

# Pediatric Dentistry News

## ANNUAL MEETING

### BE THERE!

Alumni Reception at the  
 American Academy of Pediatric  
 Dentistry Annual Session

**Saturday, May 26, 2007**

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Marriott Rivercenter

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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Greetings. In this, my second annual newsletter since I began my work as Chair in Fall 2005, I am pleased to report many positive developments in the department in 2006:

### *Training for the Youngest Patients*

- We've started to see younger patients in the student clinic than we have traditionally done, in order to give 3rd and 4th year students experience working with the much younger kids. Senior students are also rotating at the Tapper Dental Clinic at University Hospitals (UH) and the operating room where they are given the opportunity to provide care to very young or special needs patients.

### *Serving the Underserved*

- In addition, we've been reaching out to underserved folks through both our Head Start Program and our WIC program. Through a partnership with Head Start locally, our residents in 2006 provided knee-to-knee examinations, cleanings, and application of fluoride varnish and hygiene education to more than 500 kids in Cuyahoga County. We now have a station in the Pediatric Medical Clinic at UH, allowing us to offer these same services to all ambulatory pediatric patients and all WIC patients under age five.

### *Craniofacial Orthopedics*

- Under the direction of Arun Gosain, M.D., the new craniofacial Chief at UH, we are now using craniofacial orthopedics to do nasal alveolar molding on newborn unilateral and bilateral cleft palate patients. Residents in pediatric dentistry, orthodontics, oral surgery and plastic surgery all benefit from observing our interdisciplinary intervention in these complex cases. An all day interdisciplinary seminar on Nasal Alveolar Molding (NAM) is scheduled for this fall.



Gerald Ferretti, D.D.S., M.S., M.P.H.

## RESIDENTS' PRESENTATIONS AT THE UPCOMING ANNUAL MEETING

### JEREMY SCHOLZEN

Dental Anxiety – the Vertical Transfer from Parent to Child

“A study to determine if dental anxiety can be transferred from parents to their children.”

### REBECCA ROBBINS AND JASON MANDALARIUS

Dental Anomalies in Cohen Syndrome Patients

“A survey of dental anomalies in Amish Cohen Syndrome patients from Middlefield, Ohio.”

### BRANDON JONES (CHIEF RESIDENT) AND MILTON NTRAGATAKIS

Pre-Surgical Nasal Alveolar Molding Appliance for Cleft Palate Patients

“The purpose was to document the implementation of the Pre-Surgical Nasal Alveolar Molding Appliance (PNAM or NAM) in the pediatric dental setting.”

### ERIN BRANHAM

Pre and Post Dental Treatment Measurements of *Mutans streptococci*

“Using test strips to evaluate the level of *Mutans streptococci* in children's mouths before and after dental cleaning and fluoride varnish.”



Jeff Ellis '06 works with a patient in the Tapper Clinic under the supervision of Dr. Gerald Ferretti.

### *Predocutorial Course Goes Digital*

- The didactic portion of the predoctoral pediatric dentistry course is now entirely web-based. There are no text books, no classes. Dental students study the material via the internet at their own pace. This innovation is in line with the new curriculum, through which students learn by critical thinking rather than memorization.

### *Professional Study Sessions*

- The Department hosted a study session for all local pediatric dentists last fall. The session was well attended, drawing over 30 guests, alumni and friends alike. This winter we presented a half-day pediatric oral health update which over 80 health professionals attended. For more information or suggestions about future sessions please contact me or the Department Administrator at 216.368.3277 or gerald.ferretti@case.edu.

We are in the process of recruiting two new full-time faculty members, the acquisition of whom will bolster both the pedagogy and the important research aims of this department. While faculty positions are not as financially lucrative as the most successful private practices, the opportunity to work with the best and brightest students to help shape the next generation of pediatric dentists is incredibly satisfying work. I invite all alumni to consider themselves ambassadors for the department in helping us to identify and recruit the most qualified candidates for these positions.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming annual meeting, and I welcome your input at any time.

All the best,

Gerry Ferretti

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### CLASS NOTES

1981

**Diane M. Stacey**, who received her certification in orthodontics in 1984 from the University of Detroit, recently moved into her new Orthodontic/Pediatric Office in Henderson, Nevada. In March 2007, she opened the first teen day spa on the west coast called “Nu Frenz Teen Day Spa.” She and her husband, Buddy Byrd, have one daughter, Meagan.

1988

**Robert E. Buda** of Lake Tapps, WA, is in private practice in Tukwila, WA, and is staying very busy caring for his four children.  
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1989

**Diane A. Kyrkos, D.D.S., M.S.D. '87, '89**, has recently expanded her Bay Village, OH, office and added an associate. She and her husband, John Davenport, who have one son, “spend a lot of time watching high school hockey.”

1991

**Andrea J. Miller** anticipates the move of her pediatric dental practice from Willoughby, OH, to a new dental office being built in Mentor. She is in a partnership with Dr. Lisa Richards, a pediatric dentist, and is moving into the same building with Dr. **Bradley Kwentt**, a 1987 graduate of the Case School of Dental Medicine and a 1989 graduate of the Orthodontics program at Case Western Reserve University.  
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### MEET THE CLASS OF 2008



**Marcie Flack** majored in Physical Anthropology at Ohio State and attended Ohio State’s College of Dentistry. She is completing a general practice residency at the Medical University of Ohio in Toledo. Dr. Flack decided to become a pediatric specialist for several reasons. The eldest of five children, she has always loved being around children. She has enjoyed coaching youth in track and field. She is also the mother of two boys and understands “how parents trust us as dental professionals with the most valuable thing in their life—their kids.” About the pediatric program at Case Western Reserve University, Dr. Flack says, “There is a good exposure to both clinical and didactic experiences, including OR time and orthodontics. I am truly excited for the opportunity.”  
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**Mitzi Hines** graduated from The Ohio State University in 2001 with a major in Biology and a minor in Women’s Studies. She also went to dental school at Ohio State, earning her degree in 2006. She has practiced for one year in a public health pediatric dental

setting. Dr. Hines decided to become a pediatric specialist because of “children’s honesty and how brave they are.” She says, “I chose to do my residency here because I was excited to work with and learn from Dr. Ferretti and I loved all of the OR experience that this program provides, as well as community outreach opportunities.” She served in the Air National Guard for eight years.  
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**Andrea Tapp**, a graduate of the University of Kentucky with a B.S. in Biology, will graduate from dental school there in May 2007. During her time in dental school, she traveled to Honduras twice on dental missions. “I have always worked well with children and my calm demeanor is helpful with pediatrics. What I like most about the specialty is the unpredictability of the patients, which keeps it exciting and challenging,” she says. “I find it very gratifying to be able to help children and guide them towards better health. Also, my adult patients do not get as excited when I give them toys.” She chose to do her residency here because she wanted a hospital-based program that was associated with a university as well as one that provides plenty of clinical

experience in all areas of pediatric dentistry.  
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**Brent Powell**, who holds a BA in English Literature from California State University Fresno, will graduate from the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine in May 2007. He worked his way through dental school doing organ and tissue procurement. Mr. Powell, who is fluent in Spanish, spent two years in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and has served on two dental missions to the Dominican Republic. “Pediatric dentistry is the best kept secret in the professional world,” he says. “Every pediatric dental specialist I have ever spoken to has said that they cannot imagine themselves doing anything else.” This pediatric dental residency program has one of the most progressive programs he has seen. “Dr. Ferretti is constantly striving to improve the facility and challenge the residents. I know that he expects a lot from his residents and I expect a lot from this program,” says Mr. Powell. He and his wife enjoy golfing, snowboarding, and renovating their home in Cleveland Heights, OH.  
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