfiguration of the animal research facility from about 450 square feet to 1,600 square feet of animal care facilities, including a new surgical suite and isolation facilities. “This will not only better isolate the animal care facilities

from the rest of the floor, but will also allow the accommodation of genetically altered animals to be used in advanced molecular studies,” Dr. Marucha said.

There will be a new fourth-floor facility to house freezers that store valuable research samples, with backup power from a generator and with alarms systems “to alert research faculty if there ever is a problem with the power or with the functioning of the freezers,” Dr. Marucha said.

On the fourth floor will be a new laboratory for Department of Periodontics Head **Dr. Tom Hart**, and an area focusing on genetics and genomics, including a laboratory with open areas and core facilities to be shared by two junior periodontics research faculty.

The fifth floor will feature additional core lab space, including a freezer area that also will have backup power and alarms; and shared equipment space.

Half of the new space (12,000 square feet) will be devoted to renovating new translational laboratory space for 8-10 faculty and their staff on the fourth and fifth floors. These new laboratories will include an open design with many windows instead of walls to provide natural light and to enhance communication and interactions among research. Their will also be shared equipment rooms as well



*Dr. Phillip Marucha second from right, shown working in an existing laboratory, was Principal Investigator on the grant proposal that netted the College \$9.9 million for building new research facilities.*

as conference rooms for research faculty and staff to gather.

“Added to the renovations that occurred during the U24, this will provide modern-state-of-the-art research space for nearly all of our researchers and faculty,” Dr. Marucha said. “It will provide the physical infrastructure that will eventually allow every faculty member to be as productive as he or she can.

“We are building space that will link basic science, translational studies, animal studies, and clinical studies.

“During construction there will be dust and some sharing of space, but this ultimately will be research space that will meet or exceed the quality of that in any other dental school,” Dr. Marucha concluded.

Construction is expected to start in January 2011.

“This is truly a tremendous boost for us,” Dr. Graham said. “We have some young faculty members who have a great deal of potential, and this will give all of our researchers the best facilities in which to continue their outstanding work. It also will allow us to link our basic scientists to clinical research to create a spectrum for translational research.”

About a dozen units from across UIC filled out applications for stimulus money, with UIC administrators choosing which three would be submitted. The College’s application was one of the three.

## Reunion New Venue a Success

The annual Reunion Dinner moved to the elegant Carlisle Banquet Facility in Lombard, IL, after being held in Chicago for decades as more than 190 UIC College of Dentistry and Loyola University Chicago School of Dentistry alumni, spouses, faculty, guests, and dignitaries enjoyed an evening of reconnecting, awards, and music the evening of April 23.

Chaired by **Dr. Robert J. Ficek**, ’62, and his wife, **Jean**, and organized by **Ana Lisa Ogbac**, Associate Director of Advancement and Alumni Affairs, the Reunion saw several anniversary classes, six UIC alumni, and one Loyola alumnus honored. Attendees also enjoyed music provided by the band “Dinner At Eight,” led by **Dr. Charles DiFranco**, Loyola ’81, Loyola Periodontics ’83, the UIC Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors’ first-ever President who is not a UIC alum.

Alumni voted several years ago to change the Alumni Board Bylaws to let non-UIC alumni serve in officers’ positions.

All classes whose graduation year ended in a zero or a five were honored.

**Dr. Kapil Vij**, ’99, Pediatric Dentistry ’01, MS Oral Sciences ’04, 2009-10 President of the UIC Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors, welcomed Dr. DiFranco as the new President.

Dr. DiFranco then presented the President’s Leadership Award to Dr. Vij, and announced that the award had been renamed for **Dr. Irwin B. Robinson**, ’45, MS Oral Surgery ’54, by unanimous decision of the UIC Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Dr. Robinson has been the longest serving member of the board in its history, serving in the 1950s and 1960s, and then rejoining and serving continuously since the 1980s. He was President in 1960-61.

Dr. Vij served as President in 2009-10, after previously serving in all of the board’s executive positions. He practices in Buffalo Grove, IL, and also is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatric Dentistry at the College.

**Dr. Kevin E. Van Kanegan**, ’93, received the University of Illinois Alumni Association Loyalty Award.

**Dr. Cheryl Watson-Lowry**, ’87, and **Dr. George R. Zehak**, ’77, received the **F. William Towner** Organized Dentistry Activity Awards.

They were the chief architects for the program for the 2010 Chicago Dental Society (CDS) Midwinter Meeting, with Dr. Zehak as General Chair and Dr. Watson-Lowry as Program Chair. Their teamwork resulted in their receiving the Towner Award jointly.

**Dr. Gary L. Drahos**, ’78, was granted the E. Lloyd Du Brul Faculty Achievement Award.

Dr. Drahos has been Director of Initial Patient Care Services at the College since 2001. He has been on the College faculty since 1978, and also teaches at Kennedy-King College and has taught at the Loyola University Chicago School of Law. Dr. Drahos also lectures to primary schools, senior groups, and predoctoral groups several times each year.

**Dr. Walter F. Lamacki**, Loyola ’61, garnered the Raffaele Suriano Award, which is given for important contributions to dentistry in the Chicago area on the part of a faculty member or alumnus of

# Reunion



*Dr. Charles F. DiFranco right presented Dr. Kapil Vij left with the President's Award, which has been renamed for Dr. Irwin B. Robinson center.*



*Caryn Korman, Senior Associate Director of the Alumni Association, presented Dr. Kevin E. Van Kanegan with the Alumni Loyalty Award.*



*Dr. George R. Zebak left and Dr. Cheryl Watson-Lowry center were congratulated by Dr. DiFranco for winning the F. William Towner Organized Dentistry Activity Award.*



*Dr. Gary L. Drabos left was congratulated by Dr. DiFranco for winning the E. Lloyd Du Brul Faculty Achievement Award.*



*Dr. Walter F. Lamacki received the Raffaele Suriano Award from his fellow Loyola alum, Dr. DiFranco.*



*Dr. DiFranco presented Dr. D. Milton Salzer left with the Distinguished Dental Alumnus Award.*

2010



*UIC Class of 1970.*



*UIC Class of 1960.*



*UIC Class of 1985.*



*Loyola Class of 1985.*



*Dr. Joseph M. Gowgiel left was the most senior Loyola alumnus present and received a gift from Executive Associate Dean Bill Knight.*

a Chicago-area dental school, reflecting the contributions of the late **Dr. Raffaele Suriano**, Dean of the Loyola University Chicago School of Dentistry.

Dr. Lamacki has had a distinguished career and has been active in organized dentistry with the American Dental Association, Chicago Dental Society, and Illinois State Dental Society (which he served as Honorary President). He held every executive office in both the CDS and its Englewood branch, including President. He is a partner in Dental Health Onsite, a clinic serving seniors.

**Dr. D. Milton Salzer**, '68, was named the Distinguished Dental Alumnus.

For the past 16 years, he has served as Editor of the *Illinois Dental News* publication of the Illinois State Dental Society. He also has been very involved in the Chicago Dental Society. He is a Fellow in the International College of Dentists and is active in the American College of Dentists and in Alpha Omega.

The 2011 Reunion will be held in April or May. All classes whose graduation years end in a "1" or "6" will receive special honors. For more information or to serve as a class representative, call (312) 996-0485.

## Dr. Stephen Campbell Receives Top National Honor

**Dr. Stephen Campbell**, Professor and Head of Restorative Dentistry, was named Educator of the Year by the American College of Prosthodontists.

The award, which recognizes outstanding contributions to prosthodontics, overall achievement in academic dentistry, and contributions to the sciences or health professions, was presented at the organization's annual meeting in San Diego.

Dr. Campbell was influential in modifying the certification program of the American Board of Prosthodontics, and most recently he played an integral role in revising the Commission on Dental Accreditation Standards as they relate to prosthodontics.

Those changes will have a significant impact on the core education students receive while training to be dentists, Dr. Campbell said, and will strengthen their preparedness to provide the most appropriate care.

"Over the past several years, prosthodontics has seen a great many changes, and we want to do what is best not only for our patients, but also our

students," he said. One of the revisions in the standards was to ensure that all graduating students are competent in screenings for head and neck cancer.

Dr. Campbell also has been instrumental in integrating an evidence-based dental medicine curriculum in the UIC College of Dentistry.

"Dental education is preparing a new generation of practitioners who will have the skills to integrate the tools of evidence-based dental medicine into their clinical practice, to foster a commitment to their life-long learning and use it as a life tool," he said.

Dr. Campbell has been at UIC for 17 years, and during that time he has been "an extraordinary leader not only in our College but nationally as well," said Dr. Bruce Graham, Dean of the UIC College of Dentistry.

"Steve has consistently encouraged our faculty and me to embrace significant innovations to improve the learning environment of our students," Dr. Graham said. "This award recognizes his tremendous contributions to the field of prosthodontics, and he truly sets the standard for excellence in dental education at UIC."

## Dr. Alaa Al Aswany to Receive Alumni Achievement Award

**Dr. Alaa Al Aswany**, MS Histology '85, the leading novelist in the Arab world, will receive the University of Illinois Alumni Achievement Award from the University Alumni Association on Friday, Oct. 15, at the UIC Alumni Awards Dinner.

Dr. Al Aswany practices dentistry in Cairo, Egypt, and is a well-known political writer and novelist.

His book *The Yacoubian Building*, which depicts modern Egyptian society by following those



*Dr. Stephen Campbell center, Educator of the Year.*

who live or work in the building, has been a best-selling novel in the Arab world since 2002. It has been published in more than 15 languages, earning Dr. Al Aswany several literary awards, including the Bashraheel Literary Award for best novelist in the Arab world. The book was made into a movie, winning several cinematic awards, and a television show.

*Chicago*, another of his novels, was published in 2007 and depicts the Arab-American community in Chicago and at UIC. His latest book, *Friendly Fire*, is a collection of short stories about Egyptian life published in 2009.



*Dr. Alaa Al Aswany, MS Histology 8, at a book signing for one of his novels.*

The award is the highest conferred by the Alumni Association on behalf of the University. Previous winners from the College are **Dr. Jerry D. Gardner**, '64; **Dr. Dushanka V. Kleinman**, '73; **Dr. Daniel Laskin**, MS OMFS '52; and **Dr. Bernard G. Sarnat**, '40, MS Histology '40.

For information on attending the Alumni Awards Dinner, call the Alumni Association at (312) 996-8535.

## Dr. John Crawford Named Inaugural Dr. Jon Daniel Teaching Scholar

**Dr. John Crawford**, Professor of Periodontics, was named the inaugural **Dr. Jon Daniel** Teaching Scholar, receiving a plaque and a \$1,000 award at a faculty conference on May 10.

"The award was established to honor and celebrate the tremendous contributions of Dr. Jon Daniel to the learning of UIC dentistry students, and to annually recognize College faculty members who make extraordinary contributions to the College's educational mission," explained **Dr. Charlotte Briggs**, Director of the Office of Dental Education. "This award is the first teaching award in the College to be jointly determined by faculty mem-

bers and students."

The late Dr. Daniel, who died in 2009, had been a faculty member in the Department of Oral Biology for more than 30 years, and was known not only for his teaching excellence, but for his popularity among students as well.

According to the four criteria for nominations, Daniel scholars are expected to "engage students' interest, curiosity, and motivation to learn; challenge students to achieve breadth and depth in their understanding, and excellence in their skills; support students in their learning by fostering clarity, meaningfulness, and confidence; and respond to student needs in ways that keep learning at the center of the educational enterprise."

"I very much appreciate this recognition," Dr. Crawford said. "I hope the award will help to raise the faculty's appreciation for the importance of teaching in a university and be an appropriate legacy for Jon and his family. I have always felt that I get just as much from teaching as I give to it, so this is really a bonus."

College faculty and students were invited to nominate members of the faculty by writing a nomination letter that described how the candidate exemplified the four criteria for the award. Members of the Curriculum Committee then reviewed the letters in relation to the criteria and selected the recipient through a voting process.

"The many nomination letters that the selection committee received are a testament to the collective excellence of the College of Dentistry faculty,"



*Dr. John Crawford 2nd from left was named the inaugural Dr. Jon Daniel Teaching Scholar. Congratulating him were Dean Bruce Grabam left ; Jayne Daniel 2nd from right , wife of the late Dr. Daniel; and Lauren Daniel, their daughter.*

Dr. Briggs said. "One could not help but be moved by the many stories about how our faculty members bring excitement to their subjects, encourage students to do their best, and show generosity and caring in their daily interactions with students."

As Chair of the College's Curriculum Restructuring Subcommittee, Dr. Crawford has been called upon to be at the forefront of the College's change from a DDS to DMD curriculum for the past several years. Dr. Crawford's nominators cited his ability to express complex subjects with clarity, enthusiasm for knowledge, tireless commitment to improving the College of Dentistry curriculum, and generous availability to students as just some of the qualities that justify this award.

## Dr. Bill Knight Named Executive Associate Dean

**Dr. G.W. (Bill) Knight** has been named Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The Search Committee, chaired by **Dr. Stephen D. Campbell**, Professor and Head, Restorative Dentistry, unanimously recommended the appointment of Dr. Knight.

"The search process was very valuable to the College, because it was a broad discussion of academic affairs issues," said **Dean Bruce Graham**.



*Dr. Bill Knight, presenting an award to Sandy Murad at Honors Day 2009.*

"The process provided Dr. Knight and me with important advice from faculty, students, and staff about the future agenda for new curriculum implementation and evaluation, teaching technology enhancements, faculty teaching development needs, and communication and decision-making protocols."

"It is necessary for leadership and faculty to examine educational practices,

faculty recruitment, development, and retention, and most importantly fiscal management" at the College, Dr. Knight said. "It is incumbent on leaders in dental education to examine student and faculty

skill sets necessary for the 21st century and to design effective and efficient strategies to develop those skill sets.

"Dental education must also assume responsibility for fiscal integrity, assuring revenue without excluding potential students for fear of debt burden. The College must also be an active and successful participant in the University's research mission.

"These issues require innovative and dedicated leadership from administration and an enthusiastic commitment and participation from faculty. I am prepared to collaborate with our leadership and faculty to address these critical issues in dental education," he concluded.

Dr. Knight has begun the Commission On Dental Accreditation self study in anticipation of the CODA site visit in 2013. The self study will focus on program outcomes assessment so the College can continue planning for implementation of the new DMD degree and other programmatic innovations. It also will include a review of academic policies and procedures, with wide faculty, student, and staff participation.

Dr. Knight previously was Assistant Dean for Clinical Education. He has been with the College since 2002.

Dr. Knight has assumed administrative responsibility for the academic and didactic classroom aspects of the College's DDS, IDDP, Advanced Standing DDS, and postgraduate specialty programs. **Dr. David Clark**, Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, also has assumed administrative responsibility for the clinical education aspects of the previously mentioned programs. The Directors of the Group Practice Clinics now will work with and report to Dr. Clark. While Dr. Clark also has assumed administrative responsibility for the pre-patient care (preclinical) components of the DDS and IDDP programs, Dr. Knight will continue to offer advice to the course directors and faculty in these curricular components.

## Dr. Thomas C. Hart Named Head of Periodontics, Director of Clinical Research

As a periodontist and genetics researcher—as well as a historian and sports fan—**Dr. Thomas C. Hart**, newly appointed as Professor and Head of the Department of Periodontics, and Director of Clinical Research for the College, is happy to be in Chicago and at UIC.

“I’m excited to be here,” he said. “Going through the interview process, I was really impressed by the faculty—they’re an accomplished group of friendly people. As a human geneticist and periodontist, I think my research interests mesh really well with the wound healing research going on here with **Dr. Phil Marucha** and **Dr. Lu DiPietro**.”



*Dr. Thomas C. Hart, new Head of Periodontics.*

Dr. Hart also is pleased to again work with **Dr. Joseph Califano**, Program Director, Periodontics. “Joe and I both earned our periodontal certificates and PhDs together at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)/Medical College of Virginia, so I’m looking forward to renewing our collaboration. He’s a good friend and told me good things about UIC when I decided to apply here.”

Dr. Hart is an internationally recognized expert in the genetics of oral and craniofacial diseases. He also is a clinician, who provided active patient care in his most recent post as Chief, Human Craniofacial Genetics Section, Skeletal and Craniofacial Diseases Branch, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), National Institutes of Health (NIH), and from 2003 until 2008 also held the position of Clinical Director of the Clinical Research Core at the NIDCR. He previously was Associate Professor and Director of Clinical Research at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, and Associate Professor of Medical Genetics at Wake Forest University School

of Medicine.

“As chair of the department, I expect to support the development of the faculty and staff, so I really see this as a service position,” he noted. “There are three main aspects to focus my attention: teaching and didactic aspects; clinical aspects of undergraduate and postgraduate periodontics; and research. My goal is to support not only the full-time but the part-time faculty, as well as the students and staff, to help us all achieve excellence.”

“The College of Dentistry has a strong group of basic and clinical researchers,” Dr. Hart continued. “As a result of their success we now have an opportunity to build upon this foundation to develop clinical applications of the College’s very successful research programs. My role will be to facilitate collaborations between basic scientists and clinicians to translate research advances to enhance our ability to treat oral diseases. I am looking forward to working with Phil Marucha and others to build successful partnerships with other schools and businesses within the greater Chicago area to develop a sustainable clinical research enterprise that speeds up the process of applying research discoveries to improve our ability to diagnose and treat oral diseases.”

Dr. Hart earned his DDS at Emory University, and a Certificate of Periodontology and PhD degree in Human Genetics at VCU.

A history and culture buff, Dr. Hart said he “grew up in Europe and I really enjoy traveling and learning more about both ancient and modern history and culture. As a researcher I’ve had the privilege of spending time with research collaborators abroad, such as in Turkey and Brazil, and I am looking forward to inviting them to visit Chicago.”

He also describes himself as a sports fan, noting his favorite football team is the Pittsburgh Steelers. “I don’t have a baseball team yet, so I’ve got to decide between the Cubs and the White Sox,” he said, laughing.

Dr. Hart and his family—wife Suzanne; daughters Rachel, 19, and Rebecca, 17; and son Andrew, 15, are enjoying their new life in Chicago.

“I’ve visited Chicago many times and always loved it—even in winter,” Dr. Hart said. “There’s so much to do, and the people here are so friendly—both in the city and at the College.”

## Golf Outing to be Held in Wood Dale

The Golf Outing, an annual event hosted by the College and the UIC Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors, will be held for the second year in a row at Maple Meadows Golf Club, 272 Addison Road, Wood Dale, IL, 70191, (630) 616 -8424.

"Maple Meadows is centrally located, and this makes it easy for UIC, Loyola, and other dentists from both the suburbs and the city to attend," said **Dr. Tom King**, '71, chair of the 18th annual Golf



*A participant tees off at the Golf Outing. This year's event will be held Sept. 1.*

Outing. "It's near I-290, I-90, and Route 53. It's a links-style golf course."

Dr. King and **Drs. Don Doyle**, '78; **Todd Molis**, '74; and UIC Dental

Alumni Association President **Charles DiFranco**, Loyola '81, Loyola Periodontics '83, compose the Golf Outing Committee.

There will be a shotgun start, so that all golfers will be able to finish and have lunch at approximately the same time, Dr. King noted. Tee times will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 1. The fun activity also has proven to be a networking opportunity, as more alumni from Loyola and other dental schools have attended in recent years. Alumni from all dental schools, and their friends, are welcome to participate.

The price for golf, a golf cart, and the lunch buffet is \$95. For non-golfers wishing to attend, the price for the buffet alone is \$35.

The popular raffle will be held again this year, with prizes consisting of golf and dental items. Prizes also are given for golfing prowess and predictions.

Those interested in golfing should fill out the form on page 35 to reserve a spot or register online at <http://dentistry.uic.edu>.

Call **Ana Lisa Ogbac** of the College's Office of Advancement and Alumni Affairs at (312) 996-0485, or e-mail her at [aogbac1@uic.edu](mailto:aogbac1@uic.edu), for more information. Online registration also is underway at the College's website.

## UIC Dental Alumni Association Officers Named

The new officers of the UIC Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors took office on Feb. 28.

**Dr. Charles DiFranco**, Loyola '81, Loyola Periodontics '83, is President. **Dr. Alvin C. Atlas**, '77, is President-Elect. **Dr. Susan A. Rowan**, '84, is Vice President. **Dr. Ross E. Rubino**, '77, is Secretary-Treasurer. **Dr. Kapil Vij**, '99, Pediatric Dentistry '01, MS Oral Sciences '04, is Immediate Past-President.

Dr. DiFranco is a periodontist practicing in Park Ridge, IL.

For a full list of Directors, see the inside front cover of this edition of *Vision*.

## OKU Holds Annual Honors Induction Banquet

The Sigma Chapter of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honorary Dental Society held its annual induction banquet on May 5 at the Chicago Yacht Club. Immediate Past President **Dr. Susan Rowan**, '84, Clinical Assistant Professor, Restorative Dentistry, welcomed members and guests.



*Dr. Meera Mahajan was inducted into OKU.*

**Dean Bruce Graham** brought greetings from the College and complimented the new honorees for their excellent academic achievements during their four years at the College. President-Elect **Dr. Gary L. Drahos**, '78, Director of Initial Patient Care Services, Oral Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences, addressed the inductees and called the graduating seniors along with their accompanying certificate and honor key presenters, to receive their membership into the Society.



*Graduating student OKU inductees were left to right Ashutosh Kaushik, Yaroslav Yarmolyuk, Noor Obaisi, Katie McCann, David Bisterfeldt, Lauren Chan, Jeffrey Ruttencutter, John Katsis, and Nishant Patel. Not present was Christina Olarov.*

The recipients were **David Bisterfeldt, Lauren Chan, John Katsis, Ashutosh Kaushik**, (IDDP), **Katie McCann, Noor Obaisi, Christina Olarov, Nishant Patel, Jeffrey Ruttencutter**, and **Yaroslav Yarmolyuk**. Eligibility to this honorary dental society is based upon scholarship and character as manifested by election by the faculty.

**Dr. Meera Mahajan**, Clinical Assistant Professor, Restorative Dentistry, was inducted as a faculty member. The following were recognized as Life Member Honorees: Dr. Drahos, **Dr. William G. Flick**, '74, and **Dr. Stephen M. Zeck**.

Dr. Rowan presented Dr. Drahos as the newly elected President and **Dr. Marsha A. Babka**, '78, Clinical Professor, Restorative Dentistry, as the new President-Elect.

—*Dr. Irwin B. Robinson*

## College Part of Team Studying Oral Cancer Costs

Experts in dental health and health economic research are teaming up to determine the true cost burden of oral cancer, which affects more than 34,000 people each year in the United States alone. The University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry, the business information firm Thomson Reuters, Delta Dental of Michigan, and Delta Dental of Wisconsin are coordinating the study and necessary funding.

“Most oral cancers require costly and disfiguring medical intervention, and even then the five-year survival rate is approximately just 50%,” said **Dr. Jed Jacobson**, chief science officer and senior vice president at Delta Dental of Michigan. “We need to get a handle on the impact of these dis-

eases and how we can combat them better.”

The study will tap into Thomson Reuters MarketScan® research databases, which contain information on millions of claims, to evaluate the cost of oral cancers among patients with employer-sponsored insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid. The study also will use information available through Delta Dental of Michigan’s Research and Data Institute.

The project will examine the direct and indirect costs associated with oral cancers. Direct costs are associated with diagnosis, treatment, and recovery from oral cancers.

Indirect costs include absenteeism and worker productivity, as well as the disabling and disfiguring side effects of treatment. It also will look at the cost burden of oral cancer on taxpayers who are funding Medicaid and Medicare.

In addition, researchers will examine the comparative value of preventive care for oral cancers versus treatment.

“The study of the social, psychological and economic effects of oral health is a relatively underdeveloped area of research,” said **Dr. Joel Epstein**, Professor, Department of Oral Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences at the College. “That’s why the U.S. Centers for Disease Control have called for increased collaboration among healthcare providers, healthcare financiers, educators, researchers and policymakers.”

For more information, contact Dr. Epstein at (312) 355-3767 or jepstein@uic.edu.



*Dr. Joel Epstein is part of a team studying oral cancer costs.*

## Incentive to Accept Public Aid Patients Enacted

**Governor Pat Quinn** of Illinois recently signed HB 489 into law, which allows dentists who treat public aid patients to opt into a health care provider deferred compensation plan. This allows medical or health care providers enrolled in Medicaid to allow payments from the State to be deposited into a tax

deferral investment portfolio in lieu of direct payment for services performed. For more information, contact the Bridge to Healthy Smiles Coalition at [pcuvvle@isds.org](mailto:pcuvvle@isds.org).

## OMFS Experiences Holiday 'Miracle'

Students, residents, and staff in the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinic witnessed a holiday season "miracle" on Dec. 11.

A nursing home patient only in her 50s, suffering from severe Alzheimer's disease, was brought to the UIC urgent care clinic as an emergency case by her family. She had extreme pain and facial swelling due to suspected abscessed teeth. She was then seen by a OMFS team that included **Dr. Thomas Skiba**, '68, MS OMFS '77, Assistant Professor of OMFS; D-3 **Rob Pedersen**; first-year resident **Dr. Scott Weiskopf**; senior resident **Dr. Raza Hussain**; and others on staff.

"We were told that the patient's Alzheimer's had progressed to the point at which the patient does not speak, is not cooperative, may be combative, and was not aware of her environment," said Dr. Skiba. "She was crying she was in so much pain, however."

Because of the special needs of this patient and her extreme condition, Dr. Skiba decided that he personally would examine and treat her. This also was a possible special teaching opportunity.

"I explained to the patient as well as the residents, dental students, and staff, what we planned to do—to not hurt her, to examine her, diagnose her condition, and then treat her," he said. "This included using a topical and carefully giving local anesthetic so nothing would hurt. Further, it was explained that the treatment would end her pain and make her feel better.

"After examination, a diagnosis of a draining vestibular abscess secondary to carious and non-vital teeth numbers 12 and 13 was made. We proceeded with the topical gel and the local anesthetic, and the patient didn't struggle—no one had to restrain her. Teeth numbers 12 and 13 were then extracted without any opposition from the patient. A dissolving suture with a hand-tie was done and we were done."

The patient then apparently said "thank you."

"'Did she say really that?' we asked," Dr. Skiba said. "We were very surprised, to say the least. Our

paradigm had begun to shift."

In the recovery room, the patient's mother told a staff member she wanted to show a picture of the patient before she began suffering from Alzheimer's.

"It was a glamour shot of a beautiful woman," Dr. Skiba said, noting that he complimented her good looks.

The patient then laughed at Dr. Skiba's comment.

"This was the magic moment, a Kleenex moment for all of us," he said. "Everybody's jaw dropped. 'It was a Christmas gift for all of us; I'm so glad I was part of this,' Rob said. There now was no doubt that the patient was aware and had indeed also said 'thank you.'"

"We had been making assumptions that were wrong," Dr. Skiba said. "Our Department Head, **Dr. Michael Miloro**, is a firm believer in how important it is for us as healthcare providers to always assume more cognizance than less in talking with patients such as very small children or those who seem to be mentally impaired.

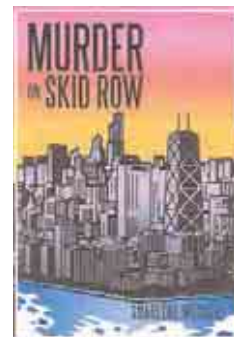
"The take-home message for caregivers and family members is that for people who are in a nursing home or in a coma—talk to them, hold their hand, and read to them," Dr. Skiba said. "Because they may be far more aware than we think.

"We all discussed this event at length," Dr. Skiba concluded. Our consensus was that we all must always assume the best and treat patients and family respectfully and with kindness, and if we have a loved one in a nursing home, go visit them."

## Main Character in Novel is College Alum

"Spare any change?" and "I don't know nothing" were the watchwords on Chicago's Skid Row in the 1960s. Located on Madison Street, only a few blocks north of the College of Dentistry, Skid Row was home to hustlers, winos, addicts, bums, lost souls, ripoffs, and kickbacks. Everyone, it seemed, had a secret.

Into this shady society



*Murder on Skid Row features a College of Dentistry alum as its main character.*



*College of Dentistry benefactor Charlene Wexler wrote Murder on Skid Row.*

steps **Dr. Mel Greenberg**, a new graduate of the UIC College of Dentistry, who describes himself as “fresh out of dental school, very idealistic, and very poor.” He opens his new dental office “to help the downtrodden,” he says. Instead, he finds himself in a world where a day might bring anything from a philosophy-quoting patient to a knife held at his neck. Eventually, he finds himself a suspect in murder.

Based on a true story, *Murder on Skid Row* is the first novel by **Charlene Wexler**, wife of **Dr. Sam Wexler**, '64. Told from Dr. Greenberg's point of view and

set predominantly in his dental office, *Murder on Skid Row* also features a scene at the College.

*Murder on Skid Row* is available through Amazon.com and bookstores everywhere. Published by Author House, the book sells for \$21.49 hardcover and \$10.99 paperback.

The Wexlers are longtime benefactors to the College. They donated all the tables and chairs in the fourth and fifth floor vending areas, and paid for reupholstering the couches and chairs in the fourth and fifth floor student lounges in recent years.

## Hispanic Dental Assn. Plans for Chicago Meeting

The Hispanic Dental Association symposium and annual meeting will be held Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 28-30. This year's meeting has an added special bonus, as not only is it being held in Chicago but the Hispanic Dental Association will be celebrating its 20th anniversary. This year's theme is: *Celebrating the Past and Changing the Future!* The event will be held at the Palmer House downtown.

The College of Dentistry Urban Health Program, the Hispanic Student Dental Association, along with the Greater Chicago Hispanic Dental Association will be assisting in the planning of annual meeting as well as co-hosting two events: the opening ceremony, Thursday, Oct. 28, and the gala dinner and awards ceremony, Saturday, Oct. 30.

Mark your calendar for two days filled with stimulating continuing education seminars, networking, and entertaining social events. If you have

any questions, contact, **Millie Mendez**, Director of Student Services, at (312) 413-1209.



*FAUCHARD FELLOWS Dr. Indru Punwani left, Head of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, was inducted as a Fellow in the Pierre Fauchard Academy recently, along with Dr. Sharon Malinowski right. At center is Dr. Steve Hedlund, President of the academy.*

## UIC Profs to Lead Burning Mouth Syndrome Data Meeting

**Dr. Joel B. Epstein**, Professor, and **Dr. Gary D. Klasser**, Assistant Professor, Department of Oral Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences, will lead an international meeting on burning mouth syndrome in Montreal, Canada, on Saturday, Aug. 28.

The meeting will be called “Burning Mouth Syndrome: A consensus development of key criteria to standardize data collection.” It will be an official satellite symposium of the 13th World Congress on Pain.

For information, contact Dr. Epstein at (312) 996-7480 or jepstein@uic.edu or Dr. Klasser at (312) 413-4670 or gklasser@uic.edu.

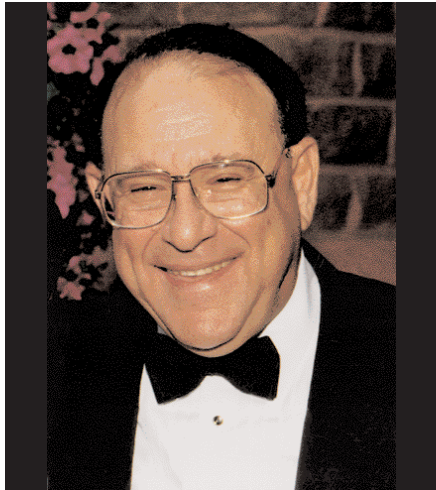
## Comings and Goings

**Dr. Dean R. Justmann** was named Executive Director for Administration at the College. Dr. Justmann is in charge of “financial planning and budgeting; the business side of the College, which also includes clinic receivables; and human resources,” he noted. “I also represent the College at University-wide meetings related to those areas and their compliance with established policies and procedures.”

## Direct Resin Bonding to be Topic of Weclaw Lecture by Dr. Bud Mopper

Alumnus **Dr. K. William “Bud” Mopper, MS**

Pediatric Dentistry '66, will present the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry **Dr. Thaddeus V. Weclaw Lecture**, “Combining Art and Science: The Key to Superior Esthetic Results with Direct Resin Bonding—An



*Dr. K. William Bud Mopper, MS  
Pediatric Dentistry '66*

Interactive Tour” as an all-day PowerPoint demonstration and lecture on Friday, Dec. 3.

The Weclaw Lecture event will be held at the UIC Forum at 725 W. Roosevelt Road in Chicago. Cost is \$175 for Alumni Association members, and \$195 for all others. A total of six hours of Continuing Education credit will be awarded to participants. A continental breakfast will be available beginning at 8:30 a.m. The session will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with lunch served at mid-day.

“When done properly, direct resin bonding is truly the most creative dental treatment that today’s dentist can render,” Dr. Mopper said. “There are easy solutions to the problems that most dentists have in doing esthetic bonding.” True esthetics with the use of direct composite resin can be achieved only if one understands how to use these materials and can master the technology involved, he said.

Dr. Mopper’s PowerPoint presentation will show participants how to evaluate, select, and use today’s materials to their best advantage. These materials include Microfills, Hybrids, and Nanofills.

He not only shows results, but how he gets there, in a stepwise succinct fashion.

Invisible restorations of all types, (class III, class IV, and class V), diastema closure, and restorative orthodontic corrections will be shown in detail. Direct resin veneering, full-bonded crowns, and resin repairs of all types will be illustrated. The necessity of opaques and tints will be explained and their uses demonstrated. Color selection and development will be emphasized.

Methods of color matching as well as changing will be demonstrated. Special emphasis will be given to the importance of achieving ideal morphology of anterior teeth through proper sculpting techniques. Contouring, finishing, and polishing will be described in detail. Proper maintenance of bonded restorations will be discussed and demonstrated. The achievement of esthetic and biologic results through minimally invasive dentistry will be shown.

Dr. Mopper is in private practice in Glenview, IL, where he has been doing minimally invasive dentistry with composite resin for more than 40 years. He is an internationally renowned lecturer in esthetic dentistry with an emphasis on composite bonding using direct application techniques. Dr. Mopper is co-author of *A Complete Guide to Dental Bonding*, which was the first definitive book for the dental profession describing bonding techniques.

Dr. Mopper has taught direct resin bonding Continuing Education for several decades at many universities around the country, including UIC, where he also lectures to students. Director of Education for the Center for Esthetic Excellence in Chicago, he is Co-Founder and Chairman of Cosmedent Inc., where he is responsible for educational programs and product development. Dr. Mopper has won several awards for esthetic dentistry and its teaching.

The late Dr. Weclaw, a 1930 graduate of the College, was one of the creators of the Academy of General Dentistry and was the founder and first chancellor of the Academy of Continuing Education. He served on the faculty of the College for 32 years.

To register, contact **Ana Lisa Ogbac**, Associate Director of Advancement and Alumni Affairs, at (312) 996-0485 or aogbac1@uic.edu. See also inside back cover for more information.



# Shotgun Start/Links-Style Course

## 19th Annual UIC Dental Alumni Association Golf Outing

*Alumni of UIC, Loyola, Northwestern, and  
other dental schools welcome!*

Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2010  
Maple Meadows Golf Club  
272 Addison Road  
Wood Dale, IL 60191

- Golfers are encouraged to set up foursomes of their classmates, fellow alumni, and/or friends.
- Shotgun start; tee times will begin at 8:30 a.m.
- \$95 fee includes golf, golf cart, a raffle, and an all-you-can-eat buffet at approximately 2 p.m. (buffet only: 35).
- For more information, contact Ana Lisa Ogbac of the UIC College of Dentistry Office of Advancement and Alumni Affairs at (312) 996-0485 or aogbac1@uic.edu.
- Send the registration form with your check made payable to: UIC Dental Alumni Association, or send or call with your credit card information, by Friday, Sept. 10. Or, register online at <http://dentistry.uic.edu>.

### Send reservations to:

UIC College of Dentistry  
Office of Advancement and  
Alumni Affairs (MC 621)  
801 S. Paulina St.  
Chicago, IL 60612-7211

Please secure \_\_\_\_\_ reservation(s) at \$95 each for the Alumni Golf Outing, with golf cart.

I am interested in the buffet only for \$35. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School (UIC, LU, NU, other) and class year \_\_\_\_\_

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Name(s) of guest(s) also attending:  
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UIC should contact to sponsor a golf hole:  
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# President's Message

## Activity, Vigilance Can Keep Dentistry Strong

### Dear Alumni and Friends:

Greetings from the UIC Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors, on which I am deeply honored to serve this year as your President.

I have a unique background for a UIC Dental Alumni President, as my dental degree and periodontal certificate are from the Loyola University School of Dentistry in Maywood, IL. I am the first non-UIC alumnus President of the Alumni Association.

I strongly believe that practicing dentists should remain active and involved in education and organized dentistry. Since my own alma mater closed, I was invited to participate on the UIC dental alumni board as a gesture to welcome Loyola alumni. **Dr. Lori Luksha**, a Loyola Dental School graduate, is also a voting member of the board. There will be opportunities for other Loyola representatives to participate on the UIC Dental Alumni Board as well. I am privileged to have been elected by UIC alumni to officer's positions on the board, and I'm thrilled to serve as your President.

Getting involved wherever you can is key to keeping dentistry—and your practice—strong. If eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, as **Thomas Jefferson** said, it also is the price we pay to keep our profession sound.

For example, with an access-to-oral healthcare crisis in the country, and with state legislatures facing having to address massive budget deficits—not only in Illinois but in California, Virginia, Missouri, and Georgia to name only a few—legislators could be tempted to pass questionable legislation that gives the appearance of dealing with the problem without tapping state coffers. It is up to us, through the media and through organized dentistry, to keep up on what legislators are proposing concerning our profession.

It also is up to us to pressure state legislators to adequately fund state institutions of higher learning—including the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry. With various interests competing for very limited state dollars, public dental education needs us to serve as advocates.

State legislators need to hear how underfund-

ing dental education makes it more difficult for the underserved to receive the care they desperately need at the College—which is one of the last remaining safety nets for the poor who need oral healthcare.

Don't assume your state legislators know that the College provides more than \$2 million worth of free dental care each year to the underserved (up from \$1 million less than five years ago), and that annually the College provides more than 90,000 patient care visits and more than 204,000 treatments.

Legislators care about what their constituents think—particularly constituents like dentists, who are respected community leaders—because it is only their constituents who can re-elect them. Tell them you're a voter, and tell them what you want. There are only 177 legislators in Illinois; we don't have to convince millions of people of our views, only a majority of the 177.

### UIC-Loyola connection

For the last several years, the UIC College of Dentistry has been reaching out to Loyola alumni in an effort to make my fellow Loyolans and me feel at home at College events such as the Reunion, Golf Outing, board meetings, and continuing education offerings—and let me tell you, we do. Everyone from **Dean Bruce Graham**, to the faculty and staff, to the students, and to UIC alumni has been warm and welcoming.

UIC alumni have welcomed Loyola alumni to the Board since 2003, and voted in 2006 to allow non-UIC alumni to become officers. My presidency is the result.

Several years ago, the College also created the **Dr. Raffaele Suriano** Award, named for a former Loyola Dean and granted to a non-UIC dentist who has made a significant impact on the profession.

UIC College of Dentistry events truly are where all UIC, Loyola, and alumni of other dental schools can feel welcome, respected, and engaged. They give all of us an opportunity to network and have fun.

### Golf Outing

The next such event will be the Golf Outing, to be held Wednesday, Sept. 1, at Maple Meadows



*Dr. Charles DiFranco.*

Golf Club in Wood Dale, IL. If you've been to the Golf Outing before, you know how much fun it is, so come again. If you haven't, you've been missing a great opportunity for relaxation and networking. See the article on page 30, and registration form on page 35, to learn more about it.

## We Want to Work With You

The UIC Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors wants to work with you to make your alumni experience a more meaningful and enjoyable one. During my time as President, please don't hesitate to let me know your ideas about events, programs, alumni relations, fundraising, building bridges between alumni of UIC, Loyola, and other schools, and anything else that's on your mind.

Feel free to e-mail me at Cdifranco2@comcast.net or to call me at (847) 318-0066.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at events throughout the year.

Sincerely,



Dr. Chuck DiFranco, Loyola '81, Loyola Periodontics '83  
President, UIC Dental Alumni Association  
Board of Directors  
Cdifranco2@comcast.net

## Calendar

### August

**28: Burning mouth syndrome** meeting, Montreal, Canada. Contact Dr. Joel Epstein at (312) 996-7480 or jepstein@uic.edu or Dr. Gary Klasser at (312) 413-4670 or gklasser@uic.edu.

### September

**1: UIC College of Dentistry/Dental Alumni Association Golf Outing.** UIC, Loyola, and alumni of other dental schools invited. Shotgun start, golf, and buffet. Maple Meadows Golf Club, Wood Dale, IL. Call (312) 996-0485, or go to the College's website and register online.

**11: UIC American Student Dental Association Annual Propy Cup Golf Outing.** Contact kema1@uic.edu.

**17: The Illinois Valley Dental Society presents Dr. Clifton Carey** from the ADA Paffenbarger Research Center, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Grand Bear Resort and Indoor Water Park, Starved Rock State Park, Utica, IL. Fluoride and Remineralization Strategies to Prevent Caries; Research on the Prevention of Secondary Caries Strategies Based on Chemistry, Materials, and Biofilms Research. Six

CE hours and lunch provided. Prices range from \$75 to \$95. Call Dr. Tom Rooney at (815) 434-4500.

**30: 92nd American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons** Meeting, Chicago; Daniel Laskin Reception, 6:30 p.m. Call (312) 996-1052.

**TBA: Airway Management** Continuing Education course. Call (312) 996-0485.

### October

**9-12: American Dental Association** Annual Session, Orlando, FL, (312) 440-2500.

**15: UIC Alumni Awards Dinner,** Student Center East. Dr. Alaa Al Aswany, MS Histology '85, to receive the Alumni Achievement Award. Call (312) 996-8535.

**28-30: Hispanic Dental Association** symposium and annual meeting, Palmer House, Chicago. Call Millie Mendez at (312) 413-1209.

**29: "Twelve Rules for Growth in a New Reality."** Steven J. Anderson, speaker, in a session on how dental practices can thrive in a changing economy. Tuition is \$195 for dentists and \$95 for others. 8 a.m. to 4:30

p.m., UIC College of Dentistry. All proceeds to benefit Dental Volunteers for Israel organization. Call (847) 537-7695 or e-mail kidzdr@comcast.net.

### November

**5: Mentor Program Dinner,** Riverwalk Café, 401 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago. Mentor dentists and students in a joint Chicago Dental Society/UIC College of Dentistry program. E-mail jgirardi@CDS.org.

### December

**3: "Combining Art and Science: The Key to Superior Esthetic Results with Direct Resin Bonding—An Interactive Tour,"** Dr. K. William "Bud" Mopper, MS Pediatric Dentistry '66, speaker, in the Dr. Thaddeus V. Weclaw Lecture. Tuition is \$175 for Alumni Association members and \$195 for others. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., UIC Forum. Call (312) 996-0485 or e-mail aogbac1@uic.edu.

### February

**26: The Loyola University Chicago Dental School Class of 1984** will hold a 27-year reunion Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011, at the Courtyard by Marriott Magnificent Mile in Chicago. For more information contact Loyola1984@aol.com.

# Alumni Class News

**'40 Bernard G. Sarnat**, Los Angeles, CA, recently co-authored another hardcover book in collaboration with James P. Bradley (UCLA Plastic Surgery Department), entitled *Essays on Craniofacial Biology and Craniofacial Surgery*. The book was published by World Scientific Publishers Inc. and includes a complete compilation of Bernard's study of craniofacial research and scientific and clinical contributions to craniofacial biology. It also covers the advancement of plastic surgery over the years.

**'45 Irwin B. Robinson**, MS OMFS '54, Northbrook, IL, was presented the

"Lifetime Achievement Award" by the American College of Dentists at the organization's luncheon at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting Feb. 27. This distinguished award is presented to Fellows who have made exceptional contributions to the profession. Robby has devoted 65 years to dentistry and its associated fields and activities. He still volunteers his professional services to a clinic caring for indigent patients.



*Dr. Irwin Robinson, '45, MS OMFS '54, receiving the American College of Dentists ACD Lifetime Achievement Award from Dr. Barbara Mousel, Loyola '84, Immediate Past Chair of the Illinois Section of the ACD.*

**'51 Robert Kimbrough**, Leesburg, FL, and his work reopening the Community Medical Center dental clinic were the subject of an article in the December *CDS Review*.

**'52 Daniel M. Laskin**, MS, Richmond, VA, after 20 years as Professor and Chairman Emeritus at the Virginia Commonwealth University Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery has retired from his full-time academic position. He said



*Outgoing Colorado Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons President Dr. Steven Reck presents the organization's Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Daniel M. Laskin, '52.*

that he does not intend to retire from oral and maxillofacial surgery completely but plans to remain active in the specialty that has defined his life. He also was honored by the Colorado Society of

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons with its Lifetime Achievement Award in honor of his many accomplishments during a career spanning more than 50 years.

**'55 Robert Coberley**, Lakeland, FL, writes that June 17 marked the 55th anniversary of the graduation of the Class of 1955.

**'57 Franklin S. Weine**, Olympia Fields, spoke on advances in endodontics at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February.

**'58 Howard Gerstein**, Scottsdale, AZ, was profiled in the *Daily Review* at the



*Dr. Keith Suchy, Regent of the Eighth District International College of Dentists ICD, presented the Eighth District Ted Weclaw Award to Dr. Hannelore T. Loevy, MS Pediatric Dentistry '59 with Dr. Peter Paulson, Vice Regent of the Eighth District, also congratulating her.*

Chicago Dental Society Midwinter meeting for his volunteer work. Although retired, he has continued to volunteer both at home and abroad in Vietnam, Mexico, and Israel. Howard doesn't foresee any more trips abroad, but will continue volunteering in Arizona.

**'59 Hannelore T. Loevy**, MS Pediatric Dentistry, was selected as the 2010 recipient of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's Merle C. Hunter Leadership Award for exemplary leadership service in the volunteer structure of the organization. The award was presented at the organization's President's Farewell Dinner on May 30. An article about her receiving the award appeared in the *AADE Editors' Newsletter*, Spring 2010 edition.

**'60 Marvin Berman**, Chicago, spoke on the behaviors of children and parents at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February.

**'62 Harold Shavell**, Northbrook, IL, spoke on creating biomorph aesthetic occlusion at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February.

**'61 (50-year Reunion, 2011) Steve Lindell**, Chicago, had a letter published in the May/June *CDS Review* asking the Chicago Dental Society to bring closed-circuit television presentations back to the Midwinter Meeting.

**'63 William Hylander** was recently honored by the American Association of Physical Anthropologists with the 2010 Charles R. Darwin Lifetime Achievement Award for his foundational research on the functional morphology and evolutionary significance of craniofacial form in humans, non-human primates, and African bovids. He is Professor Emeritus of evolutionary anthropology at Duke University.

**'64 Sam Wexler**, Richmond, IL, spoke on dental antique collecting at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February. His talk was the subject of an article in the *Milwaukee Examiner* on March 3. He has been working with Professor Adam Stabholz, Dean of the Hadassah Hebrew University School of Dental Medicine founded by Alpha



*A 1940s-1950s era dental office exhibit developed by Dr. Sam Wexler, 64, at Hadassah Hebrew Dental School in Jerusalem.*

Omega, to develop an antique dental museum there. Sam is the recipient of the 2010 Hayden Harris Award from the American Academy of the History of Dentistry. His antique collecting also was the subject of an article in *Dental Products Report Online* in May.

**'65 Michael Hayward**, Palatine, hosted a flu shot clinic at his office Nov. 5, with 65 dentists and staff members attending.

**'66 (45-year Reunion, 2011) Buddy Mopper**, MS Pediatric Dentistry, Glenview, IL, spoke on direct resin bonding for anteriors at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February.

**Joseph Morganelli**, Chicago, since the late 1980s has taken more than a dozen dental mission trips around the world, visiting such countries as Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, Argentina, Zanzibar, Kenya, and Tanzania. He was profiled in the March issue of the *Illinois Dental News* for his mission with other professionals working with Global Alliance for Africa.



*Dr. Joseph Morganelli, 66, with a patient in Tanzania.*

**'67 Thomas Lakars** (see Pamela Jurgens-Toepke, '84).

**'68 Thomas Skiba**, McHenry, IL, and his joining the faculty of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery were the subject of an article in the December *CDS Review*.

**'69 Edward M. Miller**, Greensboro, NC, writes that he has renewed his commercial boat captain license and

passed his general radio operators' license exam with radar endorsement. He is an extra class amateur radio operator and commercial and amateur license examiner. He continues to maintain his pediatric dentistry practice.

**Daniel Uditsky**, Schaumburg, IL, had a letter printed in the March/April 2010 *CDS Review* suggesting that the Chicago Dental Society bring back closed circuit TV as a teaching tool. He recently completed a one-year term as International President of Alpha Omega and continues to serve on the Administrative Committee. This year will complete his six-year commitment as a member of the Administrative Committee.

**'71 (40-year Reunion, 2011)**  
**Thomas Resnick**, MS Pediatric Dentistry '75, was named one of the top ten specialists in a 2009 issue of *Chicago Magazine*.

**Irwin Seidman**, Arlington Heights, IL, and his wife, Susan, celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Amanda, to Michael Rowan on Oct. 17.

**'73 William Cusack**, Peoria, IL, spoke on the relationship between periodontal and restorative procedures at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February.

**Richard Holba**, Orland Park, IL, Treasurer of the Chicago Dental Society, was the subject of an article in the Jan./Feb. *CDS Review*.

**James J. Koelbl**, Pomona, CA, received a Presidential Citation for his service to the American Dental Education Association at the 2010 ADEA Annual Session in Washington, DC.

**'74 Robert Manasse**, Olympia Fields, IL, spoke on orthodontic treatment at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February.

**Mark Rosen**, Skokie, IL, spoke on implant prosthetic treatment planning for the posterior maxilla to the Chicago Dental Society North Side Branch in March.

**'75 Frank A. Maggio**, Periodontics, Elgin, IL, is on the National Advisory Committee of the Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry.

**'76 (35-year Reunion, 2011)**  
**David Baptist** has been joined by his

sons **Brian Baptist** and **Benjamin Baptist**, both '09, in practice in Chicago.

**Gary Clemens**, Berwyn, IL, has a daughter, Erin, in dental school at Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI.

**David Kumamoto**, MS '78, Chicago, accepted a medallion on behalf of the Chicago Dental Society in recognition of the CDS's continued support of *Journées Dentaires de Nice* at the Musee Massena in Nice, France. He spoke on sports dentistry at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February.

**Claudio Levato**, Bloomingdale, IL, spoke on software at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February.

**Michael Lovda**, South Barrington, IL, traveled



*Dr. Dave Kumamoto, '76, MS '78 in red sweater, is the team dentist, and Dr. Mark Hutchinson is the orthopedic surgeon, for the UIC Flames. They posed with the cheerleading squad in January.*

to Nigeria in December and January with his son, Michael Jr., and youngest daughter, Kathryn. They accompanied a medical mission group, Hands and Hearts Intl. With a Nigerian oral surgeon from Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital, Dr. Dan Gbujie, Michael saw about 400 patients in a little over seven days, extracting more than 350 teeth at the Ohaji Medical Center. His son and daughter handled crowd control; many people slept on the ground or in the clinic to make sure they were seen. Overall, the entire medical team saw about 5,000 patients on the trip. Michael noted that no radiographs were available, and the electric power was not sufficient to run a compressor for handpieces.

**Fred Margolis**, Pediatric Dentistry, Highland

Park, IL, spoke on esthetic dentistry for tots and teens and on the erbium laser at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February.

**Harvey Wigdor**, Chicago, was mentioned in an article in the May/June *CDS Review* about a program he directs with Dr. Joel Laudenbach, which enables third-year dental students to gain GPR experience at Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital.

**'77 Jim Fieldhouse**, LaGrange, IL, served as a judge at the University's Student Research Day in April.

**Laura M. Neumann**, Downers Grove, IL, received a Presidential Citation for her service to the American Dental Education Association at the 2010 ADEA Annual Session in Washington, DC.

**Bruce Norkus**, Rochelle, IL, recently became a Fellow in the Academy of Dentistry International.

**'78 Martin L. Kolinski**, St. Charles, IL, had a letter to the editor published in the April *Illinois Dental News* suggesting tax credits for dentists who provide services to the needy.

**Michael Stablein**, Chicago, President of the Chicago Dental Society, was the subject of a feature article in the Jan./Feb. *CDS Review* and in the Feb. *Dental Products Report*.

**'79 Peter O. Cabrera**, Chicago, had an article about gingival recession published in the March issue of *Dental Products Report*.

**Franklin Garcia-Godoy**, MS Pediatric Dentistry, was named Professor and Senior Executive Associate Dean of Research at the College of Dentistry at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis.

**Jeff Kramer** and **Janet Kuhn**, Chicago, saw their daughter, Jill Kramer, graduate from the University of Illinois at Champaign with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 2009. their daughter Jessica works as a mechanical engineer for Lexmark.

**David Wojtowicz**, Park Ridge, IL, performed in *Rigoletto* with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

**'80 Alan Boghosian**, Glenview, IL, spoke on detection and prevention of oral cancer to the Chicago Dental Society South Suburban Branch in April.

**'81 (30-year Reunion, 2011) Jim Fondriest**, Lake Forest, IL, published

an article in the March 2010 issue of *Inside Dentistry* on the clinical decisions of minimal prep veneers.

**James Robinson**, Chicago, and his wife, Carol, went

to Australia and New Zealand to be aboard a cruise ship that featured their daughter, Rebecca, a lead dancer in the ship's dance revue. They enjoyed visiting these distant countries and, especially, watching their daughter's performance.



*Dr. James Robinson, 81, with his daughter, Rebecca left, and his wife, Carol, touring New Zealand.*

**'82 Bob Deaver**, Chicago, had a letter published in the May/June *CDS Review* urging dentists to fight for access to care, insist that insurance carriers treat dentists as equals, and use new social media.

**Larry Kolar**, Park Ridge, IL, has a son, Brad, who plays swing music with the Emerson Middle School Jazz Band. He also made the Illinois Music Educators' Association District Junior High Jazz Band.

**Jay Znaniecki** was named a partner in the Urbana, IL, law office of Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen. After practicing dentistry for 11 years, Jay went to law school and became an attorney in 1997. His practice focus is professional liability. He also represents dentists in disciplinary matters and in the purchase and incorporation of dental practices.

**'83 Paul Bery**, Endodontics, Evanston, IL, spoke on implants at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February.

**Thomas Swingler**, Homer Glen, IL, served as a judge at the University's Student Research Day in April.

**'84 Barry Booth**, MS Orthodontics '86, LaGrange, IL, and his marathon running were the subjects of an article in the Jan./Feb. *CDS Review*.

**William G. Davis**, DesPlaines, IL, and his wife, Vanessa, had a new baby boy, William Benjamin, in March 2009. He weighed 9 lbs., 1 oz and measured 20 inches long at birth. Older siblings are brother Paul and sister Natalie.

**Richard Grubek**, Bartlett, IL, and his wife, Julie, had a baby, Zachary, in August 2009.

**Mark W. Jacob**, Lake Forest, IL, was profiled in the Sept./Oct. *CDS Review*. He is President of the North Suburban Chicago Dental Society Branch.

**Pamela Jurgens-Toepke**, New Lenox, IL spoke at Benedictine University April 20 at a forensic consortium attended by students from several colleges. She presented a lecture introducing undergraduate biology students to forensic sciences, focusing mainly on forensic odontology. She is a fellow in the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and has published four abstracts regarding forensic odontology. She is a member of the Cook County Disaster Response Team, based out of the Cook County Medical Examiner's office. She is affiliated with the Will, Grundy, and DuPage County coroner's offices. **Thomas Lakars**, '67, and Pamela volunteer several times per year to speak to high school students on anatomy and forensic odontology.

**Maharukh Kravich**, Wilmette, IL, is the chair of the annual meeting of the Academy of General Dentistry. Her daughter, Melissa, plays hockey for Lake Forest College.

**Stephen Slomski**, Villa Park, IL, was named to the Advisory Board of the Dental Arts Club.

**Robert Sovick**, Schaumburg, IL, provided two weeks of donated dental care through the Indian Health Services in Taos, NM.

**'85 Elliot Abt**, Skokie, IL, spoke on evidence-based dentistry at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February.

**'88 Mark Humenik**, Northbrook, IL, was profiled in the March/April issue of the *Chicago Dental Society Review* for his volunteer work with the Mission of Mercy (MOM) at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, WI. The MOM provides free dental care for about 1,500 people on a special weekend. The Illinois State Dental Society has asked Mark to be co-chair of the first Illinois MOM event. "It's an overall good feeling working with MOM," said Mark. He had a letter published about the event in the May/June *CDS Review*.



*Dr. Mark Humenik, 88, treating a patient during an El Nino Rey Mission Trip in central Mexico.*

**David Miller**, Dolton, IL, a member of the Illinois General Assembly and Democratic candidate for State Comptroller, and his wife, Donna, were invited to the White House as guests of President Barack Obama for a holiday

luncheon in December.

**'89 Nicola Hill-Cordell**, Pediatric Dentistry '91, Chicago, was named a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the UIC College of Dentistry.

**Stephen Weeks**, Mundelein, IL, spoke on root canal instrumentation at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February.

**'90 Neil Warshawsky**, MS Histology '91, gave a talk entitled "The Face of Your Patient is Changing" at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February.

**'91 (20-year Reunion, 2011) Adrienne C.A. Barnes**, Pediatric Dentistry '91, Chicago, was named a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the UIC College of Dentistry.

**'92 Gary Brankin**, Endodontics, Rockford, IL, spoke on clinical recommendations in root canals or implants at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February.

**'93 Sylvia A. Frazier-Bowers**, Chapel Hill, NC, wrote a paper, "Primary failure of eruption and PTH1R: The importance of a genetic diagnosis for orthodontic treatment planning," in the *American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopaedics*, Vol. 137, No. 2, 2010. She is an Assistant Professor in the Department of

Orthodontics, University of North Carolina. She has a grant from the National Center for Research Resources and the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research to research the genetic basis of tooth disorders. Her research also was featured in a recent magazine from the National Foundation of Ectodermal Dysplasia.

**'04 Yasir Bahrani**, Bethesda, MD, was promoted to Lieutenant Commander, United States Navy, on Feb. 26.

**Paulina Brzozowski-Sawicki**, Downers Grove, IL, is President of the Dental Arts Club.

**Adriana C. Da Silveira** is Chief of Orthodontics, Dell Children's Craniofacial and Reconstructive Plastic Surgery Center, Austin, TX. She and her husband have two children.

**Reshma Dhake**, Chicago, was a finalist for the Golden Toothbrush Award of the Erie Family Health Center. Dr. Dhake is the Clinical Director of the



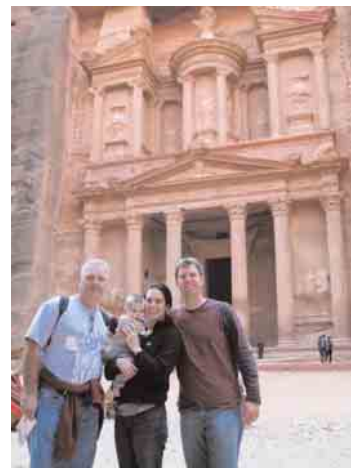
*Dr. Yasir Bahrani, '04 center, was promoted to Lieutenant Commander, United States Navy. On hand for the ceremony were left to right his father, Fouad Bahrani; his wife, Gheed Al Mudbafar; his father-in-law, Dr. Jafar Al Mudbafar; and his mother, Majda Bahrani.*

Mobile Dental Clinic of Northwest Community Hospital. Under Reshma's leadership, the clinic expanded its scope of services, as well as the number of patients it serves. She also provides oral healthcare for those who would otherwise go without through her private practice and participates in community activities, including the Bright Smiles From Birth Program, where she trains pediatric medical providers. She also hired a new associate for her practice, **Daisy Varughese**, '09.

**'05 Anthony P. Eltink**,

MS Ortho '05, Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthodontic at the College, recently gave a lecture on Indirect Bonding to the Jordanian Orthodontic Society in Amman, Jordan. Dr. Eltink shared his technique for the bonding of orthodontic appliances during a two-day course, and he and his family spent two weeks touring Jordan and scuba diving in the Red Sea.

**Joann Kochikaran** and her husband, Mason Vernon, had a baby girl, Nyla Isabella Vernon, on Jan. 18.



*Dr. Anthony Eltink, MS Ortho '05, and his family visited Petra during his recent trip to Jordan for an orthodontic lecture.*

**'06 (Five-year Reunion, 2011) Michael Yuen** gave a table clinic on

revascularization at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February.



*Joann Kochikaran, '05, and her husband, Mason Vernon, and their new baby, Nyla.*

**Jason Swintek** is doing an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency in Brooklyn, NY.

**Angela Willox**, Pediatric Dentistry, and MS, Oral Sciences '07, Arlington Heights, IL, is the Chicago Dental Society Northwest Suburban Branch Correspondent.

**'07 Marcella Borgman**, Chicago, gave a table clinic on MTA pulpoto-

my at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February.

**'08 Brnet Agran**, Chicago, and his wife, Lolanta, had a baby boy, Levi Ethan Agran, Nov. 27.

**Johnny Kuttab**, Chicago, gave a table clinic on sharklett topography at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February.

**Shana Novick**, Orthodontics, MS Oral Sciences '08, has joined the practice of Dr. Chuck Thometz in River Forest, IL.

**Roshan Parikh** and **Neeta Bhushan** are engaged. They practice together in Olympia Fields, IL.

**Jonathan Wong**, Chicago, gave a table clinic on internal root resorption at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February.

**'09 Brian Baptist** and **Benjamin Baptist** (see **David Baptist**, '76).

**Joseph Baptist**, Downers Gove, IL, is doing an oral surgery residency at Loyola University Medical Center.

**Daisy Varughese** (see **Reshma Dhake**, '04).

**Ashlee Vorachek**, Chicago, gave a table clinic on horizontal transmission of s. mutans at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February.



*Dr. Jonathan Chiang, '10, won an award from the AAO.*

**'10 Jonathan Chiang**,

Orthodontics, a public health dentist in the Indian Health Service, earned a second place award in the Charley Schultz Resident Scholar competition at the national American Association of Orthodontists meeting in Washington, DC. His presentation was titled "A Study of Facial Esthetics in the Southwest Native Population."

## Loyola

**Vickyann Chrobak**, Wheaton, IL, was named to the Advisory Board of the Dental Arts Club.

**Alan Christopher**, Oak Lawn, IL took an emergency medical technician course as part of his commitment to the Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team.

**John Dzakovich**, Arlington Heights, IL, spoke on the non-carious cervical lesion at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February.

**Loren Feldner**, Orland Park, IL, hosted a fishing tournament for the South Suburban Branch of the Chicago Dental Society in June.

**Maria Fournier**, Arlington Heights, IL, recently had a baby, John Nicholas Fournier.

**Walter Lamacki**, Chicago, was named to the Advisory Board of the Dental Arts Club. He wrote an article about closed-circuit TV courses for the May/June *CDS Review*.

**Michael Lenart**, Woodridge, IL, is a Director of the Dental Arts Club.

**Lorette Luksha**, Niles, IL, was named to the Advisory Board of the Dental Arts Club.

**Martin Piekos**, Niles, IL, is Treasurer of the Dental Arts Club.

**Joseph W. Rossa**, Chicago, is on the National Advisory Committee of the Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry.

**John Sisto**, Park Ridge, IL, spoke on common medical problems in the dental practice to the Chicago Dental Society Northwest Side Branch in April.

**Joseph Sodini**, Park Ridge, IL, is a Director of the Dental Arts Club.

**Mary Starsiak**, Chicago, was named to the Advisory Board of the Dental Arts Club.

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# In Memoriam

## Obituaries in the News

### Dr. Mark Ritz Dies; Advocate for Dentistry, the Underserved

**Dr. Mark Ritz**, '79, died on Jan. 31 of complications from pancreatic cancer. He was 55. The *ADA News* of Feb. 15 called him "a passionate advocate for dentistry and the underserved."



*Dr. Mark Ritz, '79.*

Born in Western Springs, IL, he was a longtime resident of Homerville, GA, where he maintained his dental practice from 1982 until his passing.

After graduation from the College, he joined the U.S. Army and completed a General Practice Residency at the Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Ft. Gordon, Augusta,

GA, and was a recipient of the Army Commendation Medal.

Highly active in organized dentistry, Dr. Ritz was a former President of the Georgia Dental Association (GDA). He was active with the Academy of General Dentistry, from which he received a Distinguished Service Award; he was a former Chair of the AGD Dental Council, and often represented the AGD at major governmental and dental care conferences. He served as a member of the American Dental Association Council on Dental Practice from 2006 to 2009, including a term as Vice-Chair. Dr. Ritz was a Fellow of the International and American Colleges of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy, and an Honorable Fellow of the GDA.

An accomplished writer, he served as Editor for the Georgia Academy of General Dentistry and received awards for writing and editorials.

For recreation, Dr. Ritz enjoyed fishing, spending time at the beach, and attending his children's sporting events.

He is survived by his wife, Kathryn, and children Laura and Matthew.

Contributions in his name can be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 2141 Rosecrans Ave., Suite 7000, El Segundo, CA, 90245.

## In Memoriam

### *Class of '40*

**Wayne S. Grissom**, 94, of Forsyth, IL, died March 28. He is survived by his wife, Esther; daughter Barbara J. Busch; and son James S. Grissom, MD; five grandchildren; and eight grandchildren.

**Robert F. Schoenwetter**, 95, of Oshkosh, WI, died April 28. He is survived by his daughters, Jody Orthey, wife of Bob; Jill Sperry; and Jane Johnson, wife of Larry; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 1800 Appleton Road, Menasha, WI 54952.

### *Class of '44*

**Joseph L. Morros**, 89, of Chicago, died on October 21, 2009. He is survived by his wife Leah; two daughters, Donna Weinstein, wife of Robert; and Susan Nagel, wife of Marc; and two grandchildren. Donations in his memory may be made to the Ark, 6450 N. California Avenue, Chicago, IL 60645.

**Andrew Uterhart**, 90, of Lexington, KY, died Nov. 21. He is survived by his wife, Marion.

### *Class of '50*

**Robert H. Sundin**, 88, of St. George, UT, died Nov. 15. He is survived by his wife, Marvel, and sons Robert, James (husband of Patty), and Jon (husband of Rebecca); five grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.



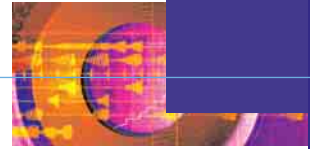
*Dr. Robert H. Sundin, '50*

### *Class of '51*

**Vernon R. Damer**, 90, of Peru, IL, died Feb. 5. He is survived by his wife, Nadine.

### *Class of '55*

**Charles Earl Reel**, 86, of McLeansboro, IL, died Nov. 3. He is survived by his wife, Gloria Jo; and daughter Carol Shepherd, wife of David.



*Class of 57*

**Henry Donald Peterson**, '78, of Skidaway Island, GA, died in May. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; sons Dave (husband of Anne), Eric (husband of Tonya), Mike (husband of Kara); and seven grandchildren. Memorials may be sent to Skidaway United Methodist Church, 54 Diamond Causeway, Savannah, GA.

*Class of 59*

**John O. Wells**, 76, of Anna, IL, died Nov. 13. Survivors are his wife, Lisa; son and daughter-in-law Dr. Mark Wells and Dr. Ai-Ran Wells; son Christopher; daughter and son-in-law Ellen Elizabeth Wells-Dorich and Michael Dorich; and seven grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church at 315 South St., Anna, IL 62906-5225.

*Class of 62*

**Robert J. Miller**, 74, of Peoria, died Dec. 26. Survivors are his wife, Betty; son Robert II (husband of Tracy); daughters Linda, Mary (wife of Kent), and Elizabeth; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Memorials may be made to the Midwest Food Bank, 9005 N. Industrial Rd., Peoria, IL 61615.

*Class of 63*

**Edward F. Sarsha**, 71, of Waukegan, died Jan. 19. Survivors are his wife, Janet; son Mark, husband of Stephanie; son David, husband of Kathryn; and daughter Laura Van Lyssel, wife of Scott; and six grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, 743 Ridge Blvd., Chicago, IL 60645.



*Dr. Edward F. Sarsha,*  
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*Class of 65*

**Kenneth P. Molnar**, 72, of Poplar Grove, IL, died in May. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; children Kerri Poh, wife of Edward; Ken, husband of Sharon; Betsy Hornick, wife of Paul; Chris, husband of

Leslie; and Robert, husband of Leticia; and eight grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, Greater Midwest Affiliate, Memorials and Tributes Lockbox, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

*Class of 67*

**Hubert H. Laverty**, 68, Estero, FL, died on Oct. 30.  
**Raymond L.**

**Profant**, 71, of Sarasota, FL, died on March 16. Survivors include his wife, Diana; daughters Paulette Marshall and Michelle Schweber, and five grandchildren. Memorials can be made to the Sarasota Youth Sailing Program, PO Box 2706, Sarasota, FL 34230.



*Dr. Raymond Profant,* 67.

**Arnold E. Joyner**, 72, of Danville, IL, died Nov. 7. He is survived by his wife, Linda; and daughters Saretta Joyner and Dr. Carolyn Fitzpatrick, wife of James.

*Class of 73*

**Jerry T. Hewitt**, 67, Palos Hills, IL, died on June 6, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Louise.

*Class of 79*

**Grace L. Baginski**, Stuart, FL, passed away in 2009.

*Class of 85*

**Linda C. Pina**, Berwyn, IL, died Jan. 7 at age 51. She is survived by her children, Steven, Christina, Eric, and Edward Busse, and four grandchildren. She was the former dentist for the Town of Cicero Health Department and owned the Happy Tooth Land dental office in Berwyn.

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# Student Activities

## Clinic and Research Day Successful

Students entered more than 110 research projects in the 23rd annual Clinic and Research Day, held at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of



*Steve Sweeney from Treloar & Heisel explains his company's services at Clinic and Research Day.*

Dentistry Feb. 3, an event that afforded students and post-grads and their faculty mentors an opportunity to demonstrate

their pathbreaking research.

The theme of the day was "Pathways for Tissue Regeneration" and stemmed from the title of the talk given by keynote speaker **Dr. Paul H. Krebsbach**, "Developments in Stem Cell Research: Progenitor Cells Inspire Tissue Regeneration."

Dr. Krebsbach is the Roberts Professor of Biomedical Engineering and Chair of the Department of Biologic and Materials Sciences and Division of Prosthodontics at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Krebsbach was given a plaque for his talk, as was **Dr. Irwin Chaiken**, '58, of **ProCare Dental Group PC**, who was honored for ProCare being the event's Platinum Level sponsor.

"On behalf of the 2010 Clinic and Research Day

Committee, I offer congratulations to all presenters and their advisors at Clinic and Research Day," said **Dr. Phillip T. Marucha**,

Associate Dean for Research. "We received many comments from judges and others



*Student John Katsis was a happy prize-drawing participant.*



*Dr. Phillip T. Marucha, Associate Dean for Research, presents a plaque to Dr. Paul Krebsbach in honor of the latter being the Clinic and Research Day keynote speaker.*

that poster presentations were well-prepared and better than any other year.

"I would also like to thank the judges, the committee, the many staff that helped during the day, and many others including our students on the committee,

**Kaitrin Baloue** and **Mat Wietecha**, and multiple other student volunteers, all of whom gave their time and expertise to make this event the best possible."

New this year were "CaseCAT" (Critically Appraised Topic) competitions featuring cases that students have seen during their clinical experience that exemplify aspects of dentistry combined with critically appraised topics that summarize individual research.

"We would also like to thank the students who presented CaseCATs; these were all top quality and added a lot to our understanding of oral health practice," Dr. Marucha said.

"Clinic and Research Day is an opportunity for our scholars, researchers, students, and faculty to come together to share knowledge and ask questions that

will ultimately improve the health of our patients and community," Dr. Marucha concluded.

The committee, organized by Dr. Marucha, besides students Baloue and Wietecha also includ-



*Dr. Irwin Chaiken, '58, of ProCare Dental Group PC, accepts the Award of Recognition for being the top sponsor for Clinic and Research Day from Dean Bruce Graham.*

ed **Dr. Ana K. Bedran-Russo, William S. Bike, Kathleen Boyce, Dr. Charlotte Briggs, Virginia Buglio, Dr. Wendy L. Cerny, Dr. Luisa DiPietro, Dr. Bradford R. Johnson, Katherine Long, Dr. Xianghong Luan, Ana Lisa Ogbac, Dr. Larry Salzman, Robert A. Vladova, and Dr. Christine Wu.**

Titanium Level sponsors were **Pesavento & Pesavento Ltd., Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, and Colgate-Palmolive.** Other sponsors were **GC America Inc. and Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co.**

At the end of the day, students and postgrads were honored for excellence in a variety of categories:

*Omicron Kappa Upsilon Basic Science Award, Predoctoral,* to **Jeffrey Ruttencutter** (advisor **Dr. Phillip Marucha**).

*Omicron Kappa Upsilon Clinical Science Award, Predoctoral,* to **Jessica Gibbs** (advisor **Dr. Christine Wu**).

*Illinois State Dental Society Basic Science Award, Predoctoral,* to **Mateusz Wietecha** (advisor **Dr. Luisa DiPietro**).

*Illinois State Dental Society Clinical Science Award, Predoctoral,* to **Anuja Kothari** (advisor **Dr. Lin Tao**).

*GC America Dental Materials/Minimal Intervention Award,* to **Joshua Padovano** (advisor **Dr. Ana Bedran-Russo**).

*CaseCAT Oral Presentation Award, supported by Harry J. Bosworth Co.,* to **Michael Munaretto**, Monet Clinic (advisor **Dr. Bradford Johnson**).

*Dental Hygiene Student Award,* to **Mary Sturgeon** (advisor **Dr. Shirley Beaver**).

*Case Report Award,* to **Mike Yuen** (advisor **Dr. Bradford Johnson**).

*Literature Review Award,* to **Doa Data** (advisor **Dr. Carla Evans**).



*Dr. Sue Bishop left of the Illinois State Dental Society presented the ISDS Predoctoral Clinical Science Award to Anuja Kothari as Dean Bruce Grabam looked on.*

*Predoctoral Dental Award, Basic Science Research,* to **Bojana Bojovic** (advisor **Dr. David Crowe**).

*Predoctoral Dental Award, Clinical and Behavioral Sciences,* to **Jessica Gibbs** (advisor **Dr. Christine Wu**).

*Hinman Award, Basic Science Research,* to **Mateusz Wietecha** (advisor **Dr. Luisa DiPietro**).

*Dentsply Award, Clinical and Behavioral Sciences,* to **Anuja Kothari** (advisor **Dr. Lin Tao**).

*Graduate Student/Post-Grad Clinical Fellow, Basic Science Research Award, 1st Place,* to **Mulokozi Lugakingira** (advisor **Dr. Joel Schwartz**).

*Graduate Student/Post-Grad Clinical Fellow, Basic Science Research Award, 2nd Place,* to **Haitao Li** (advisor **Dr. Anne George**).

*Graduate Student/Post-Grad Clinical Fellow, Clinical and Behavioral Research Award, 1st Place,* to **Nermeen Moussa** (advisor **Dr. Christine Wu**).

*Graduate Student/Post-Grad Clinical Fellow, Clinical and Behavioral Research Award, 2nd Place,* to **Jonathan Chiang** (advisor **Dr. Carla Evans**).

*Post-Doc Fellow Award,* to **Xiqiang Liu** (advisor **Xiaofeng Zhou**).

*Associate, Basic Science Research and Clinical and Behavioral Research Award, 1st Place,* to **Caryn Ayarzagoitia** (advisor **Dr. Thomas Diekwisch**).

*Associate, Basic Science Research and Clinical and Behavioral Research Award, 2nd Place,* to **Alberto Altunes** (advisor **Dr. Ana Bedran-Russo**).

The students presented the *Student Choice Award* to **Saleh Akhras** (advisor **Dr. Herve Sroussi**). They also named **Dr. Luisa DiPietro** as *Mentor of the Year*.

**Matt McKnight** won the "Dental Jeopardy" contest.



*Students were all smiles after winning prizes at Clinic and Research Day.*

## EMA, SCHWARTZ AWARDED ALBERT SCHWEITZER FELLOWSHIPS

Two College of Dentistry students, **Kaori Ema** and **Scott Schwartz**, were among eight UIC students recently selected for Schweitzer Fellowship awards.

The fellows each will design and implement year-long projects to improve health and access to care. Ema proposes to provide oral health care information, supplies, education, and dental screenings to seniors in assisted living centers. Schwartz proposes to design an oral health curriculum for homeless shelters throughout the metropolitan Chicago area.

Thirty-one students representing 18 different Chicago-area university programs were selected for Schweitzer Fellowships this year.

"I am planning to visit senior assisted living centers to educate the residents and caregivers on oral health," Ema said. "Ideally, I would like to empower each community to address the oral healthcare needs of the residents by providing resources, supplies, dental screenings, and referrals for care.

"The fellowship program will provide support and resources for myself and my project through a stipend to buy necessary supplies, through forming connections with other fellows and their projects, and through resources and training to assist me in effectively working within the communities. I am interested in working in community health throughout my career so through this fellowship I am hoping to gain some great experiences that will help me in my future," Ema noted.

"With much of a dentist's energy for prevention directed at children, it seems that adults are a forgotten population," Schwartz said in explaining his project. "For this reason, my project entails traveling to area homeless shelters to give adults oral hygiene instructions; distribute toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss; and refer them to Goldie's Place."

Goldie's Place is on the North Side of Chicago and gives homeless adults employment counseling, such as interview techniques and resume writing.

"Thankfully, Goldie's also has a free dental clinic that will help restore smiles and make them an aid, not a detriment, in finding a job," Schwartz continued. "Participating in the Schweitzer Fellowship will provide me with the support and guidance I need to begin a life of public service. After completing this project, I hope to do justice to

the reason why most people go to health professional school: to help other people.

"I predict that the early incorporation of public service into my career will reinforce its importance and become a mainstay for years to come," he concluded.

Named in honor of humanitarian and Nobel Laureate **Dr. Albert Schweitzer**, the fellowship encourages students to serve the most vulnerable members of society, including the uninsured, immigrants, the homeless, returning veterans, minorities, and the working poor. Now in its fifteenth year, the Schweitzer Fellowship addresses the serious health challenges of local communities while encouraging aspiring professionals to honor their idealism. The program is administered by Health and Medicine Policy Research Group, a Chicago nonprofit that focuses on healthcare access of the working poor and uninsured.

Ema and Schwartz are following in the footsteps of students **Denise Maniakouras** and **Justin Welke**, who had Schweitzer Fellowships for the 2009-10 academic year. Several years ago when they were students, **Drs. Pricilla Chang**, now Clinical Instructor, Restorative Dentistry, and **Marissa Zoldaz** were selected as a team and collaborated as Schweitzer Fellows.

## STUDENT BOJANA BOJOVIC WINS PRESTIGIOUS RESEARCH AWARD

DDS/PhD student **Bojana Bojovic** won Second Place in the Senior Category at the prestigious Edward Hatton Student Research Competition held at the

American Association of Dental Research (AADR) meeting in Washington, DC, recently.

"I presented my research on the role of the telomere binding protein TRF2 in controlling stem



*DDS/PhD student Bojana Bojovic was honored by the American Association of Dental Research. She is shown with Dean Bruce Graham at Clinic and Research Day.*

cell phenotypes in oral cancer,” she explained. “The ends of our chromosomes—called telomeres—get shorter with age, and we have shown that this shortening results in more aggressive oral cancer. My research demonstrated that loss of TRF2 occurs in human oral cancer and results in increased metastasis of oral cancer stem cells. I presented my results orally to a panel of judges and also in a poster session. The title of my presentation was ‘Stem Cell Depletion and Oral Cancer Resistance in TRF2-/- Mice.’”

Bojovic had submitted an abstract on her research to a panel of judges who selected only nine competitors from the entire country. The American Association of Dental Research meeting is the largest dental research meeting in the world.

As an added benefit, Bojovic presented her research again in the Hatton competition at the International Association of Dental Research meeting in Barcelona, Spain in July. As an AADR finalist, Unilever Corp. sponsored her attendance at this meeting with a cash award and travel expenses.

## Fourth-Generation Student Continues Tradition of Excellence

When D-1 **Jessica Gibbs** stepped up to the front to receive the Predoctoral Omicron Kappa Upsilon Clinical Science and the Predoctoral Clinical and Behavioral Sciences awards at Clinic and Research Day, few knew that she was carrying on a four-generation tradition of excellence at the UIC College of Dentistry.

UIC dentistry clearly runs in the Gibbs family. Jessica’s father is **Dr. Thomas Gibbs**, ’81. Thomas was born in 1954—the same year his father, **Dr. Robert Gibbs**, ’52, earned his MS in Orthodontics from the College. Robert was inspired to go to dental school by his uncle, the late **Dr. William Gibbs**, ’38.

So dentistry and UIC always have been parts of Jessica’s life. She worked in her father’s Glen Ellyn, IL, practice starting in high school, and then enrolled in UIC and earned a BS in biology. At first, however, she actually had not thought of going to dental school.

“My first choice was an introduction into the program of emergency medical technician, but nothing felt comfortable about it,” Jessica recalled. “So when it was clear I wouldn’t be happy going into medicine my mom, **Cathy**, stepped in. She



*Left to right, grandfather Dr. Robert Gibbs, ’52, Ortho ’54; dad Dr. Thomas Gibbs, ’81; and student Jessica Gibbs, with Dean Bruce Graham at the College’s White Coat Ceremony.*

said that I should do something where I could work with my hands, because even when I was a kid I liked to build with blocks and make things with clay. So dental school just made perfect sense.

“I think my dad and my grandpa always hoped I would go into dentistry, but they left it up to me,” Jessica said.

Grandfather Robert enjoyed technique classes best, and Jessica takes after her grandfather in that respect. Dad Thomas liked sedation and behavioral classes the best.

The Doctors Gibbs all have practiced together, but not at the same time.

“My grandpa practiced with his Uncle Will, and Will also taught crown and bridge at UIC,” Jessica said. “Later, my dad and my grandpa practiced together, and both worked in public clinics, too. My grandpa still practices a little. I hope to practice with my dad, and take over his practice when he decides to retire, and maybe fit in some public service, too.”

For now, being a D-1 keeps Jessica plenty busy, but she also has fit in work as a researcher in the lab of **Dr. Christine Wu**, Director of Cariology Research for the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. Her award-winning research with Dr. Wu and with **Dr. Guoxian Wei**, MS Oral Sciences ’01, is on the synergism between natural antimicrobial compounds and miconazole in inhibiting the growth of candida albicans, the most virulent species of fungal infection associated with human oral candidiasis. Dad and grandpa are very proud.

“I think I have the dental genes,” Jessica concluded.

## AADR Young Investigators Honored

The American Association for Dental Research Chicago Section presented its Young Investigators Awards at a dinner held April 22 at the College.

Winners were as follows.

### *Basic Science*

First place post-doctoral, **Sriram Ravindran** (mentor: **Dr. Anne George**), "Identification and characterization of the receptor for dentin matrix protein 1."

First place pre-doctoral, **Mateusz S. Wietecha** (mentor, **Dr. Luisa A. DiPietro**), "Sprout2 down-regulates angiogenesis during mouse skin wound healing."

Second place pre-doctoral: **Jessica Gibbs** (mentor, **Dr. Christine D. Wu**), "Synergism between natural antimicrobial compounds and miconazole in inhibiting *Candida albicans* growth and biofilm in vitro."

Second place pre-doctoral: **Chun-Chieh Huang** (mentor, **Dr. Anne George**), "Development of a protein-based hydrogel for tissue engineering bone and teeth."

### *Clinical Science*

First place post-doctoral, **Nermeen Moussa** (mentor, Dr. Wu),

"In vitro evaluation of the efficacy of berberine, a natural antimicrobial plant alkaloid, as an endodontic irrigant."

Second place post-doctoral, **Shilpa Naval** (mentor, Dr. Wu),

"Plaque acidogenicity resulting from beverages consumed after dry sugary cereal."

Program sponsors were the **AADR-Chicago Section; Harry J. Bosworth Co.;** and **Wm. Wrigley Jr. & Co.**

## Student Accomplishments

**Savi Abey**, Prosthodontics Resident, Department of Restorative Dentistry, won the first place for 2010 Graduate Student Award at the International Conference on Metallurgical Coatings and Thin Film in San Diego. In this competition, she presented her research entitled: "Influence of pH on the Tribocorrosion Nature of the CpTi in an Oral Environment: Mechanisms and Synergism."

Student **Kaitrin Baloue** was elected President-Elect of the National Student Research Group of the American Association for Dental Research, a

national post.

### **Paul Doodles**

won the Most Outstanding Presentation Award at the Hinman Dental Research Conference in Memphis, TN, in October. His research looks at the inflammatory pathways of rheumatoid arthritis (RA). Data shows around



*Paul Doodles center, being presented his Most Outstanding Presentation Award at the Hinman Dental Research Conference in Memphis.*



*Dr. Suchada Ning Kongkiatkamon with the President of ADEA, Dr. Ronald J. Hunt.*

17% of patients with severe RA have TMJ involvement. Furthermore, RA has some common elements with the inflammation seen in gingivitis and periodontal dis-

ease. His work found a redundancy between two key CD4+T-cell inflammation pathways. The results may explain why some patients are refractory to some lines of immunotherapy and suggest that common upstream cytokine intervention may offer superior modulation of disease.



*D-4 Sam Willens left received of the American College of Dentists ACD Eighth District Leadership Award, Presented by Dr. David Clark, Associate Dean for Patient Services, and Eighth District Regent Dr. George Zebak, 77.*



**GIVE KIDS A SMILE** *The Tooth Fairy dental student Maria Sanchez and Flossie the Beaver dental hygiene student Eric Zemanovic visited with youngsters from St. Malachy School on Give Kids a Smile Day. The day is run by the Department of Pediatric Dentistry to provide free dental education and screenings to children.*

**Kaori Ema and Samuel Willens** received Chancellor's Student Service and Leadership Awards from UIC.



**ODONTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY PRESENTS AWARDS** *At the scientific meeting of the Odontographic Society of Chicago, held April 5 at Brio Restaurant in Lombard, IL, student Sam Willens right was presented with the Walter E. Dundon Memorial Award, which is given annually to a senior dental student from each of the State of Illinois dental colleges who demonstrates unusually high quality leadership as well as outstanding clinical ability during his or her four years. Presenting the award was Dr. Richard P. Perry, 68 left.*

**Suchada "Ning" Kongkiatkamon**, a post-doctoral student in Prosthodontics, won the first place American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Dentsply International Award at the ADEA meeting in March for her poster presentation entitled "Gender Disparities in Prosthodontics: Authorship and Leadership, 13 Years of Observation."

**Jeff Ruttenutter** on Feb. 24 successfully defended his PhD thesis in the Department of Microbiology and Microbiology at the College of Medicine. He was a seventh year DDS/PhD student under the mentorship of **Dr. Phil Marucha**, Associate Dean for Research, College of Dentistry, graduating in 2010 with both degrees. He then plans to begin the Periodontics program at the College of Dentistry.

**Samuel Willens** was presented the American College of Dentists (ACD) Leadership Award from the Illinois Section of the ACD on Feb. 27 at its annual luncheon during the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting. The award is given annually to a fourth-year student from each dental college in Illinois for displaying exemplary leadership qualities.



**TABLE CLINIC HONORS** *Dr. Matt Hallas, a Restorative Dentistry resident, was awarded second place out of 69 participants in the table clinic competition held at the recent national meeting of the American College of Prosthodontists in San Diego. His project and presentation were Simplified Technique for Diagnostic Duplication of Final Provisionals for Fabrication of Atlantis Custom Abutments. Atlantis Abutments are made by Astra Tech Dental.*

## Calendar

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## Miscellaneous

**Facebook users** can sign up to be a fan of the UIC College of Dentistry. Just type in “University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry” in the search function of your Facebook page. (FN)

**Murder on Skid Row**, a new novel by Charlene Wexler, wife of Dr. Sam Wexler, '64, has been published. It's the story of a recent graduate of the UIC College of Dentistry in the 1960s who opens a dental office on Chicago's Madison Street Skid Row. See [www.charlenewexler.com](http://www.charlenewexler.com). (FN)

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