University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry Student Joseph Deek recently was named an Albert Schweitzer Fellow for the 2017-18 year.

Deek earned his fellowship through the Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows Program, a chapter of the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, and through the Health and Medicine Policy Research Group, an independent policy center that conducts research, educates, and collaborates with other groups to advocate policies and impact health systems to improve the health status of all people.

Schweitzer Fellows spend a year working to address barriers impacting the health of underserved communities and develop lifelong leadership skills. In doing so, they follow the example set by famed physician-humanitarian Dr. Albert Schweitzer, for whom the Fellowship is named.

“Joe’s selection is further testament to the strength of our students in the highly competitive environment of Schweitzer Fellowship candidacy,” said Dr. Caswell A. Evans, Associate Dean for Prevention and Public Health Sciences. “Joe’s project will focus on advancing the initiative at Jesse Brown Veterans Administration (VA) Medical Center started by Dr. Nisha Garg as her Schweitzer Fellowship project two years ago.”

Dr. Garg provided oral hygiene information to military veterans ineligible for oral health care at the VA Center and therefore initiated a Veterans’ Screening Day at the College in 2016.

“I am very excited to be advancing Nisha’s project because we still have veterans contacting Nisha and the College seeking dental care,” Deek said. “I believe that my project will fill

Besides being a Schweitzer Fellow, student Joseph Deek (right), along with Matt Seimer (left) of Mobile Car Chicago, are members of the Oral Health America Associate Board.
Deek intends to visit the Jesse Brown VA for various events to promote education sessions he will host on how veterans can care for and prevent oral health disease, and on dental treatments.

Deek's work will build on Dr. Garg's by hosting several screening days at the College and by creating a database of the veterans “so that I can follow up with them and see that they are receiving treatment,” Deek said.

While some veterans become patients of the College, Deek also plans on collaborating with the Chicago Dental Society to help veterans “find dental homes outside the College,” he said. “We are looking to set up a network of CDS dentists who could foster a veteran patient in order to maximize our outreach.”

He also will hold education sessions at the College, featuring panel discussions and experts. “Many of these formats will be lunch-and-learns where students and faculty can learn about the oral healthcare needs of this population,” Deek said.

At the VA, Deek will host information sessions for the veterans featuring oral hygiene instruction and general oral healthcare information.

Dr. Susie Chung, Director of General Practice Residency at Jesse Brown VA, is Deek’s advisor there, and Dr. Evans is his advisor at the College.

The fellowship runs from May 2017 to May 2018. “I have one year to complete 200 hours of service for my project,” Deek said.

Deek learned of the Fellowship through a lunch-and-learn at the College, where he met Dr. Garg. The application process involves essays about the applicant and the project followed by an interview for selected finalists.

“Most veterans have very limited dental insurance, if any at all.” Deek said. “The veteran population as a whole has serious unmet oral healthcare needs. I feel like working with the veteran population is a great way for me to give back to the men and women who serve this country. It is heartbreaking to see that more than 10% of veterans are homeless. I am glad that I am able to give my time and talents to such an honorable population that has done so much for our country.”
Since the 2006-07 year, the College has had 15 students serve as Schweitzer Fellows.

Dr. Seema Ashrafi Earns Jon Daniel Teaching Award, HOPE Award

Dr. Seema Ashrafi, Clinical Associate Professor and Director, Pre-doctoral Periodontics, and Clinical Director of the Advanced Standing Program, in May was named the 2017 recipient of the College’s Jon Daniel Teaching Award, which confers upon her the distinction of also being a Jon Daniel Teaching Scholar.

In March, she also was honored with a UIC HOPE (Honoring Our Professors’ Excellence) Award.

Regarding the Daniel Award, Dean Clark Stanford said, “Dr. Ashrafi is involved with students at all levels in both the Pre-Doc and Advanced Standing programs. Dr. Ashrafi’s nominations cited her commitment to her students and her gift for engaging students on a personal level.

“She has earned the admiration and respect of her colleagues and students by demonstrating the highest standard of professionalism and excellence in dental education,” he continued.

“Dr. Ashrafi’s commitment to the academic mission of our College and her dedication to both students and colleagues make her an outstanding choice for this award.”

The Daniel Award is named in honor of the late Oral Biology faculty member Dr. Jon Daniel, who passed away in 2009. It is presented to one faculty member each year for his or her exemplary contribution to the education of UIC College of Dentistry students.

Selection for the award is based upon

Dr. Seema Ashrafi is a favorite with the College's students. In 2014, she received a Golden Apple Award, presented by student Thiago Vinhas.
the recipient’s ability 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.

“The Jon Daniel Award means a great deal to me because not only were he and I colleagues, but I also had the opportunity to be his student in histology,” Dr. Ashrafi said. “He was a caring person and took great interest in student learning. I will never forget that the Department of Histology was the only department that did weekend reviews for my D-1 class prior to written and lab exams, which were amazing and interactive.

“As a colleague, he was caring, precise, and humorous,” Dr. Ashrafi continued. “Dr. Daniel did affect me to strive to be the best as I can be as a teacher. He believed that in order to become good at anything, you must strive to do your best and, most of all, become a good listener. I did take this advice to heart, and this is what I do on a daily basis.”

Dr. Stanford congratulated Dr. Ashrafi, and congratulated the other nominated faculty this year, Drs. Jennifer Caplin, Anne George, Jamie Hofmeister, Nadia Kawar, Ghadeer Thalji, and Grace Viana.

“Nomination itself is indeed an honor,” he said. Dr. Stanford also thanked the faculty members and students who submitted nominations, and the members of the 2017 Daniel Award Selection Committee: Drs. Alison Doubleday, Ales Obrez, Phil Patston, and student Hany Reyad. Drs. Doubleday, Obrez, and Patston are previous Daniel Award recipients.

Dr. Ashrafi is scheduled to receive the Daniel Award at the Faculty Meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12. The University conferred a HOPE (Honoring Our Professors’ Excellence) Award to Dr. Ashrafi for making a great impact on the lives of UIC students living on campus in a ceremony on March 28 in Student Center East.

Dental student Asima Chughtai, nominated her for the HOPE Award.

“Campus Housing realizes how important it is for students to build a connection with faculty members, so we established this program as a way to recognize and thank exemplary faculty members for contributing to our residents’ success,” said Dr. Nick Ardinger, Assistant Director for Residential Education, Campus Housing.

“The award represents ‘HOPE,’ which to me is an act of kindness and respect toward others,” Dr. Ashrafi concluded.

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Dr. Veronica Haywood Earns Wound Healing Fellowship

Dr. Veronica Haywood, DPT, PT, a Clinical Postdoctoral Fellow and Graduate Student Researcher in the Center for Wound Healing and Tissue Regeneration, received the Wound Healing Foundation-3M Fellowship for 2017-18. Dr. Haywood is working on a PhD in Oral Sciences at the College.

“Since the beginning of this Fellowship, 3M has provided generous support for this award and has helped to accomplish the foundation mission—to improve the quality of life for wound healing patients and their families through support of awareness, research, and education,” according to Laura K.S. Parnell, President of the Providence, RI-based foundation.

“The award provides her with $15,000 to use for her research supplies and needs,” said Dr. Luisa DiPietro, Director for the Center for Wound Healing and Tissue Regeneration.

Dr. Haywood’s research is on “Enzymatic Protein Glycosylation during Normal and Diabetic Wound Healing.” She is “examining the regulation of sugar molecules that are added onto certain proteins and looking to identify whether these are changing over the course of wound healing and in diabetes,” Dr. Haywood said.

She hopes to “improve our understanding of the role that protein glycosylation plays in the development of comorbidities associated with pathological conditions like diabetes,” Dr. Haywood said. “Additionally, I hope that this line of research will be used within the medical and dental communities to explore better biomarkers for disease susceptibility, prediction of outcomes, and treatments for conditions like diabetes- associated ulcers and gingivitis.”

The foundation approved Dr. Haywood’s application for the fellowship in a competitive process, and awarded it to her at the Wound Healing Society annual meeting in San Diego, CA, in April.

Dr. Masood Sirjani Honored

For the second year in a row, an Endodontics Resident won an award at the American Association of Endodontists meeting by scoring in the top ten of the judged research poster presentations.

Dr. Masood Sirjani, Endodontics Postgrad 2, received the AAE Dentsply/Sirona Award for “Effect of BoNT-A on Proliferation and Differentiation of DPSCs in Hypoxic Conditions.”
for the treatment of autoimmune, neurological, cardiovascular, and many other types of conditions," he noted. "The award that we received for this first exploration is an encouraging indication of interest from the scientific community. We are honored and grateful to have been chosen among the finalists at AAE, where so many innovative research projects were presented this year.

"Part of our award will be dedicated to funding future research efforts on this topic, benefiting UIC and our project team by advancing our understanding of the potential of botulinum toxin to accomplish stem cell regeneration," Dr. Sirjani concluded.

The meeting was in New Orleans, and there were 115 research posters in the competition. All nine Endodontics Postgrads and many faculty attended the meeting. Dr. Sirjani’s research mentor is Dr. Satish Alapati, Assistant Professor, Endodontics.

Animal Art Makes the Waiting More Fun in Pediatric Dentistry
The waiting room in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry is more colorful and fun with new artwork on the walls. The art offers kid-friendly renditions of a bunny, dog, kitty, koala, monkey, penguin, polar bear, pup, and two cats.

“When I lectured at the Royal Children’s Hospital in Melbourne, Australia, a few years back, I was stunned by the beautiful art they had all around their brand new facility,” said Department Head Dr. Marcio da Fonseca.

Printed on acrylic and glass, the art was simple, pleasant, and professionally done, and anyone visiting or working in the hospital—children, families, and staff—could equally appreciate it," he added. “The art made the environment feel very welcoming and different from a traditional hospital. I knew it was something I’d like to have.”

A representative of the company providing furniture for the department’s waiting room connected Dr. da Fonseca with Liza and Alekos Grigoropoulos, who own Grigoropoulos Fine Art Consulting Ltd. in Elk Grove Village, IL.

“I met with Liza to discuss the project and she started sending me samples of art that could be printed on acrylic,” Dr. da Fonseca explained. “We first worked on the Nickelsen graduate clinic walls, and now we’ve been able to do the reception area.”

The pictures, by artist Jill Connor, are “simple, sweet, colorful, and pleasing to the eyes, and can be easily enjoyed by both children and adults alike,” Dr. da Fonseca added. “They are the focal point of the reception area, and help to make the place feel very soothing.”

And tidy as well. “I don’t believe we need to have an environment clogged with toys, pictures, and very bright colors everywhere; that can be overstimulating, messy, and unpleasant,” Dr. da Fonseca said, noting that the acrylic art is easy to keep clean and hygienic.

A committee composed of residents, dental assistants, and Dr. da Fonseca chose the pictures.

The art was funded by a gift from UIC’s Division of Specialized Care for Children to create a space for children awaiting their appointments.

“Besides the art, we were able to acquire child-size tables and chairs and a fun bookshelf, which we stuff with books that children can take home if they wish,” Dr. da Fonseca explained.

The books are part of the department’s literacy program to encourage children to read and provided to the College free of charge by Burnie’s Book Bank in Lake Bluff, IL.

For more information on Bernie’s Book Bank, log on to berniesbookbank.org. To learn more about Grigoropoulos Fine Art Consulting, log on to www.factltd.com.

Pre-dental Alginate Impression Event Brings Student Groups, Dental Students, and Undergrads Together
The College’s chapters of the American Student Dental Association, the American Dental Education Association, and Peer Mentoring Group (PMG) hosted a Pre-dental Alginate Impression Event on April 5 for undergraduate students interested in dentistry.

Megh Patel, the UIC ASDA Pre-dental Chair, organized the event and invited the ADEA chapter and PMG to join in.

Karen Homsi, PMG President-Elect and an ADEA member, called the event “a huge success. This is the first event all three organizations collaborated on and we anticipate many more in the future.”

“The event was organized by ASDA with help from ADEA and PMG in an effort to give pre-dental students
some hands-on experience of some of the clinical work we do as students at UIC,” Patel said. “We hope that it further strengthened their desire to pursue dentistry.”

“The event gave UIC Pre-dental Club members a hands-on experience taking dental impressions on Dentech mannequins,” Homsi explained. “It also gave undergraduate students the opportunity to interact with current first-, second-, and third-year dental students.”

Patel noted she was “fairly surprised by the level of enthusiasm shown by the pre-dental students. They seemed to genuinely enjoy taking impressions and were eager to practice them multiple times.”

The dental students, in turn, Homsi said, “were surprised by how much we’ve learned and progressed since we first learned to take dental impressions the fall of D-1 year. Our dental school journey has generally been a humbling experience and we were encouraged to share our many mishaps with the future dental students and to encourage them to keep going even when faced with difficult challenges.”

Patel feels that, “Events like this are advantageous to the College and to pre-dental students because they allow pre-dental students to have direct interactions with dental students at the College while possibly considering UIC as an option for pursing their dental education.”

“The interaction between the current dental students and the pre-dental students is essential for encouraging interest in the UIC College of Dentistry and for making dental school more tangible for applicants,” Homsi said.

Patel concluded, “The collaboration between ASDA, ADEA, and PMG encouraged further student participation.”

“By joining forces, we are able to recruit more volunteers to help out with events and to bring together the different perspectives and goals from each organization,” Homsi said.

The organizers thanked Dr. Darryl Pendleton, Associate Dean for Student and Diversity Affairs, for overseeing the meeting after hours and student Sebastian Przybylo for taking photos.

Dental Charity Ball a Success

The Dental Charity Ball, held April 1 at the Museum of Science and Industry, raised $20,750 for the Dental Charity Fund. The fund “helps cover the costs incurred by dental related outreach programs,” said the Dental Charity Ball Committee’s Jasmine Liu, D-2. “Programs include the administration of free dental work and oral health education to underserved communities in the Chicagoland area and beyond. This fund will positively impact the lives of individuals who are unable to receive essential dental care.”

NIH Funds Study on Viral microRNAs

Did you know that half of American adults suffer from periodontal (gum) disease? That is why the College is advancing research to prevent it. Principal Investigator Dr. Afsar Naqvi, Research Assistant Professor; Dr. Sal Nares, Head; and Dr. Jezrom Fordham, Research Assistant Professor, Periodontics, recently received a National Institutes of Health R21 grant entitled, “Characterizing the Role of Viral microRNAs in Regulating Macrophage Plasticity.”

“The oral cavity is a niche to diverse microbes, including viruses,” Dr. Naqvi explained. “Herpes viruses are predominant as latent infections among the human population and can reactivate under certain conditions like stress, UV light, hormonal changes. Small regulatory RNAs encoded by herpes viruses—vmiRs—are important in viral persistence and our lab has previously shown that their levels change during inflammation.”

The focus of the study is to investigate “how vmiRs functionally modulate key immune cells that reside in
oral mucosa—namely macrophage and their ability to elicit specific immune responses,” Dr. Naqvi continued. “Further, the impact of exosomes—cell secreted nanovesicles—from vmiR expressing macrophages will be assessed on the key functions of neighboring oral keratinocytes.”

The team is interested in how vmiRs alter immune responses triggered by oral keratinocytes upon challenges with periodontal pathogen-derived immunogenic components.

“We expect that vmiRs modulate macrophage immune responses and disturb intercellular communication mediated by secreted cytokines to favor viral tropism, survival, and spread,” Dr. Naqvi explained. “The aspects have not been investigated earlier and will likely provide novel insights on the role of vmiR in pathogenesis of oral diseases.”

The study includes examination of how vmiRs alter immune responses triggered by periodontal pathogens including P. gingivalis and A. Actinomycetemcomians. “Our long-term plan is also to use vmiRs as potential diagnostic/prognostic markers in oral diseases,” Dr. Naqvi said. “The knowledge gained from these research avenues will be utilized to develop therapeutic targets, which will be of value to medicine and dentistry.”

The team’s first report on the identification of vmiRs in human dental pulp was mentioned on the cover page of the Journal of Endodontics’ January 2017 issue. See goo.gl/AR6UID.

The research also is supported by the Edward C. Wach fund and other funds from the College.

OMFS Sends Team to Mexico

The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery sent a team of staff and residents to Campeche, Mexico, where they participated in a mission to treat children with cleft lip and palate deformities.

Dr. Michael Markiewicz, Assistant Professor, and Residents Drs. David Salomon and Chad Petersen met Dr. Rafael Ruíz-Rodríguez and his residents—based in Mexico City to do work at Hospital Dr. Manuel Campos, in Campeche, Mexico.

The UIC team performed 45 surgeries in two days including cleft lip and palate repairs. The Campos team based in Mexico City flies back every few weeks to follow-up with patients and while away, a team of surgeons based in Campeche keeps a close eye on patients.

The operating room at the University of Illinois Hospital donated supplies to Hospital Campos that were used during the mission and will be used for future surgeries. “Truly a memorable experience for the UIC team,” Dr. Markiewicz said.

ASDA Honors Dr. Sahar Alrayyes

The College’s American Student Dental Association chapter on April 12 presented its Advocate Award to Dr. Sahar Alrayyes, Clinical Associate Professor, Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Alrayyes received the award for the effort she put into the Smiles for A Safe Haven event in July.

“Dr. Alrayyes’ enthusiasm for increasing access to oral health care in Chicago and across the globe continuously inspires all her students,” according to student Karen Homsi, former UIC ASDA Service Chair. “The chapter was fortunate to work alongside such a compassionate faculty member and mentor.”

“I feel privileged to receive this recognition,” Dr. Sahar Alrayyes received an award from the College’s ASDA chapter. She is pictured with Milica Golubovich, UIC ASDA President.
Dr. Alrayyes said. I take pride in having the opportunity to witness and guide our future dentists through a heartwarming experience in helping the underprivileged children in Illinois. An experience such as this one will help them grow to become stronger leaders and well-rounded oral health care providers.”

The chapter also thanked Khatija Noorullah, Clinical Community Academic Manager, “without whom this event would not have been possible,” said Milica Golubovich UIC ASDA chapter President. “Thanks to Khatija, Dr. Alrayyes, and the volunteers’ efforts, 38 children from A Safe Haven, a local homeless shelter, were screened and provided with preventative fluoride varnish.” Homsi concurred with Golubovich

“The UIC ASDA Chapter, with the help of Dr. Alrayyes and Khatija, aspires to continue its efforts to connect with the surrounding community,” Golubovich concluded.

Laskin Lecture to Feature Head and Neck Oncology, Oncologic Reconstruction

The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery will host the Ninth Annual Daniel M. Laskin Lectureship on Friday, June 23, at the College, Lecture Hall North 5th Floor.

Dr. Rui P. Fernandes, Associate Professor and Associate Chair, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; Chief, Division of Head and Neck Surgery; and Program Director, Head and Neck Oncologic Surgery and Microvascular Fellowship, University of Florida at Jacksonville, will be the speaker.

Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. At 1:30 p.m., Dr. Fernandes will speak on Head and Neck Oncology. After a break with refreshments from 2:30 to 3 p.m., he will speak on Oncologic Reconstruction.

Open to practicing dentists, faculty, residents, and students, the event is free and will provide three hours of Continuing Education credits.

RSVP by Thursday, June 15, to mlimon@uic.edu, call (312) 996-1052, or fax (312) 996-5987. The lecture is named for Dr. Daniel Laskin, former Head of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and one of the world’s leading researchers in temporomandibular joint (TMJ) pathology. Dr. Laskin will attend the lecture.

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Golf Outing Scheduled With Continuing Education

The 26th annual University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry Golf Outing, an event hosted by the College and the UIC Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors, will be held at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club, 12294 Archer Ave., Lemont, IL, 60439, (666) 264-4455, on Friday, Aug. 11. All College of Dentistry personnel, alumni of the College, other dentists, and guests are invited.

Participants may shoot on one of the club’s several championship golf courses, including Dubsdread, home of the Western Open.

The day’s events will kick off with an optional Continuing Education course, “Innovations in Clinical Therapy: New Materials and Digital Workflows that Encompass Fixed and Removable Prosthodontics,” from 10 a.m. to noon.

The course will provide Continuing Education credit taught by Dr. Lyndon Cooper, Associate Dean for Research and Head of the Department of Oral Biology. As part of the course’s objectives, Dr. Cooper will describe the advantages and disadvantages of zirconia for tooth-supported restorations; discuss the use of modern ceramics for partial coverage restorations; and describe the role of digital technology in the advancement of denture technology.

Lunch will be at noon. A modified shotgun start will begin the golf at 1 p.m. There also will be a post-golf meal.

Dr. Arlene Engert, UIC Dental Alumni Association Immediate Past-President, and Dr. Susan Rowan, Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, are Co-Chairs. Call Ana Lisa Ogbac at (312) 996-0485 for prices and more information.

Grape Seed Extract Could Extend Life of Resin Fillings

A natural compound found in grape seed extract could be used to strengthen dentin and increase the life of resin fillings, according to new research at the College.

While amalgam fillings can last ten to 15 years plus, the more aesthetically pleasing composite fillings typically last only five to seven years.

In research published in the Journal of Dental Research, Dr. Ana Bedran-Russo, Associate Professor, Restorative Dentistry, describes how grape seed extract can make composite-resin fillings stronger, allowing them to last longer. The extract, Dr. Bedran-Russo said, can
increase the strength of the dentin, which comprises the majority of the calcified extracellular tissue of teeth, forming the layer just beneath the hard external enamel.

Dentin is mostly made of collagen, the main structural protein in skin and other connective tissues. Resins have to bind to the dentin, but the area between the two, or the interface, is a weak point, causing restorations to break down, Dr. Bedran-Russo said.

When a filling fails, “decay forms around it and the seal is lost,” she said. “We want to reinforce the interface, which will make the resin bond better to the dentin. The interface can be changed through the use of new natural materials.”

More than 90% of adults between the ages of 20 and 64 have cavities, according to a federal report.

Secondary caries and margin breakdown are the most frequent causes of failed adhesive restorations, Dr. Bedran-Russo said. Despite numerous advances in dental restorative materials, degradation of the adhesive interface still occurs.

Dr. Bedran-Russo has discovered that damaged collagen can repair itself with a combination of plant-based oligomeric proanthocyanidins — flavonoids found in most foods and vegetables — and extracts from grape seeds. Interlocking the resin and collagen-rich dentin provides better adhesion and does not rely on moisture.

“The stability of the interface is key for the durability of such adhesive joints, and hence, the life of the restoration and minimizing tooth loss,” Dr. Bedran-Russo said.

One of the possible benefits of using grape seed extract is that it prevents tooth decay, she said. She and Dr. Guido Pauli, Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy in the UIC College of Pharmacy, recently collaborated on another study that showed extract from the root bark of Chinese red pine trees has similar properties to the grape seed extract.

Co-authors on the Journal of Dental Research study are Ariene Leme-Kraus, Berdan Aydin, Cristina Vidal, Rasika Phansalkar, Joo-won Nam, James McAlpine, Guido Pauli and Shao-nong Chen, all of UIC. The research was funded by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (grant number DE021040), one of the National Institutes of Health.

People

Achievements

American Dental Association and ADA Foundation scientists and researchers presented original scientific abstracts and other works March 22-25 during the 95th General Session and Exhibition of the International Association for Dental Research. One of the presentations was Long-term Effects of Different Cleaning Methods on Vivera Retainers, a poster presentation by Dr. Manika Agarwal, an Orthodontic Resident who worked with ADA laboratory staff.

Asima Chughtai, A-3, had an article, “The dental student’s guide for a productive break,” in the April edition of Contour magazine, a publication of ASDA.

Dr. Lyndon Cooper, Associate Dean for Research and Professor and Head, Oral Biology received the International Association for Dental Research/Academy of Osseointegration Research Award in Implant Sciences at the IADR General Session in March.

Dr. Michael Miloro, Head, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, was awarded the prestigious International Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Distinguished Service Award at the 23rd Annual International Conference of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in Hong Kong on April 2. The award recognizes an individual surgeon who has made significant contributions to the international advancement of the ideals and purposes of the specialty of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Deaths

Patricio Sanchez, Central Sterilization Supply Technician, passed away on April 6.

Departures

Lea Alexander, Director of Academic Affairs, and Pollyanne Mather, Business Manager, Faculty Affairs, have left the College to work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Tim Sullivan now is Acting Director of Academic Affairs.

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June
22: Laylat al Kadr, Islamic observance.
26: Eid-al-Fitr, end of Ramadan, Islamic observance.

July
12: Faculty Meeting, 12:30 p.m. Location to be announced.

August
11: Golf Outing with Continuing Education, Cog Hill Golf and Country Club, 12294 Archer Ave., Lemont, IL. Email dentevent@uic.edu or call (312) 996-0485.
12: Faculty Meeting, 12:30 p.m. Location to be announced.
15: Janmashtami, Hindu observance.

September
1: Eid al-Adha, Islamic observance.
4: Labor Day.
6 and 7, and 13 and 14: Local Anesthesia Course. UIC College of Dentistry. Fee is $950 for Illinois State Dental Society member dentist staff, $1,100 for ISDS non-member dentist staff. Email gpitchford@isds.org, log on to www.isds.org, or call (800) 475-4737.
7-9: Illinois State Dental Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO.
16: Coronal Polishing and Pit/Fissure Sealants Course. UIC College of Dentistry. Fee is $450 for Illinois State Dental Society member dentist staff, $800 for ISDS non-member dentist staff. Email gpitchford@isds.org, log on to www.isds.org, or call (800) 475-4737.
20 to 22: Rosh Hashanah, Jewish observance, sunset to sunset.
29 to 30: Yom Kippur, Jewish observance, sunset to sunset.
30 to Oct. 1, Ashura, Islamic and Shia observance, sunset to sunset.

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4 and 5: Anesthesia/Sedation Assistant Monitoring Clinical Certification Course. UIC College of Dentistry. Fee is $525 for Illinois State Dental Society member dentist staff, $850 for ISDS non-member dentist staff. Email gpitchford@isds.org, log on to www.isds.org, or call (800) 475-4737.
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