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Cover photo: School of Dental Medicine faculty who are Primary Investigators on a research grant from the last two years. From left to right; Front Row: Nabil Bissada, Leena Palomo, Suchitra Nelson; Second Row: Zhimin Feng, Kristin Williams; Third Row: Yiping Han, Aaron Weinberg, Fady Faddoul; Fourth Row: Lance Vernon, Jin-Ho Phark; Back Row: Sillas Duarte, Ge Jin, Rick Jurevic.

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DEAR FRIENDS,

Research is one of the key components that positions the CWRU School of Dental Medicine among the very best dental schools. The faculty, students, and staff all rightfully take pride in the “culture of inquiry” that permeates the school.

It’s a wonderful era for research at the dental school. As you will read in this issue’s cover story, we have numerous research opportunities for faculty and students alike. That hasn’t always been the case. In 1997, we had one faculty member who was a principal investigator, and a total of $270,000 in grants. Today, we have 21 (of 54) faculty who have been principal investigators over the past two years, and millions of dollars in research grants — including a $9.5 million award from the National Institutes of Health’s National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research. This award, the largest in the dental school’s history, will be used to study oral health as one of the human body’s frontline defenses against infections.

We also received other million dollar grants involving preterm birth and health disparities. One for research looking into if low birth weight babies have increased risk for dental caries when they begin to have teeth, and another in the area of health disparities.

While the NIH grants are very prestigious, we are also proud of the number of smaller grants that are taking place in the school at any given time. As well as research that is being done with internal resources simply because something needed to be investigated.

Every year, students participate in our summer research program and make presentations at national meetings. As well as research that is being done with our new curriculum is based on answering questions — which is what research is all about. It’s all part of the culture of inquiry. For years, research was considered to be what happened on the third floor. Today, investigations take place everywhere in the school.

It’s important to note that research as an isolated endeavor does not represent our major activity, which is educating dentists. However, it is only by educating students to become practitioners who are well-equipped to evaluate manuscripts, evaluate their own work and selectively answer important questions that we can truly qualify as a learned profession.

We want to educate dentists who are inquisitive, and some who feel a responsibility to create new knowledge simply because that’s what’s best for society. So although research is only a piece of what we do, it’s a requisite piece.

There is a final benefit to the research being conducted at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine. As a profession, we have a greater unmet need for researchers than we have for clinicians. As more and more dental schools open across the country with unsure commitments to research, it’s ever more important that schools with strong research capabilities carry our responsibility to ensure the future of the profession.

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DENTAL SCHOOL CURRICULUM EARNs A WILLIAM J. GIES AWARD FOR INNOVATION

A new curriculum launched by the School of Dental Medicine in 2006 has received national honors from the ADEAGies Foundation for outstanding innovation by an academic institution. Members of the dental faculty accepted a William J. Gies Award March 14 during the annual meeting of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) in Phoenix, AZ.

In November 2002, the dental school began a four-year process to write a new dental curriculum that would differ from those offered at any other dental school in the country.

“Early indicators have shown that [the new curriculum] is going remarkably well and objectives are being met,” Dr. Pyle says. “We have carefully looked at our outcomes measures to date and are pleased that they are above our expectations. The faculty have been very vigilant about monitoring our progress and outcomes.”

The Gies Award was named in honor of William J. Gies, a biochemist and the founder of the dental college at Columbia University in 1926. Gies published a landmark study that established dentistry as a healing science and an important component of higher education.

Marsha Pyle, D.D.S., M.Ed. ’84, then-vice dean at the dental school, says this is the second year ADEA has presented Gies Awards to recognize vision, innovations and achievement in dentistry. Nine individuals, institutions and organizations are among the 2009 recipients, selected by a panel of judges from the ADEAGies Foundation Board of Trustees.

“My thrilled for the school,” says Dr. Pyle, who directed the restructuring of the dental school curriculum. “The faculty and staff have worked hard here, and it is wonderful to see the outcome of our work for the past three years recognized by our peers. This is truly special.”

People who suffered from gum disease and also had a severe form of rheumatoid arthritis reduced their arthritic pain, number of swollen joints, and the degree of their morning stiffness when they cured their dental problems. Researchers from the School of Dental Medicine and University Hospitals of Cleveland reported on this new intervention for arthritis in the April 2009 issue of the Journal of Periodontology.

“It was exciting to find that if we eliminated the infection and inflammation in the gums, patients with a severe kind of active rheumatoid arthritis reported improvement on the signs and symptoms of that disease,” says Nabil Bissada, D.D.S., M.S.D., chair of the Department of Periodontics at the dental school. “It gives us a new intervention.”

Dr. Bissada adds that gum disease tends to be prevalent in rheumatoid arthritis patients. Both inflammatory diseases share similarities in the progression of the disease over time. In both diseases, the soft and hard tissues are destroyed by inflammation caused by toxins from bacterial infection.
Dr. Phark earned the accolades for his research into the durability of crowns. He discovered that the type of surface that the crown’s adhesive clings to plays an important role in its durability. A smooth interior crown surface tends to shear off easier than one with a rough texture.

It has long been known that crowns can be contaminated by the model’s plaster during the manufacturing process. Tiny plaster particles can corrupt the bonding agent. The plaster contamination, along with saliva and blood during the fitting procedure, can cause gaps in the adhesive between the tooth and crown and weaken the bond. Over time, secondary decay can occur at the margin of the crown, or weakness can develop as the crown ages from the stress of biting and temperature changes.

Enlisting the help of Harold Kahn, a professor at the School of Engineering, Dr. Phark tested a new ceramic crown material developed and donated for testing by the Swedish company Nobel Biocare. This product is fabricated in a process that creates a very rough surface texture on the inside of the crown, where the bonding agent will be applied. Excess plaster particles are burned off during the veneering process to prevent contamination. Then, etching of the interior crown surface with an acid before attaching it to the tooth removes blood and saliva.

According to Dr. Phark, the “gold standard” in attaching aluminum- and zirconium-oxide crowns has been to blast the interior of the crown with sand particles to roughen the surface and then to attach it with a special cement. Sandblasting, however, may weaken the ceramic material.

“This new crown comes prepared and does not need the extra sandblasting treatment,” says Dr. Phark. In addition, it can be attached using standard cements.

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One toxin from the inflamed areas called tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF-A) is a marker present in the blood when inflammation is present in the body. TNF-A can initiate new infections or aggravate sites where inflammation already exists.

In the School of Dental Medicine study, improvement in rheumatoid arthritis symptoms was seen in patients who were treated for their gingival disease, whether or not they received the anti-TNF-A medications.

“Again we are seeing another link where good oral health improves the overall health of an individual,” says Dr. Bissada, who adds that studies have linked gum disease to premature births, heart disease and diabetes.

Other School of Dental Medicine researchers contributing to findings were Paula Ortiz, M.S.D. ’08; Yiping Han, Ph.D.; and Leena Palomo, D.D.S., M.S.D. ’00, ’04, along with Ashok Panneerselvam, M.S., of the Department of Epidemiology.

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Of all the elements that make the Case Western Reserve School of Dental Medicine one of the world’s finest dental schools, research has for years been one of the least visible and most underrepresented.

Now, however, dozens of research projects are taking place throughout the school, and results are being packaged for publication or presentation at major national or international meetings. Students benefit immensely from the research, either by participating in it directly, or by learning and applying the findings immediately in the clinic. The vast amount of onsite research and its availability to students leads to an education that defines cutting edge.

Although today’s CWRU dental school is a recognized leader among dental research institutions, that hasn’t always been the case. Research reached a low point at the school in the late 1980s and 1990s. The current leadership, however, led by Jerold S. Goldberg, D.D.S. ’70, Dean of the School of Dental Medicine, recognized the importance of restoring the school’s place among the world’s dental research leaders.

Steadily and methodically, Dean Goldberg sought out national and international research talent and brought it to the school. One faculty member was a principal investigator in 1997; today, 21 of 54 full-time faculty have been principal investigators on a grant or administrative supplement at some time during the last two years.

Dean Goldberg’s vision of creating a “culture of inquiry” at the school has taken shape, and the results are impressive (see the Message from the Dean on page 1 of this issue).

“I think one of our strengths here at the dental school is not only all the research opportunities, but the variety those opportunities encompass,” says Catherine Demko, Ph.D., an assistant professor in the Department of Community Dentistry.

Dr. Demko coordinates the school’s summer research program, which each year attracts 12 to 15 very dedicated first-year students.

Dr. Demko says research helps “close the educational circle” for students. Whether students choose a clinical or an academic career, or a combination of the two, they will look back and remember that they saw research modeled to them, interacted with researchers onsite both as teachers and as clinical faculty, and engaged in generating new knowledge through research. “The culture of inquiry we have here demonstrates to students that these are not isolated activities,” Dr. Demko says. “They can see different people collaborating appropriately to provide the students with the best experience.

“During their professional careers, scientific and clinical findings will require our graduates to continually keep up, continually learn new information and apply it,” she adds. “I think if they experience that in dental school — and providing that experience is one of our goals — they’re much more likely to be practicing dentists who are self-directed learners who remain current in the best interests of their patients.”

Suchitra Nelson, Ph.D., an associate professor in community dentistry, recently was awarded a Presidential Early Career Award in Science and Engineering. The researcher and faculty member says she always tries to involve her students in her research, either directly or by bringing it into the classroom.
“We are very much into the educational component with all our research,” Dr. Nelson says. “I involve dental residents so they can cultivate that culture of inquiry and use it in their own clinical practice. I also bring the research into the classroom and show students how to use the latest research in their own clinical treatment planning.”

Dr. Nelson notes that she is a scientist, not a dentist. She feels this “outsider’s perspective” is very valuable, because dentistry traditionally has not been very research-intensive.

“Dentistry is moving more towards an evidence-based approach in terms of better diagnosis, treatment and prevention. Research is a big component of all that, because where do you get the evidence? You get it because someone did research,” Dr. Nelson says. “Without research we’d be doing the same thing that we were doing 100 years ago. Research is absolutely essential in evidence-based dentistry or evidence-based medicine to take care of patients properly.”

Ge Jin, Ph.D., an assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, says before coming to the CWRU School of Dental Medicine three years ago, he wouldn’t have imagined his research on cell signaling pathways taking place in a dental school. Now that he is here, however, it makes perfect sense.

“Our research with cells isn’t narrowed to a certain field. It has a broad interest, and the approaches we are using and the results that come from our research will benefit all of society, not just dentistry,” he says.
According to Dr. Jin, the presence of a strong research component at the dental school not only makes students better dentists, it makes them better thinkers.

“The days of just drilling and filling are over,” Dr. Jin says. “Students need to see and understand the impact of science in their daily practices. Science, particularly in dentistry, moves very fast. Dental students must keep up with advances in general biomedical science, such as immunology and cell biology, and other disciplines, such as microbiology and biomaterials. Understanding basic research allows students to see the future of dentistry, and that’s important because there are going to be many advances and changes during their careers.”

The dental school’s research renaissance is being thoroughly enjoyed by Silas Duarte Jr., D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D., an associate professor in the Department of Comprehensive Care.

Just two years ago, Dr. Duarte says, there was no research being done in his department. “Between 2007 and now, the research has grown exponentially. We now have people from all over the world who want to come here and be with us to do research. It’s a very stimulating environment.”

The two labs in the comprehensive care department are being used almost 24 hours a day on more than 40 projects at the time of this writing, according to Dr. Duarte. In conjunction with the research there are publications — 20 papers in just the last two years.

“The students here question many things,” Dr. Duarte says. “They ask, ‘Why do you use this and not that?’ or ‘Can I find an easier or better way, or better materials?’ Just to give you an idea, right now for bonding restorations we have almost 300 products on the market. It’s not an easy task to figure out which one provides the best results. By getting students involved with research, they can figure it out for themselves, and that’s the best kind of learning. It makes them use their brains more than perhaps they would at another dental school that doesn’t have our research capabilities.”

Dr. Duarte adds that students can take their most recent research discoveries and apply the new materials or techniques immediately on the clinic floor.

“I really think that makes it fun for the students, and also instills in them an inquisitiveness that they will carry with them into the future,” he says.

He is impressed by the significant collaborations with the School of Medicine and the School of Engineering, which he says are critical for interdisciplinary research and funding opportunities.

“We have students here from institutions such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Caltech, and they have engineering backgrounds and are now in dental school,” Dr. Jurevic says. “They come with the inquisitiveness of engineering, and...
they’re doing a lot of nanotechnology work over in the School of Engineering. The dental school benefits from the research that our students do in other schools, and the other schools benefit from the research they do here.”

Dr. Jurevic says he tries to instill in his students the importance of investigation, of finding a way to answer the question “Why?” for themselves.

“I’ve been involved in designing research projects with my patients and my practice in mind, with enjoying the challenge of figuring things out,” he says. “Learning isn’t about, ‘Read what’s in the book, write what’s there, and you’ll pass.’ I really enjoy that at CWRU we can offer students the idea that if they want to investigate something, the opportunity to do so is here.”

Jim Lalumandier, D.D.S., M.P.H., chair of the Department of Community Dentistry, agrees with Dr. Jurevic.

“When I went to school, research wasn’t that big of an issue. Memorization was probably the most important thing,” Dr. Lalumandier says. “If you had a real good capability of memorizing facts, you would do well. Most of our learning was through lecture, and most of our regurgitation of what was taught to us was through multiple choice tests. So if you were good at taking multiple choice tests, and gaining information from a lecture and then spitting it back out, you did well at school. But I think a dentist needs to do more than that.”

According to Dr. Lalumandier, research is important for many reasons, but one of the most important is so the dentists of the future will be able to read and understand research to determine whether it’s something they want to apply in their practices.

“When dentists read articles in journals, they need to know if a study is well-designed, and doing research themselves helps them do that,” Dr. Lalumandier says. “They know what they should be looking for. It makes them think, and that’s very important. I’d rather have a dentist who can think through things rather than one who just takes things at face value and memorizes, ‘this is what you should do for a particular situation.’”

Dr. Lalumandier adds that although he is a fan of all kinds of research, he has a special place in his heart for small studies.

“We do some research that’s small, minimally funded, and yet sometimes has monumental results,” he says. “A few summers ago I did a study with a student looking at fluoride concentrations and bacteria counts in bottled water. It was a small, minimally funded student project, yet it generated a journal article and was covered by the New York Times. So even very small projects, sometimes funded at $5,000, can make a big bang.”

The dental school’s research capabilities provide students with a look into the future, says J. Martin Palomo, D.D.S, M.S.D., ’97, program director of the Orthodontics Department.

“The students get to see all the newly developed techniques, the newly developed hardware, and even be early users of it,” Dr. Palomo says. “CWRU is among a very few schools that are able to offer this.”

According to Dr. Palomo, the school’s culture of inquiry leads to more innovative ways of teaching.

“We go beyond the classic problem-based learning that has been used in other universities. We cross problem-based learning with traditional lectures and the creation of new technology through research,” he says. “It makes for a great learning environment.

“I also feel like we really raise the bar as far as applying research,” Dr. Palomo adds.
"CWRU offers a good integration of research and the clinic. It doesn’t have very separate divisions, such as at some schools where some people only do research and some people only do clinical work. The vertical integration of not only developing knowledge but also applying it clinically is something students really benefit from here at the dental school."

Jin Ho Phark D.D.S., is one of the researchers who has helped spark the research renaissance at the School of Dental Medicine. Recruited to the school three years ago from Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany, it didn’t take long for Dr. Phark to make a name for himself, as he recently won the International Association of Dental Research Arthur F. Rechette Award for new investigators in the area of biomaterials this past April.

An assistant professor in the Department of Comprehensive Care, Dr. Phark, like Dr. Palomo, cites the immediate interaction between the researchers and clinicians as one of the dental school’s strongest assets.

“I think dentistry is the perfect field in which to combine all three disciplines: teaching, patient care, and research,” Dr. Phark says. “It’s very important to not only apply manual skills, but to always stay curious and updated about the procedures and materials we use for the benefit of the patients.

“When you talk about a culture of inquiry, I can think of no better example than this research,” Dr. Han says. “It was a case of following the research wherever it led. One thing truly led to another and I was able to follow it thanks to all the expertise and the open-mindedness of the colleagues here on campus. I couldn’t have done this if I weren’t here.”

In addition to the wonderful collaborations with other departments and schools, Dr. Han praises the integration of researchers and clinicians at the dental school. At other institutions, she says, it’s not uncommon to see those two groups divide into two camps. But not at CWRU. “It’s very cooperative here, which makes it much more productive for everyone,” she says.

She does have an item on her wish list, though: an update to the infrastructure.

“We really need to update our research facility. We have great talent, we have great minds, but our facility is not that great. It’s very dated, I really think we need to keep up so we can be competitive in retaining the present research talent and recruiting new talent,” Dr. Han says. “If you want to stay at the front, you have to keep updating.”

The culture of inquiry is once again alive and flourishing at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine. The challenge now is to keep it growing and thriving into the future. There are no limits on what can be done. As inventor and scientist Thomas Alva Edison once said, “If we all did the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves.”
ORTHODONTICS CHAIRMAN MARK HANS NAMED ASSOCIATE DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Mark Hans, D.D.S., M.S.D. ’79, ’81, has been named associate dean of graduate studies. In his new role, Dr. Hans is coordinating all of the graduate education programs at the School of Dental Medicine. He will continue his role as chairman of the Department of Orthodontics.

“The graduate programs contribute to both the school and the community,” Dr. Hans says. “Individually, the programs are doing a great job, and now we have an opportunity to make them even better by creating synergies between and among them.”

Michelle Mann, graduate studies coordinator, adds that the new graduate studies program offers an opportunity for greater interaction between the programs. She regularly solicits feedback from the Graduate Student Council, and knows this opportunity is welcomed.

“In the past there wasn’t a centralized place for the graduate students,” Mann says. “Now graduate students from all the departments can intermingle and better understand each other’s specialties. This also takes an administrative burden off the individual programs, and allows us to meet their needs while standardizing procedures across the various departments.”

In promoting, coordinating, and expanding the graduate education programs, Dr. Hans sees the opportunity to enhance the excellent reputation of the CWRU School of Dental Medicine.

“Graduate education is very important to the School of Dental Medicine. It’s an integral part of being a world-class dental school,” he says. “We must continue to recruit an international group of graduate students, so that the reputation of CWRU isn’t known just in Ohio or the Midwest, but stretches from coast to coast and around the world.”

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ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY

AEGD PROGRAM CONTINUES TO PROVIDE RESIDENTS WITH REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

The Advanced Education in General Dentistry program continues to provide advanced training and experience for residents in all areas of general and specialized dentistry, with emphasis on comprehensive care.

“We have four residents in the program, and we provide care for nearly 4,000 patient visits every year,” says Fady Faddoul, D.D.S., M.S.D. ’88, ’92, director of the program and interim chairman of the Department of Comprehensive Care.

In addition to their clinical activities, the residents provide consultation and treatment for patients at University Hospitals.

“We have a very well-equipped facility with the very latest technology, techniques, and materials,” Dr. Faddoul says. “We provide treatment for a wide range of patients, including the elderly and the medically compromised, and we provide the residents with extensive training in implant dentistry.”

Dr. Faddoul and the residents of the program provide treatment at the Cleveland Free Clinic once a month, and also to people in need outside the Cleveland community. For example, the residents and volunteers recently helped treat 1,400 patients at the Mission of Mercy free clinic in Parkesburg, W.V. These patients—from Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia—began lining up at 1 a.m., and filled 65 chairs from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., July 31 and August 1. The volunteers performed extractions, restorations and, in some cases, root canals.

Dr. Faddoul adds that he very much appreciates the support the program receives from volunteer faculty in the community, and he welcomes their expertise and looks forward to meeting with dentists willing to devote time to the education of residents.

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ENDODONTICS

DR. JEFFERSON JONES RETIRES AFTER 41 YEARS OF SERVICE

Long-time Endodontics Department Chairman Jefferson Jones, D.M.D., has retired after 41 years with the Department of Endodontics. He joined the school July 1, 1967. “We will all miss Dr. Jones, his wisdom, his experience, and his commitment to the department,” says André Michel, D.D.S., M.S.D. ’91, ’94, interim chairman of the department.

Dr. Michel adds that Dr. Jones is going out on top: In the last eight years, the CWRU School of Dental Medicine’s endodontic program has won as many or more awards as any endodontic program in the world. “We’re at the top, we plan on staying there,” Dr. Michel says.

Assistant professor Sami Chogle has departed to take charge of a new endodontics program in Dubai, United Arab Emirates., but the department is happy to welcome back Anita Aminoshariae, D.D.S., M.S. ’99 as Assistant Professor.

A board-certified endodontist, Dr. Aminoshariae says she would like to impart to the new students how important it is to be good clinicians and how important it is to know when to refer. “I’d also like to impress upon all the students and residents that they should always be pursuing higher learning, and keeping up-to-date in their education and techniques so they can always do what’s in the best interest of their patients,” she says.

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ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

Oral Surgery Clinic Renovation Takes Shape

The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery is moving forward on an oral surgery clinic renovation that will transform an outdated, cramped space into a world-class facility.

“One of the big issues we have right now is our lack of space and lack of chairs,” says Dale A. Baur, D.D.S. ’80, Chairman of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. “That is a very limiting factor in our patient flow and patient volume. With the new design we’re going to have more chair space and another major procedure room, so we’re going to be able to do more. That will help with both overall clinic income and experience level for the residents and students.”

“We want this to continue to be a program we can all be proud of,” Dr. Baur says. “As always, we do exceptionally high quality work here, but our physical plant is outdated. This renovation is long overdue and much needed.”

Dr. Baur adds that two new research fellows, Dr. Sibel El and Dr. Juan Rodriguez, are joining the department from Turkey and Venezuela, respectively. In addition, Dr. Baur recently had the opportunity to lecture in Xi’an, China, and has been invited to speak in Egypt this November. “It’s always a pleasure to see the high esteem in which the CWRU School of Dental Medicine is held internationally, and to make new contacts to continue that positive international exposure,” he says.

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PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

RONALD McDonald CARE MOBILE ON TAP FOR PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY DEPARTMENT

The Department of Pediatric Dentistry, in conjunction with Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital, has received approval to build a Ronald McDonald Care Mobile. It is scheduled to arrive in Cleveland in January.

“This 40-ft. truck will include three state-of-the-art operatories and will help us take high-quality dental care to underserved children in Head Start programs throughout Cuyahoga and surrounding counties,” says Gerry Ferretti, D.D.S., M.S., M.P.H. “I was fortunate enough to work with two Ronald McDonald Charities mobile dental vans at the University of Kentucky, and I know our residents and staff are going to love the experience.
DEVELOPING CRITICAL THINKERS TOPS THE AGENDA FOR NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR J. MARTIN PALOMO

J. Martin Palomo, D.D.S, M.S.D. ’97, has been appointed program director of the Orthodontics Department.

“My primary goal is to train the residents’ minds to critically evaluate products and situations with the purpose of preparing students for the rest of their career. If we just train residents to use today’s products, and react to today’s situations, there may be no evolution. We want them to continue to learn, and be able to make good and productive decisions,” Dr. Palomo says.

Dr. Palomo is a graduate of the Orthodontics Department and has served on the faculty since 1997. “We are fortunate to have a talented person like Marty available in the department to step up into the role of program director,” says Department Chairman Mark Hans, D.D.S., M.S.D. ’79, ’81.

According to Dr. Hans, long-term goals in the Department of Orthodontics include expanding its digital imaging capabilities; building international partnerships with Peking University in Beijing, China and Manipal University in Manipal, India; and creating a longitudinal database of 3D cone beam images to complement the existing 2D Bolton Brush Collection. While looking ahead at long-term goals, Dr. Hans also cited the current efforts of the Orthodontics Department’s faculty.
“Dennis Beeson, D.D.S., M.S. ’71, ’73 continues to streamline patient care activities as director of the graduate clinic,” he says. “Manish Valiathan, D.D.S., M.S. ’99, is expanding our international focus to Manipal, India, while working to establish a one-year fellowship program in Craniofacial Orthodontics, and Doug Amberman D.D.S., M.S. ’67, keeps the Begg tradition alive as director of the Tip Edge clinic.”

PERIODONTICS

HARD WORK PAYS OFF FOR RESEARCHERS, CLINICIANS IN PERIODONTICS DEPARTMENT

Hard work brings great rewards, says Nabil Bissada, D.D.S, M.S.D., chairman of the Department of Periodontics.

One example of this is the research conducted by Paula Ortiz, D.D.S., M.S.D. ’08, that examined the effect of nonsurgical periodontal treatment on the signs and symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis. The article generated from the research was published as the leading article in the April 2009 issue of the Journal of Periodontology.

Another example is the research conducted by Yiping Han, Ph.D., and her team. Dr. Han recently received an NIH award of $1.85 million for her study on the role of oral bacteria in adverse pregnancy outcome.

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Numerous other Periodontics Department researchers and graduates have their important work published in leading journals, and make presentations at national and international meetings,” Dr. Bissada says. “It’s amazing when you attempt to document all the hard work — and all the rewards being accrued from it — by the students, graduates, faculty and staff of the Periodontics Department. It’s a tremendous source of pride.

The Department of Periodontics is also proud to welcome several new faculty members.

Jeffrey Becker, D.D.S., M.S.D. ’96 has recently joined the department as an Assistant Professor in the Graduate Periodontics Department. “It’s truly exciting to think I have an opportunity to help mold the future periodontists that will come out of this program,” Dr. Becker says.

In addition, Bana Anbari, D.D.S., M.S.D. ’06, has been appointed Clinical Assistant Professor; Hymie Akst, D.D.S. ’74, also joins us as a Clinical Assistant Professor; and Anthony Ficara, D.D.S., M.S., will serve as an Adjunct Associate Clinical Professor.

Finally, Dr. Bissada was recently invited to serve as an external examiner at Kuwait University Dental School. “This honor reflects the high regard enjoyed by the CWRU School of Dental Medicine and the Department of Periodontics not just nationally, but internationally,” he says.

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BY RON RAJECKI

FIRST-TIME IMPRESSIONS PROGRAM MAKES A GOOD ONE

Making an impression on minority and underrepresented students who may be interested in dentistry is the goal of the Impressions Program, and it’s safe to say a great impression was made on everyone who participated in the recent program held at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine.

The Impressions Program was first adopted as a national initiative in 1999. It is a part of the Student National Dental Association (SNDA). The goal of the SNDA is to increase the number of minorities in the field of dentistry. The Impressions Program is designed to provide courses and lectures that will introduce undergraduates to the demands of the profession.

On June 27, 2009, twenty-six minority students from across the country visited the dental school for a program that included speakers and a hands-on exercise applying dental sealants. It marked the first time the Impressions Program had been held at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine.

The program was organized by fourth-year dental students Tannishia Goggans and Chineze Enwonwu under the mentorship of Madge Potts-Williams, D.D.S. ’81. Other CWRU School of Dental Medicine students who are SNDA members are Chigozie Achuko, Kari Cunningham, Kareen Smith, and Renee West.

“We had a great day,” says Goggans. “Our highlights included hands-on dentistry, application and DAT advice, as well as scholarship information, career guidance, and excellent speakers from a variety of dental disciplines including dental hygiene, endodontics, general dentistry, orthodontics, and pediatric dentistry. Everyone really enjoyed the hands-on exercise, in which they applied sealants to extracted teeth we had cemented in stone.”

Goggans says she’d like to see students in subsequent classes pick up the ball that she and Enwonwu started rolling this year.

“We definitely hope someone will pick up the torch here at the dental school,” she says. “We’d love to not only see this program continue, but to grow as well.”
Kevin Faist knew all along that he wanted to be a dentist. His father, Jerome Faist, D.D.S. ’81, runs a thriving general dentistry practice in Beachwood, and Kevin used to visit the practice regularly when he was a child.

“I was always kind of hanging around the office, and from the very beginning the desire to be a dentist kicked in,” Faist says. “It was a combination of many things I liked to do, such as working with my hands and talking to people. It always just really felt like the right path.”

Faist, 23, is a life-long resident of the Cleveland area. He was born in Shaker Heights and the family moved to Bainbridge when he was seven years old.

After graduating from Kenston High School in Bainbridge, Faist attended the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN. He graduated in 2008 with double majors in psychology and pre-professional studies, which is a combination of pre-med and pre-dentistry courses.

Faist looked at a number of dental schools, but was particularly impressed with the CWRU School of Dental Medicine.

“First of all, it’s a really good clinical school,” he says. “But what appealed to me most was the early hands-on experience with patients. At other schools, you only get to interact with patients in your third year. Here, just after Thanksgiving in your first year you’re out in the school helping kids by putting sealants on their teeth. That was a big plus for me.”

Of course, finances also figure into the decision, and for that Faist is extremely grateful for the scholarship he received from the CWRU Dental Alumni Scholarship Fund. The Alumni Fund is an endowed scholarship account. According to Barbara A. Sciulli, registrar and financial aid advisor, the total amount that is generated and available from all endowed scholarship accounts totals about $78,000 per class.

“Scholarships are awarded by our scholarship committee prior to students’ admission to the School of Dental Medicine, based upon their undergraduate performance,” Sciulli says. “Kevin has a stellar record from the University of Notre Dame, and in the eyes of the committee was an excellent candidate for one of these awards.”

“Receiving this scholarship allowed me to pick this school based on it being the one offering the best education,” Faist says. “The CWRU dental school is more expensive than some of the other schools I was looking at, and this scholarship allowed me to go where I wanted, instead of basing the decision on money.”

Attending the CWRU School of Dental Medicine and staying close to home may eventually pay off for the Cleveland community, as it may help keep Faist in the area and practicing here after graduation.

“I’ve grown up in the Cleveland area and that has given me a chance to realize how much this area, especially the inner city, needs good dentists,” he says. “We need dentists who will accept many different insurance plans and Medicaid, and who will stay local to help out the city.”

Faist hasn’t chosen a specialty yet, and is focusing on general dentistry. “If I get interested in a particular specialty and all the cards fall right, I’ll pursue whatever looks most interesting,” he says. There’s a possibility that he’ll become a general dentist, practice with his father for a few years, and then buy the practice from his father when he’s ready to retire.

But all of that is down the road. Right now, Faist is enjoying and making the most of his opportunity to attend his preferred dental school. And some of the faculty are already beginning to make impressions on him.

“All the teachers are good, but Dr. Roma Jasinevicius ’76 who teaches dental anatomy, really stands out as someone who knows her stuff and is a lot of fun,” he says. “And Dr. Michael Landers ’76 makes you study — a lot.”

When he’s not studying, Faist is an excellent golfer with a three handicap, and has worked for 10 years at Acadia Country Club in Lyndhurst as a caddy and bag room worker. He is also an avid rock climber. He recently visited his brother in Oregon, and the two of them spent four days climbing in Leavenworth, one of the premier rock-climbing areas in Washington state.

It’s easy to believe that someone with a golfer’s steady nerves and a rock-climber’s ability to stay cool under pressure will become yet another dentist of whom the CWRU School of Dental Medicine will be proud.
The numerous dental professionals who have treated patients at the Irving and Jeanne Tapper Pediatric Dental Center at University Hospitals may not know that Dr. Tapper is approaching a milestone in 2010: he will celebrate his 100th birthday April 10th.

Irving Tapper, D.D.S., who is now retired and living in San Francisco, most recently served the school as emeritus associate professor of pediatric dentistry. He was a long-time chairman of the pediatric dentistry department. To this day, he has a special place in his heart for the dental school and is tremendously proud that the pediatric dental center bears his name and the name of his wife of 69 years, who passed away in February.

“It’s a beautiful space in a perfect location on the main floor of Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital,” Dr. Tapper says. “Jeanne and I were always very pleased that our contribution could be used to create such a fine facility for the children of Cleveland.”

Opened in 1998, the Irving and Jeanne Tapper Pediatric Dental Center provides dental services that emphasize prevention and comprehensive treatments to help young patients attain and maintain optimum oral health. The center accommodates children of all ages. With two of its chairs located in private rooms, the center is uniquely equipped to care for children with special needs such as chronic medical conditions, or physical or developmental challenges.

An Akron native, Dr. Tapper attended the dental school from 1930-1932. Financial considerations led to him switching to The Ohio State University School of Dentistry, from where he graduated in 1935. After graduation he started a dental practice in Akron, then served four years in the U.S. Navy.

“I fought the battle of Florida,” Dr. Tapper says. “My first billet was in Jacksonville, then I was transferred to Hollywood Beach, and finally down to Miami.” In Miami, Dr. Tapper became acting head of the Dental Division of the Seventh Naval District headquarters. “It was a lot better than going to the South Pacific,” he says.

Emerging from the navy in 1942 as a lieutenant commander, Dr. Tapper looked to open a dental practice in Cleveland. He found shared office space with another dentist in which he could practice part-time, and decided to offer the rest of his time as a volunteer at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine.

“I always felt a particular affinity for the dental school, and so I decided to go there and volunteer my time. They were just starting the program for pediatric dentistry, and that’s where I’ve been ever since,” Dr. Tapper says.

His interest in creating a clinic that could accommodate children with physical, mental, or emotional challenges was sparked early on.

“I had an autistic patient who was very difficult to manage in my private office. And I thought there was a great need for some help for these patients,” Dr. Tapper says. “I mentioned this to Dr. Burwasser, who at the time was chairman of the pediatric dentistry department at the dental school, and we decided to see what could be done to raise money for such a program.”

Through the efforts of the Junior League of Cleveland, $10,000 was raised to cover the cost of the dental equipment that was needed to get a children’s clinic started. “We had $13,000 in dental equipment ordered and only $10,000 to pay for it with,” Dr. Tapper recalls with a chuckle. “So I simply told the supply house they had to furnish the other $3,000 — and they did.”

Armed with new equipment and with continuing help from the Junior League, whose members were trained to serve as dental assistants, Dr. Tapper had a clinic in which to treat children. It soon grew. “When the decision was made to build an addition of the children’s hospital to University Hospitals, they gave me a space in the basement of the new hospital and that’s where we started our residency program,” Dr. Tapper says. “I had two residents, and I understand now we have eight residents. It has turned out to be a very fine program.”

Throughout his long career, Dr. Tapper served as president of the Cleveland Dental Society, president of the Ohio Dental Association, as well as a trustee for the Ohio Dental Association and the American Dental Association.

Dr. Tapper looks back with pride, and looks ahead to his coming 100th birthday. Always soft-spoken and modest, he offers no advice on how to live to be 100. In fact, he attributes his longevity to nothing but simple good luck.

He does, however, have two philosophies he would like to share. They have served him well throughout his long life. “Life is worth living only when lived to the service of mankind,” Dr. Tapper says. “And you make a living by what you earn, but you make a life by what you give.”

A GIFT THAT LASTS

BY RON RAJECKI
David M. Wright, D.D.S. ‘81; Laurence C. Wright, D.D.S. ‘55; and Douglas F. Wright, D.D.S., M.S.D. ‘83, ’92, have a long legacy starting with Frank Munroe Casto, M.D., D.D.S. Ph.D., who was past Dean of the dental school from 1917 to 1937. The family established the Wright Casto endowment fund in 1989 to provide annual scholarship support. While you may be the only generation graduating from Case Western Reserve University or from a long line please consider leaving your legacy.

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Commencement ceremonies were held on May 17 at the Church of the Covenant in Cleveland.

Since graduation, these most recent alumni have been pursuing a variety of fields. The class’ self-reported plans include the following:

- Private Practice – 31
- AEGD – 5
- Military – 13
- General Practice Residency – 13
- Specialty Training – 11
  - Endodontics – 1
  - Oral Surgery – 2
  - Orthodontics – 5
  - Pediatric Dentistry – 3

The Class of 2009 – 73 Graduates
We received 3,063 applications for the Class of 2013. The class has forty-three males and twenty-seven females for a total of seventy members.

The class comes from twenty-one different states with eighteen members of the class being residents of the state of Ohio. The overall grade point average is 3.60 and the science grade point average is 3.53 and represents the second highest level in the history of the School of Dental Medicine.
The first thing I would like to do is thank everyone for the opportunity. I would also like to thank the alumni association Board of Directors for their time, expertise, enthusiasm and help.

The alumni association has a two-fold responsibility: to make the alumni aware of what’s going on at the school and within our association, and to encourage our alumni to support the school.

We all have very good reason to be proud of being graduates of such a fine dental school. During my term as president, I would love to see that pride manifest itself in your involvement with the alumni association and the school.

There are many ways in which you may become involved.

One way is by simply having fun with us at our social events. This year’s reunion was a great event and very well attended. I would love to have everyone begin thinking right now about attending the May, 2010 reunion. (Contact the alumni office at (216) 368-3480 for details.) We also have other social events throughout the year — in August, for example, we enjoyed a beautiful summer evening at a Lake County Captains baseball game.

I would like to encourage strong participation by the alumni at all the various functions we have in store for you. We’ll take care of the details; you visit with old and new friends, relax, and have fun.

Many of our alumni volunteer at the school, and that’s another great way to be involved. We have more than 200 people who volunteer their time at the dental school in various ways. As one volunteer speaking to fellow volunteers, I can assure you it’s very much appreciated. I truly enjoy working with the students.

Finally, I would like to thank you for and encourage your continued financial support of the dental school. Your financial support makes the school significantly stronger. Alumni donors are an important part of the school being solvent and functioning well. I think the pride we have in the CWRU School of Dental Medicine should spark a desire in all of us to ensure that the school will remain an internationally respected leader in dental education.

In closing, I would like to offer two “bookends” of dental education. On August 7, the dental school held its White Coat Ceremony to begin the first-year students’ education to become a D.M.D. That is always an exciting and special day. At the other end of the spectrum, I would like to ask everyone for their nominations for our Distinguished Alumnus Award. Please send those to dentalalumni@case.edu.

In whatever manner you choose, know that your support of the alumni association and the CWRU School of Dental Medicine is always appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Stu Katz, D.D.S ’69

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Retired Kenneth R. Callahan, D.D.S., is undeniably one of the most widely respected oral and maxillofacial surgeons ever produced by Case Western Reserve University’s School of Dental Medicine. For more than four decades, Callahan, now 80, used his talents to better the lives of others.

But one of his skills may have stood out from the rest.

“Ken had an amazing ability to talk to patients,” says Dr. Ronald H. Bell, a friend who met Callahan when they both entered dental school in 1951 and later went into practice with him. “He could do more with his mouth than I could surgically. He talked to patients, but he also listened.”

Callahan’s outstanding contributions to his profession, the community and CWRU are why he has been named the winner of the dental school’s 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award. Drs. Bell, Burton R. Saidel – another dental school classmate – and Marjorie Bell Sachs nominated Callahan.

The witty, likeable Callahan, who grew up in Cleveland Heights, graduated from Cleveland’s St. Ignatius High School and did his undergraduate work at John Carroll University, says the work of a family dentist he admired initially got him interested in the profession. However, it was his first year in dental school that convinced him he was on the right career path.

“I knew what I wanted to do. It was a wonderful feeling,” he says.

After completing residencies at Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital (now MetroHealth Medical Center) and Wheeling (W. Va.) General Hospital, Callahan in 1959 completed his studies at the University of Pennsylvania’s Graduate School of Medicine. He saw patients on Cleveland’s West Side for 13 years, performing surgery at what is now Lutheran Medical Center before rejoining CWRU dental school colleague Bell in a practice in Maple Heights.

Callahan, who remained with the practice until his retirement in 2000, had some notable patients, including pre-Hollywood Halle Berry and former Cleveland Indians slugger Albert Belle.

He says the most rewarding aspect of the job is helping patients, some of whom had been seriously injured. He says even when he was alone at a midnight hospital scrub-in, he always relished the solitary focus of the surgery. “You just know,” Callahan says, “you’re going to make the patient better.”

Callahan remains an active surgeon on the staff of University Hospitals of Cleveland and is also an associate professor at the CWRU dental school, teaching oral and maxillofacial surgery.

“I try very hard to be on the side of students, to help them do things correctly,” he says.

He has been a guest lecturer on military history at John Carroll University for 20 years and is on the university’s Board of Trustees. Callahan also founded the Irish-American Archives Club and the Cleveland Shakespeare Club, and is on the Western Reserve Historical Society board of directors.

“He is an interesting and interested person,” says Dr. Jerold Goldberg, Dean of the CWRU School of Dental Medicine. “He is professionally accomplished and has a broad range of interests and knowledge. With his intelligence and sense of humor, he represents himself, the profession and the school so well.”

Today, he and wife Jeremy — Callahan’s first wife, Joan, died in 2000 — spend half the year in Vero Beach, Fla. and half in Cleveland, where his four sons, daughter and five grandchildren all live. “None of (my children) went into dentistry, and I’m not disappointed by that,” he says. “Oftentimes you see people go into something just because a parent did, and it doesn’t work out.”

In Vero Beach, Callahan, who has had stories published in American Heritage and other magazines, teaches senior citizens about conflicts ranging from the Crusades to the Cold War. His students are particularly fond of his observations on the Civil War. “They think I was in it,” he says, grinning.

The sense of humor that brightened the days of his patients and colleagues remains as sharp as ever. Callahan seizes a listener’s attention by telling him that “it’s too bad I retired. I was,” he continues with a grin, “just getting the hang of it.”
RESULTS OF THE 2009 Reunion Giving Challenge

All gifts received between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010 count toward the class giving total.

With the expense of dental education quickly rising above what we receive from tuition, and research costs far exceeding what we acquire from grants, the school depends on alumni and friends, like you to make up the difference. We appreciate your support.

The classes with the highest giving total amount and highest percentage of participation are listed on the Reunion Giving Challenge Plaque. The class of 1979 had the highest giving total and the largest percentage of donors. Hats off to you!

Class of 1979

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Dorothy Sobolewski with Dean Jerold Goldberg ’70

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Warren Hamula and his wife, Marcia, live in Monument, CO. He is semiretired after practicing orthodontics for 40 years; his son took over the practice in 2003. Through his company, Modern Orthodontic Design, Dr. Hamula has designed more than 700 orthodontics offices across the United States and has published more than 70 articles on the subject. He has been a contributing editor to the *Journal of Clinical Orthodontics* for 40 years.

James Lowder and his wife, Dorothy, live in Northeast Ohio, where he enjoys gardening and carpentry (building small structures). Email: jlowderbiljumbo@yahoo.com

W. Arthur McHale and his wife, Patricia, live in Garfield Heights, OH, where he keeps busy with yard work, cooking, walking, light exercise and travel. “As a World War II vet, I am into my 84th year and so far have good health,” he writes. “My wife and I spend the autumn and winter on a barrier island in the Gulf of Mexico.”

William Spath and his wife, Susan, live in Perrysburg, OH. He had a stroke in 1999 and is retired but still active. He keeps busy traveling and boating. Email: sspath50@yahoo.com

Ray Colavincenzo and his wife, Eva, live in Clyde, OH. He still is practicing dentistry and is busy doing “all the things parents and grandparents do.”

Joseph Humel and his wife, Patricia, live in Brecksville, OH, and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May. He retired in 1995 and keeps busy boating, fishing, traveling, gardening, dining and watching the two grandchildren play sports.

Joseph Legan and his wife, Dorothy, live in Indianapolis, where he just completed 19 years as an associate professor in the endodontic department at Indiana University “with no plans of retiring.” Before joining the university, he retired from the U.S. Air Force after 28 years, with the rank of colonel. He is certified by the American Board of Endodontics and enjoys teaching chairside, lecturing, and working with residents and students. Email: jjlegan@iu.edu

Dwight Loomis and his wife, Patricia, live in Medina, OH. Dwight has Parkinson’s disease and lives in an assisted living facility. He uses a walker or cane and is “still able to get home for an afternoon. I appreciate visitors,” he writes.

Robert Rhodes and his wife, Alice, live in North Canton, OH. He is officiating baseball and softball games, serves as a paramedic for the North Canton fire department, and also enjoys volleyball, forestry, big-game hunting and participating in Masonic organizations.

Ronald Sveda and his wife, Dorothy, live in Brecksville, OH, but travel a great deal. “We vacation in the Mexican Riviera Maya twice a year” and were to take a two-week trip to China in June. Ronald remains in good health and enjoys snow and water-skiing, basketball, slow-pitch softball, golf and tennis. “Dot and I love to dance, and we take every opportunity to do so,” he writes. Email: RonSveda@aol.com

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Joseph LeClair and his wife, Terri Jay, live in Sierra Vista, AZ. He is retired from his work as an orthodontist at the University of California. Dr. LeClair is a certified rifle and pistol instructor and is certified by the state to conduct conceal-and-carry weapons classes. He also enjoys traveling. Email: sorrelhouse@cox.net

Don McKay and his wife, Wendy, live in Fort Myers, FL, and, in the summers, Medina, OH. He is retired but volunteers as a dentist at a state clinic in Naples.
James McQuilkin and his wife, Jean, live in Hanoverton, OH. He retired from dentistry in 2003 and enjoys working on their tree farm and visiting children and grandchildren in Ohio, Washington, North Carolina and Indiana.

An incorrect e-mail address for Norman Mittleman was published in the previous issue of The Art of Dentistry. The correct address is stormnn@aol.com. The editors apologize for the mistake.

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Stuart Katz and his wife, Pam, live in Chagrin Falls, OH. He enjoys teaching part-time at his dental school alma mater, where he is president of the CWRU School of Dental Medicine alumni association, as well as biking, hiking and spending time with his family.

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Edwin Kuth and his wife, Rosemary, live in Triadelphia, WV. He has had a private practice of removable prosthodontics in Wheeling since 1988. “Trying to keep up with three grandchildren while number four is on the way!” he writes.

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Geza Terézhalmy of San Antonio, TX, received the 2009 Dr. Ervin P. Mason Distinguished Service Award by the Greater Cleveland Dental Society. It was presented by then-President Greg Beten ’96.

Geza Terézhalmy is professor and dean emeritus at his dental school alma mater and also is a consultant in oral diagnosis, oral medicine, and oral and maxillofacial radiology at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD.

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Thomas Van Dyke is on the medical advisory board of Imagenetix Inc., maker of nature-based nutritional supplements and pharmaceutical products. He is a professor of periodontology and oral biology at the Goldman School of Dental Medicine, program director of postdoctoral periodontology, director of the Clinical Research Center, and associate director of the School of Medicine General Clinical Research Center at Boston University.

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John Anderson and his wife, Laural, live in Templeton, CA, where he is semiretired from orthodontics, practicing one day a week in a friend’s practice. “I started a commercial winery two years ago called St. Hilaire Winery and have been growing wine grapes since 1998,” he writes. “I presently produce a total of 200 cases per year of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and petit verdot.”

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Anthony Kestler and his wife, Barbara, live in Manalapan, NJ, and he has had a private dentistry practice in Plainfield for 34 years, where he does surgery, prosthetics, and crown and bridge work. He is a member of the Columbia University Alumni Advisory Board fencing team.

Edward Meckler and his wife, Deborah, live in Pepper Pike, OH. He is chairman of DentalCare Partners in Mayfield Heights, which affiliates with 160 dental offices in 14 states.

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Ray Pollock lives in Indialantic, FL, and has been a pediatric dentist in Melbourne for 30 years. “I have a group practice with two offices and six doctors,” he writes. “I have a second home in Delray Beach, FL, where I spend long weekends.” He enjoys boating and fishing. He has one daughter, who was to start medical school in August. “I couldn’t talk her into dentistry!” he writes.

Elliott Siegel is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon in Massapequa, NY. For the past five years, he has volunteered for Himalayan Healthcare, a not-for-profit group helping the people in a region of Nepal. He traveled with an emergency room physician, a family practitioner, and two nurse practitioners, as well as 12 staff people, including sherpas who served as porters and cooks. “Despite the physical challenges and the huge effort it took to reach each destination every day, helping the villagers was rewarding,” he writes. Prior to this trip, he had worked with a medical group providing care in the Ecuadorian Amazon for four years.

1977

Susan Zunt is a professor of oral pathology and chairwoman of oral pathology, medicine and radiology at the Indiana University School of Dentistry in Indianapolis. She met Evelyn continued on next page
Schwartz, D.M.D. ’79, who is affiliated with Winthrop University Hospital, Mineola, NY, at a research investigators’ meeting for Parion Sciences in Boston in February.

1979

Curtis Hayden has lived in Manhattan, KS, for six years with his wife, Eileen, after 24 years in the Navy. Their current home is “the farthest from the ocean we’ve ever lived,” he writes. He now is a private-practice orthodontist in the same city and is “enjoying civilian life.” The Haydens have been married about 18 years.

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Gary Hubbard and his wife, Carol, live in Canfield, OH, where his practice is located. They have been married for 33 years and have two adult daughters, both of whom live in Arlington, VA.

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Bradley Hylan and his wife, Susan, live in Pepper Pike, OH. They work together in a group practice on the west side of Cleveland. “It has been a lot of fun over the years,” he writes. Daughter Jessica just graduated from the dental school in 2009, and daughter Lauren is a teacher in Los Angeles.

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Gregory Leifer and his wife, Mary Beth, live in Lakewood, OH, and Dr. Leifer practices in Rocky River. He is active in the church choir, community theater, and composite and west shore study clubs (dental).

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Laurel Mitri Morello lives in Alpine, CA, and practices in El Cajon, CA. “Aside from practicing as a general dentist with an awesome team, my free time is taken up with road biking, desert hiking and bikram yoga,” she writes. “Some community events, challenged athlete support, and loving the time spent with family and friends.”

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Laurie Robeson and her husband, Gary Schlemme, live in Poughkeepsie, NY. She retired from general dentistry in California and now volunteers for Meals on Wheels and a local historical site and garden. She also enjoys quilting, stained glass, vegetable gardening, and traveling. She and her husband have been married for 26 years.

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Katharine Schultz Rockman and her husband, Jay, live in Shaker Heights, OH, and she practices in Lyndhurst. She is active on the women’s council of the Cleveland Museum of Art and the women’s committee of The Cleveland Orchestra. She recently returned from a trip to India.

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1981

Dennis Ward is active in the Cleveland Society of Orthodontics, the American Association of Orthodontics, the Charles H. Tweed International Foundation (where he is on the teaching staff) and the Edward H. Angle Society. He just became part of the dental school’s Alumni Association Board of Directors.

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1984

Mark Buganski and his wife, Gloria, live in Toledo, OH, where he shares a general dental practice with Ron Jardin, D.D.S. He enjoys bowling and basketball in the winter and golf in the summer. He also enjoys spending time with his wife, their two adult children, and his parents and 10 siblings and their families.

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Craig Colas and his wife, Nancy, live in Vestal, NY, and he practices in Binghamton. “I have worked on patients with disabilities at
a developmental center for more than 20 years and really enjoy it,” he writes. “I also teach part-time in a local dental hygiene program and work part-time in a hospital clinic.” He and his wife, who were married half-way through dental school, have four sons.

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Jodi Wardian Funk-Miley and her husband, Greg Miley, live in Spokane, WA, where she practices in an office that is being remodelled. She enjoys trips with the family, gardening and sports teams. “I now have a blended family, including my son, Spencer, a college junior, and two of my husband’s daughters, Monica and Jamie, college freshmen, and two of my husband’s kids no longer in college, Kristie and Chris,” she writes. “We also have three dogs who are true family members as well.”

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Marsha Pyle began serving as dean of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry in August. She formerly was a vice dean of her dental school alma mater as well as a professor of oral diagnosis and radiology and director of the Training Center for Geriatric Oral Health there. In 2008, Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland appointed her to a three-year term on the state’s Dentist Loan Repayment Board. Additionally, she has held leadership positions with the American Dental Association, the American Dental Education Association, and the Greater Cleveland Dental Society. She is a member of the editorial board of the Journal of the American College of Dentists.

1989

Neil Brodsky and his wife, Cindy, live in Largo, FL, and he practices in St. Petersburg. He enjoys golfing and fishing in Florida, hiking and fishing at their cabin in North Carolina, and snow skiing in Colorado.

Nigel Camacho lives in Maraval in Trinidad, where he has a private practice inside a 40-bed private hospital, where he sits on the board of directors. He also is a member of the board of a cancer center. His two daughters are following him into the dental arena, one as a dental hygienist and one as an aspiring dentist.

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Naila Naseem Elkassas lives in Dubois, PA, with her husband, Hazem, and practices in Johannesburg, PA. She has been in a solo practice for 12 years and is “busy balancing career and momhood,” with three children. She is involved with the Pennsylvania Dental Association and the Council on Dental Practice.

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Steve Kaufman and his wife, Leslie, live in Hendersonville, TN. He is in a private practice in Ashland City, TN, outside of Nashville. “Half of my practice is treating poor children in the county.” He said he loves dentistry and vacationing in the Caribbean.

Al Natelli and his wife, Carmel, an oncology nurse, live in Southington, CT. He has been a clinical instructor at the University of Connecticut for 15 years, teaching in the AEGD clinic.

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Chang X. Nghiem and spouse, Mai Q. Bui, live in El Dorado Hills, CA, and are a husband and wife team practicing in Sacramento.

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Carol Ricci and her husband, Ronald, also a dentist, live and practice dentistry in Medina, OH. She is a board member of the Medina County JVS dental assisting program and the Medina County Dental Clinic Coalition.

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Shari Wolsky lives in Solon, OH, and has a full-time private practice in Aurora, OH. She and her husband, Howard, are raising three teenagers and also travel, ski, play tennis and golf.

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John Bozek and his wife, Jennifer, live in Burlington, Ontario. He is past president of the Burlington Dental Academy and the Toronto Orthodontia Club and is the “proud father” of two boys, with a third child on the way in October.

Shanie Singh Covert and her husband, Edward Covert ’95, practice dentistry in Sneads Ferry and Jacksonville, NC, where they live. They have two daughters.

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Kim Fury-Slater and her husband, Richard Slater, D.D.S., live and practice in Chagrin Falls, OH, where they built a new office in 2007-2008. Their son, Ryan, who recently earned his dental degree at Ohio State University has joined them in the practice. She works out every day and has taught a fitness class for 31 years.

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David Palo and his wife, Sharon, live in Erie, PA. David is chief of the division of oral and maxillofacial surgery in the Department of Surgery at Hamot Medical Center, Erie, and Titusville Hospital, Titusville. “I maintain four private practice offices throughout northwest Pennsylvania,” he writes. Sharon, whom he met at CWRU, is a registered dietitian.

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Kenneth Rawlinson, of Riverside, RI, has been a ballroom dancer for more than five years and says he is very good at swing and salsa dancing, too.

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Vinson Vig and his wife, Ashoo Khanuja ’95, live in Westlake, OH, where he is an avid soccer player and coach. He is the father of three “very active kids,” a son and two daughters. He practices in Broadview Heights.

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1994

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Margaret Zadnik and her husband, Lawrence “Chip” O’Connell, live in Islip, NY. She is busy relocating her orthodontic practice to a new building and location in New Hyde Park. Chip is a pilot for Delta Air Lines.

1999

Cameron Gage and his wife, Paula Beanish, live in Petawawa, Ontario. He practices in Deer River, Ontario. He enjoys coaching hockey and soccer, golfing, fishing and spending time with his family.

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Steven Oltean and his wife, Carrie, live in Lake Villa, IL. He is enjoying the private practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery in Grayslake, IL. “I reserve one day per week to practice in Dr. [Brian] Del Carlo’s ’99 office. There is nothing like spending time with classmates, especially BDC,” he writes. The Olteans recently moved into a new home where Steven enjoys wrestling with his twin boys, Steven and Gary. “They are CWRU dental bound; they just don’t know it yet!” The family was looking forward to a summer vacation in Virginia Beach when he wrote.

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Josh Wyte and his wife, Mindy Goldstein, live in Centennial, CO. Josh has been in a private practice in Denver for five years after five years of active duty in the Coast Guard. He has a daughter and enjoys skiing, biking, and tennis.

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2004

Garry Gill and his wife of six years, Reena, live in Seattle. He finished his residency at Loma Linda University in 2008 and now has an oral surgery private practice in Everett, WA.

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Richard Shulze and his wife, Christina, live in Longmont, CO. “I love to ride my mountain bike and road bike and continue to enjoy outdoor activities in Colorado,” he writes.

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Jupi Singh and his wife, Mandy, live in Phoenix. “After graduation, I completed a one-year AEGD residency in Tucson, AZ. I associated for a year before I realized I wanted to have my own practice. I bought my first practice in 2006 and second practice last year and successfully merged them,” he writes. He and his wife married shortly after graduation and had their first child, a son, in November 2008. “His name is Umeed, which means hope in my language,” he writes.

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2005

Paul Child, Jr. since July 2008 has been chief executive officer of the nonprofit CR Foundation (formerly CRA) and Clinicians Report, which have a mission of providing research reports and conducting CR Dentistry Update continuing education courses. A prosthodontist, he practices at the CR facility in Utah.

2007

Andrew Deak, married Erin Broderick, on August 1, 2009, at St. Dominic’s Catholic Church in Youngstown, OH. Andrew is practicing with Deak and Kramer Inc. in Elyria, OH. They have made their home in Lakewood, OH.

2009

Anita Bhavnani lives in Scottsdale, AZ, but is completing an orthodontics residency at St. Louis University in Missouri.

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Tyler Burningham lives in Farmington, CT, and is married with one child. He is busy with Army AEGD.

Joseph Dietrich has begun an ortho residency at Eastman Dental Center in Rochester, NY.

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Ryan Jenson has bought a practice in Santa Fe, NM.

Vera Lee of Sacramento, CA, is completing an AEGD residency with the Air Force.

Ryan Mizumoto lives in Chicago, where he is completing a general practice residency at Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

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David Urbanek has begun a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Carle Foundation Hospital in Champaign/Urbana, IL.

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Kevin Weitzel is completing a pediatric dental residency at Ohio State University and Nationwide Children’s Hospital.

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Brandon Woodward lives in Sandy, UT, with his wife, Marni, and two children. “I am joining a practice with my brother. I plan on being an associate for some time and later buy in to be a partner of the practice,” he writes.
Dean Jerold Goldberg hosted the School of Dental Medicine’s annual donor recognition event on Saturday, June 27 at Pier W in Lakewood, Ohio. In attendance were donors and friends to the school and students who have received various school scholarships.

Tim Benich ’73 and his wife Diane received special recognition for their generous support of the school. Together they have decided to donate approximately 2.5 million dollars through their estate plans (the gift is designated as a percentage of their estate). Tim’s mother, Marjorie Benich, was on hand to see him receive his award. He told the audience that as graduates of the dental school they have a moral obligation to give whether their experience during school was positive or negative. “Your current lifestyle is directly related to the degree you received” he stated.

Joseph and Ellen Thomas were also honored for establishing an endowment fund for dental research. Joe is an Honorary and Emeriti Trustee of Case Western Reserve University who had been on the Dean’s Visiting Committee.

We appreciate all the support of our alumni and friends. This event is an additional way to show our gratitude and to say thank you.
Daniel Barrick, D.D.S. '77, of Conneaut, OH, died unexpectedly April 1 at his office. He was 59. A Cleveland native, Dr. Barrick earned his undergraduate degree at Bowling Green State University and had lived and practiced dentistry in Conneaut since 1977. He is survived by his mother and three brothers.

Lyn Vandeveere Bates, D.D.S., M.S. '71, '77, of Canton, OH, died May 9. He was 63. A Canton native, he earned his undergraduate degree at Hiram College. He specialized in orthodontics for 52 years and was a member of the Stark County Dental Society and the American Association of Orthodontists. Dr. Bates was preceded in death by his father and two brothers. Among those surviving him are his wife, Celeste, a daughter, a son, a granddaughter, and a sister.

B. Holly Broadbent Jr., ADL, D.D.S., CWR (honorary) '50, '52, '67, of Madison, OH, died July 7. He was 81. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Jacqueline, two daughters, two grandsons, and one sibling. Dr. Broadbent was an orthodontist and a clinical professor at his dental school alma mater. He also served as director of the Bolton-Brush Growth Study Center at the university.

Melvin A. Coleman, D.D.S. '54, '58, of Corona, CA, died Jan. 27 after a 4-year struggle with pancreatic cancer. He was 76. He is survived by his wife, Sandra, two sons, Michael and Kenji, and two sisters. He devoted part of his professional life to teaching endodontics at the University of Southern California, the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Long Beach and Loma Linda University. In 2008 they established the Mel and Sandy Coleman Scholarship Fund.

Ruth H. Nordlander Edwards, Ph.D., D.D.S. '68, '80, died June 24 in Seattle after a 10-year battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was 69. A Cleveland native, she was an undergraduate alumna of Heidelberg College. In addition to her dental degree, she earned a Ph.D. at Case Western Reserve University. She was a visiting scientist at the Czechoslovak Academy of Science in Prague in 1969-70 and practiced dentistry briefly before joining the faculty of her dental school alma mater in 1980, where she taught neuroanatomy and development, continued research, and raised two children with her husband, J. Eric Nordlander. After her husband died in 1986, she became professor of oral biology, neurobiology and anatomy at the Ohio State University (OSU) School of Dentistry, where she received a Javits Research Award from the National Institutes of Health. In 1997, she resigned from her position at OSU, married John S. Edwards, and moved to Seattle. He survives her, as do two sons and two daughters. Among those surviving her are her children, a granddaughter, and a sister.

Wayne H. Faulkner, D.D.S. '70, died March 14. He was 71. He practiced dentistry for 35 years in Tempe and Queen Creek, AZ. Born in Ogden, UT, he earned his undergraduate degree at Weber State University. He is survived by his wife of almost 51 years, Judy, four children, 15 grandchildren, two brothers and six sisters. Three brothers preceded him in death.

Jerome R. Ferber, D.D.S. '43, of Southbury, CT, died March 24. He was 89. A native of New York City, he was a veteran of World War II and also an alumnus of Long Island University. Dr. Ferber practiced dentistry on Long Island, where he and his family lived for many years until moving to Connecticut 25 years ago. He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosalind Unger Ferber, and a son. He is survived by two sisters, a grandson, and other relatives.

Lisa A. Infanti, D.D.S. '87, died Jan. 5 at Center for Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains, NJ. She was 47. Born in Wellsville, OH, Dr. Infanti had lived in Cranford, NJ, for 10 years before moving to Westfield, NJ, in 2001. Her practice, Tri-County Dental Care, was located in Dunellen, NJ. Dr. Infanti was a member of the American Dental Association, the New Jersey Dental Association and the Middlesex County Dental Society. She is survived by her husband, Mehdi Saber, D.D.S. '86, M.S.D. '88, their twin daughters, and a brother.

Craig A. Kishiyama, D.D.S., M.S.D. '87, of Yorba Linda, CA, died Aug. 3. He was 51. He is survived by his wife, Janice Arita, two children, two siblings, and other relatives. A memorial fund is being established by his classmates.

Timothy Leong, D.D.S. '62, died Sept. 10, 2007. He had practiced dentistry in Los Angeles for 41 years. He is survived by his wife, Jazmin, and a daughter.

Herbert S. Melnick, D.D.S. '51, died in August. He is survived his wife, Phyllis, three children, and two grandchildren.
Dennis H. Munholand, D.D.S., M.B.A. ’79, of Sarasota, FL, died May 27, 2007, as a result of an automobile accident. He was 52. A native of Youngstown, OH, he received his undergraduate degree at Bowling Green State University and also was an alumnus of IMPAC University in Punta Gorda, FL, where he earned his M.B.A. He had lived in Florida for 24 years after living in Cincinnati. Dr. Munholand had a comprehensive dental medicine practice in Port Charlotte, FL. He belonged to the ADA and various other dental organizations. Dr. Munholand also was a visiting faculty member at Pankey Institute in Key Biscayne, FL. Dr. Munholand received numerous awards and fellowships in the field of dentistry. He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Debra C. Munholand, a daughter, a brother, his parents, a granddaughter and other relatives.

Silvio R. Petti, D.D.S. ’58, of Richmond Heights, OH, died July 27. He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances. He is survived by three children, including Lisa Petti, D.D.S. ’83, and Steven Petti, D.D.S. ’90; seven grandchildren; two brothers and a sister.

Donald S. Pogozelski, D.D.S. ’67, of Hollywood, FL, died Feb. 8. He was 67. He is survived by his wife, Janet, and a son.

Edward Robinson, D.D.S. ’42, of Chevy Chase, MD, died June 30. He is survived by his wife, Blanche, a daughter, son and three grandchildren.

Harold Webman, D.D.S. ’47, of Coral Gables, FL, died June 15. A native of Brooklyn, NY, he also was an alumnus of the Columbia University, School of Pharmacy. After a stint in the Army and graduation from dental school, he served in the Navy. On discharge, Dr. Webman received postgraduate training in pediatric dentistry at the University of Michigan. He then practiced pediatric dentistry in Miami for more than 30 years. During this time, he attended the University of Miami Law School; after his retirement, he attended the Osur Lifelong Learning Institute. He was a member of many dental organizations, including the ADA and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, and served on the medical staff of Miami Children’s Hospital. Among those surviving him are a brother, two sons and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Naomi, who worked at his side throughout his career.

Harry W. Wise, D.D.S. ’53, died April 14 at Hospice House in Cleveland. He was 82. A Cleveland native, he served in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps after dental school, then practiced dentistry in Euclid, OH, for 38 years. He lived in Euclid and, later, Kirtland, OH. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Nancy, two daughters and a son, eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a brother, as well as additional relatives.

Stanley Wolanin, D.D.S. ’57, died Sept. 21 at the age of 68. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, children, Janet, Gerald and Mary, grandchildren, brothers and sisters.
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OHIO DENTAL ASSOCIATION STREET OF DREAMS

CWRU’s third annual ODA Street of Dreams office tour took place on Wednesday, July 22. Dr. Tom Kelly ’89, ODA host and tour guide, took fourteen members of the Class of 2011 to see the practices of Peter Gordon ’65 and Alumni Association Board of Directors President, Stuart J. Katz ’69. The students were able to ask questions about practice and office management.

This special “out of the classroom” event was sponsored by the Ohio Dental Association in conjunction with the Greater Cleveland Dental Society. Stressing the importance of organized dentistry is one of the main goals of the ODA and this program.

While at the office of Dr. Gordon, students were able to speak with his son, Paul, about marketing strategies and to ask Ellen Friedman ’08 about her recent transition from dental school into private practice. Dr. Katz talked about equipment, referrals, and physical challenges of owning a practice.

Following the tour, the students were joined by the hosts at a nearby restaurant for further discussion. The Street of Dreams Program gives the students a realistic look at the dental professional and enhances what they are learning in dental school.
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