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DEAR FRIENDS,

We all know the importance of our school’s strategic plan, and it is a sound one. However, strategic plans are living documents, and in rapidly changing times we must continually reassess, reevaluate and refine what we do. We must be prepared and willing to make mid-course corrections.

In keeping with this, the faculty in May decided to revisit our strategic plan. The foundation of the plan was drafted in 2005, and we last revised it in 2008 in order to be consistent with the university’s strategic plan. In May, we decided that there were enough changes taking place in the world that it was time for another assessment.

Although in many ways our plan’s basic strategies and goals have not been changed, there are elements that indicate a somewhat different response to the external environment compared to what existed before May.

We recognized that although we had made tremendous strides in terms of implementation of the R.E.A.L. curriculum, there were some very important and exciting elements that we planned to do in the curriculum that had not yet been incorporated. Our education committee took a close look at what we’ve accomplished, what we’d like to improve upon, and what we still intend to do.

One example of a new and exciting program from our strategic plan is the Family First Project (see page 2 of this issue for more information).

In addition, as we look to the future, we recognize with the new wave of dental schools opening there will be increasing competition for D.M.D. students. We have committed ourselves to continuously enhancing our D.M.D. program, and are investing in CEREC crown technology and continually upgrading and improving our simulation laboratories. These new schools will be creating students interested in graduate education, and we are planning to enhance and expand our graduate education programs.

We also see a growing need for interprofessional education, and we are working to put into place programs whereby medical, dental, nursing and social work students will solve problems together.

During our reassessment of the plan, the faculty resoundingly restated its commitment to doing impactful research. We will continue to differentiate ourselves as an academic institution dedicated to scholarship and the creation of knowledge. As our fourth floor project moves forward, we will be creating one of the finest facilities for dental research in the country, if not the world.

As with any realistic look at the future, we must acknowledge that there will be some challenges. For example, the new schools will be vigorously recruiting faculty, and they will be after our best. Recruiting and retaining faculty will be an ongoing challenge.

We have a large number of exceptional people here at our school, and I’m very excited about the new administrative team we’ve put together: Kristi Victoroff, D.D.S., Ph.D., associate dean for education; Mark Hans, D.D.S. ’79, M.S.D. ’81, associate dean for graduate studies; Aaron Weinberg, M.Sc, D.M.D., Ph.D., associate dean for research; and Ron Occhionero, D.D.S. ’61, associate dean for administration. This is an outstanding group that will help lead us into the future and prepare us for whatever it holds. I would also like to welcome Lisa Lang, D.D.S., M.S., who joins us as chair of the Department of Comprehensive Care (see page 11 of this issue), and to thank Fady Faddoul, D.D.S. ’88, M.S.D. ’93, who served admirably as the interim chair.

Finally, I would like to recognize the extraordinary generosity of R. William Cornell, Jr., D.D.S. ’60, and his wife, Chloe, who have committed to endow the first named chair in the school’s history (see the cover story that begins on page 4 of this issue). Having extraordinary people at every level — students, faculty, staff, volunteers, and alumni — is what makes this school itself extraordinary.

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Ge Jin, Ph.D., who has joint appointments at the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine and the Lerner Research Institute at the Cleveland Clinic, participated on a team of researchers that discovered a specific protein that switches on the process that releases cancer cells from the original tumor and allows the cells to spread and develop into new tumors in other parts of the body.

Dr. Jin, an assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, was part of a six-member research team led by Dr. Philip Howe from the Department of Cancer Biology at the Lerner Research Institute in a National Institute of Cancer-funded study. Their findings were reported in Nature Cell Biology.

The process by which cancer cells are released from the original tumor is called epithelial-mesenchymal transdifferentiation (EMT). EMT has been known to play a role in releasing epithelial cells on the surface of the solid tumor and transforming them into transient mesenchymal cells, which have the ability to start to grow a new tumor. This is often the fatal process in breast, ovarian, pancreatic and colon-rectal cancers.

Searching to understand how the EMT process begins, the researchers began by working backwards from EMT to find its trigger. They found that a compound called transforming growth factor-ß (TGF-ß) triggered the formation of a protein called disabled-2 (Dab2), which activated the EMT process. When the researchers knocked out Dab2, EMT was not triggered.

“EMT is the most important step in this process,” Dr. Jin says. “If we can understand the signaling pathway for modulating EMT, then we can design drugs to delay or halt EMT cells and control tumor progression.”

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The Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine has undertaken a new program called the Family First Project in which nine families have been “adopted” by the school. The families, from Cleveland and its suburbs, were identified by the school and offered the opportunity to participate in the program. Letters soliciting participation in the program were sent out last December to heads of the families whose children are patients of record at the dental school, particularly in the orthodontic clinic. Fourteen families agreed to participate and the first nine were chosen.

Each family has undergone dental and medical screenings and has had a treatment plan prescribed. Dental care will be provided for multiple generations in a family unit.

The Family First Project is centered on the idea that dental issues, which can be related to health problems such as diabetes and heart disease, have a tendency to run in the family and are genetically and environmentally influenced. As a part of the program, dental students will assess the risk for common dental diseases, such as caries, gum diseases and oral cancer.

“The risk assessment data enable students to provide evidence-based dental care to their patients,” says Dr. Sena Narendran, director of the Family First Project. The educational initiative will involve all the second-year dental students and an associate professor of community dentistry.
TOOTH ENAMEL REVEALS GASOLINE AS MAJOR SOURCE OF LEAD EXPOSURE

BY KEVIN MAYHOOD

Leaded gasoline was responsible for about two-thirds of toxic lead that African-American children in Cleveland ingested or inhaled during the latter two-thirds of the 20th century, according to a new study in *Science of the Total Environment.*

Extrapolation from lead analyses of teeth from 124 residents of urban Cleveland neighborhoods show that “at the peak of leaded gasoline usage, in the 1960s and early ’70s, the levels of lead in the bloodstream were likely to be toxic,” says Norman Robbins, M.D., Ph.D., emeritus professor of neurosciences at Case Western Reserve School of Medicine.

The researchers used a comprehensive analysis of data collected from multiple sources, including the Cleveland tooth enamel data from 1936 to 1993, Lake Erie sediment data sets and traffic data from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Because blood tests to determine lead levels were unreliable prior to the mid-1970s, the team used lead levels in the enamel of teeth removed from adults at Cleveland dental clinics to determine their childhood lead exposure.

James A. Lalumandier, D.D.S., chairman of the Department of Community Dentistry at the School of Dental Medicine, obtained the teeth, which were removed for dental reasons. Richard A. Shulze, D.M.D. ’04, now in private practice, developed the method to extract lead samples from the enamel.

They trimmed the outer layers to reveal lead trapped within the enamel of developing first and second molars. Like trees, teeth grow in layers around the center, Dr. Lalumandier says. The enamel layers in first and second molars provide a permanent record of the lead to which the tooth’s owner was exposed. The researchers obtained the birthplace, age, sex and race of the owners and wound back the clock.

Lead levels in the teeth were compared to reliable blood levels taken in the 1980s and 1990s, Lake Erie sediment cores that reflect atmospheric lead levels of the past, as well as leaded gasoline use by year.

The data shows leaded gasoline was the primary cause of exposure, with lead levels in teeth comparatively low in 1936 and increasing dramatically, mirroring the usage of leaded gas and atmospheric lead levels, which tripled from the 1930s to the mid-1960s.

Traffic data kept by the Ohio Department of Transportation reinforced the finding. The researchers found that children in neighborhood clusters with the highest number of cars on their roads also had the highest levels of lead in their teeth.

Cleveland is hardly unique in the nation’s history of lead usage and exposure, Dr. Robbins says. “What we found here we expect to be similar to urban areas in the rest of the country.”

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The dental school will be collaborating on this initiative with personnel from the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and University Hospitals Case Medical Center, to approach dental care holistically and treat the whole family.

The dental school, which has provided the financial support for the initiative, will start with nine families with plans to expand the numbers in the future.

Family First is one of what the CWRU dental educators call A Cornerstone Experience (ACE), which become the anchors for the course curriculum and allow for students to translate textbook learning into practice. In each of the four years of dental school, students will have the opportunity to use their knowledge while performing important public health services.

“This is an extremely important program. It provides an extended application of what students learn to families as well as individuals,” says Jerold Goldberg, D.D.S. ’70, dean of the dental school. He added that students will apply their knowledge of evidence-based research to the extended family unit and have a positive influence on dental care in the community.

The program will be recruiting more families in the future and those interested in participating should contact the program director.

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The Ultimate Legacy: R. William Cornell Jr. Endows School’s First Named Chair

BY RON RAJECKI

A n appreciation of the past, an inspiration in the present, and a legacy for the future. Those are the motivations behind the $1.5 million commitment from R. William Cornell Jr., D.D.S. ’60, to endow the first named professorship at the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine. The Dr. and Mrs. R. William Cornell Jr. Endowed Professor of Pediatric Dentistry will be the first endowed chair in the 118-year history of the school.

“The gift from Bill and his wife, Chloe, is an example of what happens when really good people do really good things for really good reasons,” says Jerold S. Goldberg, D.D.S. ’70, dean of the School of Dental Medicine. “The importance of what the Cornells have done for this school and for future generations of educators can’t be overestimated.”

“We are honored that an individual of Dr. Cornell’s exemplary character and dedication would make this pledge to Case Western Reserve,” adds university President Barbara R. Snyder. “It’s a testament to him, and to the confidence and faith that our School of Dental Medicine inspires. Moreover, it’s a powerful message to everyone else — a message that this school merits such a remarkable investment.”

Dr. Cornell’s ability to give such a far-reaching and generous gift to the school started small: with a lawn mower and a paper route. He says that when he was young, his father, Robert W. Cornell Sr., instilled in him the importance of saving and investing.

“My father told me that I had a choice for every dollar I earned from paper routes or mowing lawns: I could spend it, or he would double it if I invested it,” Dr. Cornell says. “That concept of the importance of investing stuck with me and ultimately enabled me to accumulate the money to make this gift to the school.”

A 1960 graduate of the School of Dental Medicine, Dr. Cornell has had numerous roles at the school: first as a volunteer instructor, and later as a salaried clinical instructor, assistant clinical professor, and acting co-chair of the Pediatric Dentistry Department. He also directed the undergraduate dental program until 1976, when he left Case Western Reserve to join the faculty at the Northwestern University Dental School.

Dr. Cornell was teaching full-time at Northwestern when that dental school closed in 2001. That closing left a mark on him that, nearly 10 years later, helped spur the gift to Case Western Reserve.

“Teaching dentistry is an expensive proposition, and we’ve lost a lot of private dental schools. We lost Northwestern, and we lost the dental schools at Loyola, Georgetown, Fairleigh Dickinson, and Washington University. Case Western Reserve is one of the few that are left,” Dr. Cornell says.

Although Dr. Cornell wanted to leave a gift to his alma mater as a legacy, the gift to Case Western Reserve didn’t start out to be an endowed chair. As he reflected on it, however, and engaged in conversations with Dr. Goldberg and others, the idea of supporting a faculty member grew in appeal.

“There is a real need for teachers in our profession,” Dr. Cornell says. “When a dentist goes from private practice into education, he or she usually has to brace for a fairly substantial drop in salary. Many schools allow their faculty to practice one or two days a week to supplement their incomes, but that can be difficult when patients have emergencies. So, I decided to leave something to the school to help support a faculty member, and I was very fortunate to be in a financial position where I could do that.”

Dr. Cornell’s generosity is deeply appreciated by the entire dental school, but particularly so in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. Department Chairman Gerald Ferretti, D.D.S., M.S., M.P.H., says it’s...
Dr. Cornell's gift includes the school's outreach program, educational initiatives that encourage dentists to be socially and culturally sensitive when treating children, and programs that teach students that they can and should treat young children in their practices.

"Our intent is to use our resources, facilities, and outreach program to teach pediatric dental students how to treat one-, two-, and three-year-olds, and general dentistry students how to treat three- and four-year-olds," Dr. Ferretti says. "Not many dental schools in the country do that. The resources from the endowed chair will enable us to develop more programs in that direction."

Dr. Ferretti also envisions a department-sponsored center for early childhood caries to battle a problem that is epidemic in this country.

"Bill believes in all this, and I think one of his desires for endowing this chair is to help us do more in that direction. We've made good strides and will continue to do so," Dr. Ferretti says. "We're going to hold ourselves true to our goals and our commitments both at the dental school and at the Tapper Dental Clinic at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital."

John Gerstenmaier Jr., D.D.S. '75, a volunteer faculty member in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, says Dr. Cornell is setting up a legacy that will go beyond dentistry and will actually help people live better lives.

"Through this chair we're going to be able to educate pediatric dentists, and pediatric dentists are instrumental in creating healthy individuals for life," Dr. Gerstenmaier says. "We're in a role where we can get people off to a good start and get them going on the right path to a healthy life. Dr. Cornell's gift is going to have a big impact on helping many individuals — not only our students, but the patients they treat every day."

Second year pediatric dentistry resident Larry Kalke, D.M.D. '08, says Dr. Cornell stands as an example of what pediatric dentists should be striving for long-term with their careers.

"We all say we're dedicated to children, but very few of us actually step up with that kind of a donation," Dr. Kalke says. "Dr. Cornell found a way to give a gift that's going to keep on giving well beyond my career, and probably my kids' careers if they decide to go into dentistry. It's fantastic to see such a good example of how we're supposed to do things."

Mindy Price, D.D.S., also a second-year pediatric dentistry resident, agrees. "We're greatly appreciative of Dr. Cornell and everything he has given back to the department," she says. "I'll be working very hard, and if my career allows me to I hope to be able to give back to the school. Every contribution helps, and Dr. Cornell giving that much speaks beyond words."

Dr. Cornell’s gift reverberates throughout the dental school and the department, and will continue to do so for years to come.

"This gift means that there will always be an outstanding educator signing Dr. Cornell’s name along with theirs," Dr. Goldberg says. "It ensures that there will be educators in the future who will be able to reach their objectives for the school, their students and their patients because they were supported by this gift. This is such a powerful way to better the lives of others, and yet Bill did it quietly, with his only goal to ensure a private legacy of support. There was fanfare only when we insist upon it."

Dr. Ferretti adds that he would like to see this gift to his department inspire similar gifts throughout the school. "Once you get the ball rolling like this it should be easier to entice people to step up with this kind of support," he says. "Pediatric dentistry has a named chair, now let's get one for orthodontics, and periodontics, and the research center. I think it opens up those possibilities."

Dr. Cornell simply concludes that he feels strongly that alumni should support their schools, regardless of the amount of the gift.

"If you improve the school it reflects back on you. To the dentists who have supported the school in the past, we are a legacy of what they have given to the school, and I feel it's our responsibility to continue that legacy," he says. "It's part of your responsibility. Dentists before you made the school better because of what they did. You should make the school even better because of what you can do."
It was 1960 and Dr. R. William Cornell Jr., fresh out of Case Western Reserve University’s School of Dental Medicine, was in the Navy, assigned to work with young Marines at Camp Lejeune, NC.

Dr. Cornell, wrestling with choosing the specialty he would pursue — pediatric dentistry or orthodontics — reached a life-changing decision as he cared for the Marines, many of whom were still in their teens.

“The problems I saw were related to dental neglect,” he recalls. “I decided at that point I’d rather save teeth than straighten them.”

He spent the next five decades practicing and teaching pediatric dentistry and continues to do so even in retirement as a volunteer.

Dr. Cornell’s dedication to his profession and his outstanding achievements in sharing his talents with others are among the reasons he has been honored with the Case Western Reserve School of Dental Medicine’s 2010 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

“Bill is an outstanding educator and practitioner who has been a role model to thousands of dentists,” says Jerold Goldberg, D.D.S. ’70, Dean of the School of Dental Medicine. “He has dedicated his life to the treatment of children and the education of the next generation of dentists to care for them.”

Dr. Cornell is as passionate today about pediatric dentistry as he was when he opened his first practice in Fairview Park, OH, in 1964, to the point that he volunteers three mornings a week at a dental...
Clinic near his home in Naples, FL.

“I am so fortunate,” Dr. Cornell says. “I feel really blessed I can still do what I want to do. I love doing it.”

Of course, volunteering is nothing new to Dr. Cornell, who started his distinguished teaching career as an unpaid instructor at Case Western Reserve. After completing his postgraduate work at Eastman Dental Center in Rochester, NY, he returned to Cleveland, opened his practice and began volunteering as an instructor one day a week at Case Western Reserve, spending a second day each week working in the Cleveland Public Schools’ dental clinic.

He became a salaried clinical instructor a year later, and in 1968 was named assistant clinical professor and acting co-chairman of the Pediatric Dentistry Department until 1971, when Dr. Roland Hawes became department chairman.

Dr. Hawes, who headed Eastman’s pediatric dentistry program while Dr. Cornell was a postdoctoral student there, said he was grateful to have Bill Cornell direct the undergraduate pediatric dental clinical training program at Case Western Reserve.

“He was an invaluable colleague to me,” says Hawes, who today lives in Naples and maintains a friendship with Dr. Cornell. “He was a respected, congenial teacher, dedicated to his students as evidenced by the number who were motivated to follow his lead and pursue specialty training. I have the highest respect and regard for the man, professionally as a fine dentist and teacher, and personally as a human being, humanitarian and philanthropist.”

Dr. Cornell directed the undergraduate program at Case Western Reserve until 1976, when he was offered a full-time teaching and administrative position at Northwestern University in Chicago. He served as full professor and chairman of the Division of Pediatric Dentistry until Northwestern’s dental school closed in 2001.

At that time he retired and moved to Florida — although “retired” is a relative term. Within a few weeks of relocating to Naples, his wife, Chloe, saw a story in the local paper about the Collier County Health Department Dental Clinic and suggested he check it out.

He continues to give seminars to pediatric dental residents at Children’s Memorial Medical Center in Chicago, where he remains on staff. He is also a courtesy clinical professor with the University of Florida College of Dentistry, providing residents in the school’s postgraduate pediatric dentistry program the same seminars he gives in Chicago.

Dr. Cornell is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. He was elected into Omicron Kappa Upsilon, a national dental honor society, in 1981, and served as president of the Alpha Chapter in 1992-93.

Dr. Cornell was inducted into the American College of Dentists in 1988. He was honored with an outstanding teaching award by the Northwestern University Dental School’s class of 1997.

Dr. Cornell’s long-time friend and classmate, Al Uveges, D.D.S. ’60, says Dr. Cornell has earned a reputation that should make the School of Dental Medicine and the entire profession of pediatric dentistry proud. “His accomplishments have been great and many,” Dr. Uveges says. “I’d like to congratulate Stuart Katz and the Board of Directors of the alumni association for their wisdom in selecting an outstanding example of the kind of person who should be a distinguished alumnus, Bill Cornell.”

Bill and Chloe Cornell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October 2009. They have four sons — Ken, Tom, Rob and Dave. “None of them are going into dentistry, so I’m working on the grandchildren now,” Dr. Cornell says.
New education programs, specialty in dental public health top list of goals

BY MARK HANS, D.D.S., M.S.D. ’79, ’81, ASSOCIATE DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES

We have several goals for our graduate education program this year.

The first is already under way: Our nighttime educational course series, “What’s New in Dentistry,” has taken wing. This seminar program pairs a basic science researcher with a clinical specialist. In each course, a presentation by a clinical specialist will last about an hour and focus on new advances in patient care. That presentation will be followed by a 45-minute question-and-answer session with both the research scientist and the clinician. Although there are no registration fees for these courses, we do ask that you register to let us know you’ll be attending. For more information, a schedule of courses, or to register, please contact Michelle Mann (michelle.mann@case.edu).

A new advanced specialty program in dental public health has been approved by the graduate studies committee and will be put in place over the next year. This new program will involve both one- and two-year fellowships. The two-year program will lead to a Master of Science degree, and then on to a Master of Public Health. The one-year program will lead to a fellowship in public dentistry. This new program is a good example of how we are working to produce graduate programs that synergize with our service programs. This one works with the Cleveland Public Schools and supports the outreach program of our Pediatric Dentistry Department with its Ronald McDonald Care Mobile.

A new fellowship in craniofacial orthodontics will be available beginning in July 2011. This fellowship will train orthodontists to treat complex craniofacial deformities and patients who have special needs. Manish Valiathan, D.D.S., M.S.D. ’99 (manish.valiathan@case.edu) is the program director for the new fellowship.

We also want to promote the fact that the specialty programs are here to support the general dentists in the surrounding community. If you have patients who are in need of reduced cost specialty care, we’re in a position to provide those services. For example, we’re providing braces here at the school for $2,950 — about half the typical cost. For more information, please contact the chairman or program director of the appropriate department:

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Dr. Bissada honored as AAP’S 2010 Outstanding Periodontal Educator

Dr. Bissada, professor and chairman of the Department of Periodontics, has been honored as the American Academy of Periodontology’s 2010 Outstanding Periodontal Educator.

This prestigious, national award is presented to recognize the importance of periodontal faculty in maintaining the excellence of the specialty of periodontics. The award recognizes an exemplary periodontal faculty member who is an inspiration to students and whose career demonstrates excellence.

Dr. Bissada has served as the program director of periodontics at CWRU since 1973, and chairman of the department since 1974. Prior to arriving at CWRU, he became the first formally American-trained periodontist in his native Egypt, and developed the periodontics graduate program at Cairo University.

“Dr. Bissada has instilled his high standards of education, practice, and meticulous research and performance in his students,” the Academy wrote. “Many of them have become...”

Nabil Bissada, professor and chairman of the Department of Periodontics, has been honored as the American Academy of Periodontology’s 2010 Outstanding Periodontal Educator.
PERIODONTICS

Dr. Bissada points out that he is not the department’s only award recipient in 2010. Stuart Sears, D.D.S., M.S.D. ’68, a clinical associate professor in the Department of Periodontics, has received recognition from the Academy for outstanding teaching and mentoring at CWRU. “I would like to extend my congratulations to Dr. Sears,” Dr. Bissada says. “We’re very fortunate to have him here to share his knowledge and expertise with us.”

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In addition, the international image of the department remains strong thanks to its participation overseas. This past year, Dr. Quereshy lectured and consulted in Germany, while Dr. Baur had the opportunity to lecture in Egypt and will be lecturing in Argentina and Turkey this fall.

Dr. Baur and Dr. Quereshy also extend their congratulations to Dr. Husam Elias ’09, who has been named section head of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Institute of Head and Neck. “Dr. Elias has worked with us to create a new affiliation for the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery that allows us to provide additional training for our residents at the Cleveland Clinic — something that had never before been accomplished. We look forward to a productive relationship with the Cleveland Clinic. We anticipate it will be an excellent ongoing experience for our residents and a benefit to the Greater Cleveland community,” Dr. Quereshy says.

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We Want to Hear From You

The School of Dental Medicine has traditionally held our Reunion Weekend in the spring. We also hold alumni events in the fall with the University Alumni Weekend. We are considering moving our Reunion Weekend to the fall to become part of the Alumni Weekend instead of holding two separate events.

We want to get your thoughts. We realize there is no perfect time of year when everyone is available to return to campus. We’d like to know if you have a preference to the spring or fall and why. Please send an email to dentalalumni@case.edu or call us at 216.368.3480 or toll free at 877.468.1436.
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since 2001. she has served as a senior instructor,

assistant professor, and associate professor

in the Department of Community Dentistry,

prior to being named associate dean.

“Expanding and integrating active learning

across the curriculum is a major focus,”

says Dr. Victoroff. “In February, the faculty

reviewed the progress we’ve made in

implementing all of the ideas we had for

the R.E.A.L. curriculum. We looked at what

we’ve accomplished and what we would like
to further develop. For example, we have

been very pleased with the way our ACES

program has worked out, and we continue
to work on developing new ACES. The ACES

involve students learning a variety of

integrated content in the classroom and

then going out and using what they have

learned as part of a well-defined clinical

experience in a very immediate way. They

are motivated to learn the content because

they will use it immediately.”

Another high priority item is expanding

the opportunities for small group-based active

learning. “We have been very successful

using problem-based and team-based

learning for the first and second year

students, and we want to continue to

expand the use of active educational

formats throughout the curriculum,” Dr.

Victoroff says. “This spring we incorporated

a problem-based small-group learning

session in one of our treatment planning

courses, and it was well received by both

our students and faculty.”

Another important initiative is the

development of inter-professional

education opportunities. “We would like
to give our students the opportunity to work

side-by-side with other health professions

students, working on solving problems
together. It’s probably not enough to sit

side-by-side in a lecture hall. They need to

work together in order to gain insight into
each others’ complementary roles.”

Under Dr. Victoroff’s leadership as associate
dean for education, the School of Dental

Medicine appears poised to take a world-
class learning experience and continue to

make it even better well into the future.

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AARON WEINBERG Named Associate Dean for Research

The growth of the

School of Dental Medicine’s research

enterprise over the past decade is a

source of pride at the

school, and its

continued growth is a

key component of the

school’s strategic

plan. Along with the

growth and increasing national and

international recognition of the research

enterprise comes the need for additional

supervision, planning, and leadership.

To that end, Aaron Weinberg, M.Sc., D.M.D.,

Ph.D., chairman of the Department of

Biological Sciences, has been named

associate dean for research.

Dr. Weinberg arrived at the dental school in

1998, charged with returning the CWRU

School of Dental Medicine to its place of

prominence among the elite dental

research schools in the nation. His success

— both to-date and ongoing — in that

endeavor contributed to his selection as

associate dean.

Dr. Weinberg says he will focus on several

areas in his new role. The first is to build

the research enterprise from both within,

by maximizing the talent already in place,

and from without, by recruiting the best

people.

A second major area of focus will be to

expand the school’s research agenda

by identifying a “third arm” of research —

perhaps in biomaterials or imaging. The

school already has a strong research

presence in translational research (i.e.,

epidemiology) as well as immunology/

microbiology, and those areas will continue
to be prioritized going forward.

Outcome assessments will continually be

enforced, using objective metrics

to determine successes and identify

challenges, as the school looks to maximize

the return it receives from

its sources of financial support in a difficult

funding environment.

According to Dr. Weinberg, it’s also critical

for the school to create dedicated Ph.D. and
dual D.M.D./Ph.D degree programs. “It’s a
tall order, but we must develop a system

where we can educate the next generation

of researchers, academicians, and mentors,”

he says.

Finally, the school must build the

infrastructure necessary to establish itself

as a research leader in the 21st century. Dr.

Weinberg has in his office a schematic

representation of the planned fourth floor

expansion. “One of my main goals and

aspirations is to see the day when I can cut

the ribbon on a state-of-the-art new

facility on the fourth floor dedicated to

research,” he says. “That will be the

structural validation that we’ve arrived and

can now go even further.”

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Rural Peruvian community provides opportunity for outreach and education

BY RON RAJECKI

The reach of the CWRU School for Dental Medicine is already felt in many areas around the world, and Peru may soon join the list of countries whose people benefit from care provided during visits by the school’s students and faculty.

Two third-year D.M.D. students, Ben Cope and Nathan Buckner, recently went on a fact-finding mission to the town of Lamay, Peru, and saw the need for dental care firsthand. Cope and Buckner joined a group of students and faculty from the CWRU School of Medicine, which makes trips to Lamay to provide basic health screenings.

“We had heard that the med students’ number one complaint was their inability to provide dental care,” Cope says. “People were coming into the clinic with serious dental conditions that needed to be addressed, but they couldn’t do anything for them and just had to send them home. “Initially, Nathan and I are recommending that eight to 12 CWRU dental students and one or two faculty visit Lamay to provide direct care. Four to six students would be in Peru at a time with one or two faculty. We would rotate students every week for two or three weeks. As the years progress and our experience in the community increases, we would like to increase those numbers to involve more of the class, hopefully making it a permanent program for CWRU’s School of Dental Medicine,” Cope says.

CWRU School of Dental Medicine students Nathan Buckner ’12 (left) and Ben Cope ’12 meet with the mayor of Lamay, Guido Chavez.

Lisa Lang joins school as chair of the Department of Comprehensive Care

Lisa Lang, D.D.S., M.S., has joined the School of Dental Medicine as chair of the Department of Comprehensive Care.

Dr. Lang received her D.D.S. from the University of Michigan and completed her prosthodontic training (certificate and M.S.) at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio. She is a board-certified prosthodontist. Dr. Lang has been a dental educator for more than 15 years, most recently as head of the Division of Implant Prosthodontics in the Department of Prosthodontics at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio.

Dr. Lang has extensive teaching experience in the didactic, preclinical and clinical settings, and was elected to the University of Texas Health Sciences Center Academy of Master Teachers in 2008. She brings with her an active research agenda, primarily focusing on implant dentistry. Her work has been published in the Journal of Prosthodontics, the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry, Applied Osseointegration Research, and the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Implants, among others.

“The CWRU School of Dental Medicine has become known for its unique clinical programs and innovative teaching methods, such as curricular health themes, the active learning and evidence-based practices, and the preceptor program in Department of Comprehensive Care,” Dr. Lang says. “There is also a great deal of important research being done here to improve the profession of dentistry and the lives of our patients, and I’m looking forward to becoming involved in that.”

Dr. Lang adds that she’d like to see the department and the school become the national leader in educating general dentists, not only in oral health care but in the use of innovative dental technologies.

“Cone beam technology is already here, and the school recently acquired CAD/CAM (computer-aided design/computer-aided engineering) machines for restorations, so I’d really like to see us move forward in the area of digital dentistry,” she says. “We have a strong implant program in place here, and that happens to be my area of expertise, so I want to take that to the next level.”
Jessica Chrzanowski knew she wanted to be a dentist ever since she met a CWRU School of Dental Medicine graduate at a high school career day. She is now a first-year dental student, in part because of assistance from the John Kulick Scholarship.

With apologies to the people behind a fine and useful software program, it can be unusual to see the words “exciting” and “PowerPoint presentation” in the same sentence. However, it was just that, an exciting PowerPoint presentation, that helped convince Jessica Chrzanowski to enter the field of dentistry.

A Brecksville native, Jessica was attending a career day at Brecksville-Broadview Hts. High School when her attention was riveted by the presentation being made by a recent graduate of the CWRU School of Dental Medicine.

“It wasn’t just the PowerPoint,” Jessica laughs. “This doctor had just graduated from the CWRU dental school and he was so enthusiastic about a career in dentistry that it really made an impression on me. He talked about how dentistry isn’t just science: there’s art to it, there’s interpersonal involvement, and there’s business ethics related to running your practice.

“He presented it in a very exciting way,” she continues. “I’ve always been interested in health care and helping people, and I became very interested in dentistry at that point. Throughout the rest of high school and then all throughout college, my goal was dental school.”

Jessica attended CWRU for her undergraduate degrees in biology and psychology. She says she liked the school not only for the excellence of the education provided, but also for the great diversity of students and teachers. “Attending CWRU opened my eyes to a lot of different cultures, and I’m very thankful for the experience,” she says.

She is also thankful to the assistance she is receiving from the John Kulick Scholarship fund, which is partially responsible for her being able to continue on at the CWRU and enter the School of Dental Medicine.

“This is something that’s going to help propel me in my career and lighten the burden of my loans a bit,” Jessica says. “I appreciate it, and I hope people continue giving to students like me who can excel academically but don’t necessarily come from the richest families. The financial assistance was one of the decision-making factors as far as my ability to attend dental school here at CWRU.”

A brand new student at the School of Dental Medicine, Jessica says she is keeping her options open about possibly choosing a specialty beyond general dentistry. “Right now, I’m just enjoying my first few weeks of dental school,” she says. “Everything is so much more exciting than it was when I was an undergrad.”

Thanks to another scholarship she received over the summer, Jessica was able to perform volunteer work in Panama and Costa Rica. She loved the experience and would like to continue to travel and volunteer to help underserved populations throughout her career. As an undergrad, she was heavily involved in Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed national service fraternity. “I’ve always felt that national service was just a part of who I am,” she says.

And, as someone who has been talented and fortunate enough to have received scholarship assistance, Jessica knows she’d like to continue to provide the same for others someday.

“I hope that I can have the funds one day to help other students go to school and be comfortable with where they can go,” she says. “I think giving back is very important.”

Jessica Chrzanowski is a recipient of a scholarship from the John Kulick Scholarship, a crucial source of support to the school. Gifts such as these and bequests allow us to continue to attract the best and brightest students and educate them for future careers in dentistry. If you’d like to do your part to support future professionals, please contact the development and alumni relations office at (216) 368-3480, toll free at (877) 468-1436, or email dentalalumni@case.edu.
The Street of Dreams, sponsored by the Ohio Dental Association, is an educational experience exposing dental students to actual dental practices. This summer, our dental students had the opportunity to visit the dental practices of some of our alumni. They received a tour of the dental office and had an opportunity to ask questions about the day-to-day operations. Alumni who graciously opened their doors to us were: Marius Laniauskas ’80, Richard Miller ’67, Jason Schermer ’00, and Drs. Terry ’67, ’69, Reid ’02, ’07 and Ryan Wenger ’98.

Following the tours of the dental practices, the students were taken to Champps restaurant for an informal discussion and camaraderie with practicing dentists. Jason Majors ’07, Tim Vala ’85, Christopher Connell and Stephen Simpson, ODA President, joined them at that time. The Tour Guide was Tom Kelly ’89.

“It was great real-world exposure to a variety of practice models. I’m really glad the ODA sponsored such a worthwhile event,” said Matt Ellingson (class of 2011).
Jack Beattie, D.D.S., M.S. ‘63, has given a generous gift to the Case Western Reserve School of Dental Medicine, but he says it can’t compare to the gift the school, and Drs. B. Holly Broadbent Senior ‘19 and Junior ‘52, gave him.

“I see the theme of this article is ‘A Gift That Lasts,’ Dr. Beattie says with a wry chuckle. "But that’s what the Broadbents gave to me. They gave me the gifts of their friendship and knowledge, and those are gifts that truly last.”

During their lives, the Broadbents touched the minds and hearts of many students, including Dr. Beattie. Among their many accomplishments was the creation of the Bolton-Brush Growth Study Center.

The Bolton-Brush Growth Study comprises the world’s most extensive source of longitudinal human growth data. The Bolton Study was initiated in 1929 by Dr. Broadbent Sr. It concentrated on growth and development of the face and teeth, using radiographic images taken on an annual basis to analyze the physical changes that occur in the bones of the body with time.

The Broadbents also published the Bolton Standards in 1975, based on x-rays of 16 boys and 16 girls from ages 1 to 18. Over the years, Dr. Broadbent Jr. and the center continued to update the standards, based more recently on three-dimensional scans.

Thanks to Dr. Beattie’s gift, the imaging center at the Bolton-Brush Growth Study Center will bear the names of the Broadbents and will be known as the Broadbent Institute for Craniofacial Research.

Dr. Beattie’s memorable experiences at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine stemmed from being selected as the research fellow in dental facial morphology and working directly under the Broadbents at the Bolton Foundation. “It was perhaps the most unique opportunity in the nation,” Dr. Beattie says. “It enabled me to receive my orthodontic specialty training while at the same time doing original research at a facility that was world renowned for studying the development of the human face.” During this time, he became very close to the Broadbents.

“The impetus for me giving back to the university was to ensure that the Broadbents’ names are forever remembered there for the original research, and the tremendous contributions they made to the university,” Dr. Beattie says. “Working with them was truly inspirational.”

Dr. Beattie is passing along that legacy of inspiration. His oldest son, John, followed his father’s footsteps into a career in orthodontics, and his other son, Jeff, chose a career in oral and maxillofacial surgery. His daughter, Kim, chose law as her career.

“John conducted original research at St. Louis University under Lyle Johnston, D.D.S., Ph.D., who at one time was head of the Orthodontic Department at CWRU,” Dr. Beattie says. “John received a national award for his research from the American Association of Orthodontists, as did I years ago, and so we are the only father and son team in the history of the AAO to both be recognized with awards for original research.”

Today Dr. Beattie lives a good life in Florida with his wife of 51 years, Ernestine. An All-American swimmer in his college days, a World Master’s Swimming world record holder, and an open water champion who has swum the English Channel, Dr. Beattie still loves to swim and hosts an annual one-mile open water swim (followed by a pancake party) that kicks off from right behind his home on Lake Maitland in Winter Park. He is scheduled to be the subject of an upcoming PBS documentary. Dr. Beattie’s characteristic love of life includes a deep passion for the dental profession, which he hopes to pass on to the next generation of students, residents, and other practicing orthodontists.

“I have found dentistry to be very rewarding, and so has my family,” Dr. Beattie says. “I would tell students to seize those moments during their postgraduate educations. Those moments are going to last only two to three years, and in that time they have the opportunity to acquire vast knowledge. I think it’s exciting for new students to go in and surround themselves with all the information that’s available to them, and then figure out the best way to dive in, totally immersing themselves, while seeking answers to the questions that are still out there.”

And when Dr. Jack Beattie says “dive in,” it’s wise to listen.

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Summertime, and the livin’ is... busy for SMDEP students and mentors

BY RON RAJECKI

Another summer at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine meant another year of participation in the Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP), a six-week academic enrichment program that offers freshman and sophomore college students intensive and personalized medical and dental school preparation. The program is sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

CWRU is one of only 12 schools in the country to host the SMDEP, which grew out of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Minority Medical Education Program (MMEP). Over the years, the program has been expanded to include pre-dental as well as pre-medical students.

Kristin Williams, D.D.S. ’89, M.P.H., an assistant professor in the Department of Community Dentistry, says that the students, and the faculty who serve as mentors, have a busy and fun six weeks.

All the SMDEP students work on a public health project, Dr. Williams explains. They’re put into small groups, and choose a project. At the end of the program all the mentors and students come together and each group presents its project.

The students also attend a writing strategies course to help them with their formalized writing abilities. They all bring in a sample of their writing and are taught how to enhance their writing for admissions, and how to write their personal statements.

“We also make sure the pre-dental students receive at least one operating room experience,” Dr. Williams says. “They go into the OR either with pediatric patients in the Tapper Clinic at Rainbow, or with our oral surgeons from the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. In addition, they have one or two clinical experiences in which they shadow students and preceptors in the clinic downstairs.

“It’s funny,” she adds, “when the pre-dental was first included in the program, the preceptors were a little worried about having more than one student at a time. Now, the preceptors ask me when the SMDEP starts and when the students are coming. The preceptors are enjoying the program as much as the students are.”

The SMDEP students receive hands-on experiences in the dental simulation lab, such as actually filling a composite and an amalgam. They are also “treated” to a dental anatomy course.

“Dental anatomy is the largest body of knowledge and most difficult course to learn in the freshman year,” Dr. Williams says. “If a freshman is going to fail a course, it’s usually dental anatomy. So we’ve put together a ‘mini’ dental anatomy course for the SMDEP students. Any dental school they go to will have a dental anatomy course in the freshman year — they might call it something else, but it’s still dental anatomy. The students have all enjoyed the preparation we’ve given them for that course.”

The SMDEP students also have the opportunity to spend time with the residents. This has proven to be a “win-win,” as the residents are still young enough that they can relate to the SMDEP students, and the students get personal insights into some of the specialty areas beyond general dentistry.

There is another benefit to the School of Dental Medicine from the SMDEP, according to Dr. Williams: by the end of the course, it’s common for some of the medical students to have taken an interest in dentistry “We often have two or three of the pre-med students decide they may want to become pre-dental,” Dr. Williams said. “In fact, some of our current dental students are students who came here for the SMDEP program.”

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Graduating students of the School of Dental Medicine gathered with their families, friends and the school's faculty and staff for their graduation celebration held at the Church of the Covenant in Cleveland on May 16th.

The graduates' self-reported plans are:

- Private Practice – 26
- AEGD/GPR – 18
- Military – 9
- Dental Anesthesia – 1
- Specialty Training – 15
  - Endodontics – 3
  - Oral Surgery – 3
  - Orthodontics – 2
  - Pediatric Dentistry – 7
- The Class of 2010 – 69 Graduates
“I came to CWRU School of Dental Medicine because I loved the curriculum and the philosophy, especially the hands on approach to learning. This school’s reputation is second to none and I look forward to the upcoming challenge to becoming the best dentist I can be.”

— Brady Burton

STATISTICS ON THE CLASS OF 2014
32 female
41 male

States/Countries Represented:
15 Ohio
8 California, Washington, Arizona
8 Colorado, Oregon, Utah, Idaho
7 Michigan, Illinois
2 Minnesota, Wisconsin
4 Massachusetts, Maine
8 New York, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania
5 North Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Texas
10 Canada
4 Korea
1 Bermuda
1 Bulgaria

“Welcome to the Class of 2014. Remember, “It’s all in the family” at Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine!”

LEGACY MATTERS
An important part of any university is the ongoing tradition of family members attending the institution. Today, the School of Dental Medicine is still committed to honoring our Legacy Families because we realize alumni can pay no greater compliment to their graduating institution then by sending family members to their alma mater.

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8 California, Washington, Arizona
8 Colorado, Oregon, Utah, Idaho
7 Michigan, Illinois
2 Minnesota, Wisconsin
4 Massachusetts, Maine
8 New York, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania
5 North Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Texas
10 Canada
4 Korea
1 Bermuda
1 Bulgaria
Greetings, fellow alumni! We have been planning some great programs and I’d like to update you on all that’s going on with your Alumni Association.

White Coat Ceremony
The White Coat Ceremony to welcome the new dental students was held at CWRU on August 6, 2010. Dr. Karl Schneider, class of ’71, the Vice President of the Dental Alumni Association, was on hand to provide a warm welcome to the new students.

Reunion Weekend, May 13–15, 2011
Our Reunion Weekend next spring should be great. Details for the reunion classes and gala awards dinner will be sent in plenty of time for you to make your plans to attend.

Our Activities Committee, headed by Nick Fratantonio, ’83, has been planning a spectacular weekend. Family, fun, continuing education, food, wine tastings, winery tours, and our beautiful great Lake Erie are all part of this fantastic, fun filled, family weekend. You should not miss this event! We will be sending all the information regarding this event soon.

Programs with Dental Students
Earlier this year, Amberlee Taylor, ’08, Nick Fratantonio, ’83, and I met with about 25 students to discuss what the Alumni Association could do to help the current students. Our goal was twofold: to help the students and to begin a close relationship with the Alumni Association that will carry over with their involvement when they become alumni. The students’ request was to provide them more information regarding practice management. To that end, we will present two practice management luncheon meetings each semester, with different speakers. We will also review the existing practice management information being given to the students in class and see what additional information we can provide to supplement this. If you have an interest in presenting one of these programs, please email me.

Board Members Wanted!
We will be looking for six to eight new members next year.

I’d like to extend my sincere thanks to the 23 current members on the board. Of our 23 members, five are members-at-large. That leaves 18 “local” members for the 20 spots that are allowed (we are allowed an unlimited number of at-large members).

The two-limit term of 6 members ends in June, so our numbers will drop. This allows us to recruit new members and new points of view.

If you would like to join your Alumni Board, now is a great time to join a great group of people. Please visit http://dental.case.edu/alumni/resources.html and fill out the Alumni Association Board of Directors application form.

As you can see, we are doing a lot. I’d like to encourage you to please get involved, and I’d love to hear from you. Send me an email and share what’s on your mind!

Stu Katz, D.D.S ’69
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REUNION WEEKEND 2010

4. Phil Aftoora, Celeste Mohr ’85 and Barry Lazor ’85.
5. Jerry ’70 and Michele Goldberg with Zvia and Bob ’70 Weinstein.
7. Rick Beitel, Erica Wazney ’05, Michael Fioritto ’02, Nicole Fioritto ’05, Michael Mack ’05, Lori Mack.
Class Photos

'40–'50
Edward Ferreri '40, Dean Jerold Goldberg '70, James Claypool '50

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First Row: Ronald Bell, Burton Saidel, Edward Falkner
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REUNION WEEKEND 2010

Class Photos

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Second Row: Gerald York, Michael Zabell, Charles Kalinsky, Robert Weinstein, Jerold Goldberg, Lance McGannon

'75
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Second Row: William Schwartz, Marion Wazney, Neil Brofman, Cynthia Slack, Jefferson Jones

'85
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Third Row: Pegg Vanek-McDonough, Mehrdad Vajdi, Cynthia Marshall-Petroff, Cara Fawcett, Loren Frunker, Perry Sarie, John Capogna
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Second Row: Michael Mack, Nicole Fioritto, Alison Allin, Amy Richter, Jill Weber
1940

Ralph Bates is a retired Air Force colonel. At 96, he still drives. He lives in Pottsboro, TX.

Edward Ferrer is 94 years old; lives in East Cleveland, OH, with his wife, Jeanne; sings in a choir; dances; plays a drum in a trio; makes windmills, airplanes and helicopters from soda cans; and makes mobiles from PVC pipe. “Everyone wants what I make, and I have no competition,” he writes.

1950

James Claypool is president of Clayway Estates Tag Sales. He set up the Claypool Fund through the Ohio Dental Association Foundation to award scholarships and grants to dental students. He winters in Hobe Sound, FL, but otherwise lives in Grants to dental students. He winters in Westfield Center, OH, and enjoys spending time with his children.

Edward Stibbe Jr. is retired and lives in Solon, OH.

Gordon Tropf has homes in Toledo, OH, and Ft. Myers, FL, although he was hoping to sell the Ohio home this past summer.

Gerald Waxman lives and works in Beachwood, OH, where he also keeps busy with photography, dog-walking, tennis and traveling.

Laurence Wright is retired and lives in Amherst, NY. Classmates can reach him through his wife, Joan, at jwright8282@gmail.com.

1955

Robert Abbott Jr. has been retired for 20 years. He lives in Newark, OH.

Russell Glauser officiates in the Latter Day Saints temple in Mesa, AZ, two days a week.

Stephen Kiss lives in Cape Coral, FL, and spends his summers in North Carolina with his wife, Barbara.

Nolan Petry is living in Hudson, OH.

Burmel Pinkerton lives in Westfield Center, OH, and enjoys spending time with his children.

1956

H. Gene Shafer retired in 2006 to study writing online with The Writer’s Workshop in New York and with the Long Ridge Writer’s Group in West Redding, CT. He is currently writing short stories, personal experience essays, and a memoir. He recently wrote a piece for CWRU’s “think” online news source. It is available at http://case.edu/think/voice/dentistry.html

1960

Lloyd Elkowitz practiced as a dental anesthesiologist for 45 years. He retired three years ago and now lives in Bridgehampton, NY, and Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

Evan Francis is a retired Air Force colonel and retired prosthodontist. He lives in Orem, UT.

Cyril Jendrisak is semi-retired in Akron, OH. He is an associate of John Nabors, D.D.S. ’85, and works for Summa Dental Center at Akron City Hospital.

1965

Richard Barboni lives in San Francisco.

Andrew Bekeny is still practicing orthodontics in North Olmsted, OH. He and his wife of 46 years, Ilze Bekeny ’65, live in Westlake, OH. She retired from private practice in 2001 and 27 years of teaching comprehensive care at her dental school alma mater in 2007.

William Frank retired in 1996. He and his wife, Celeste, live in Grand Junction, CO.

James Mikula lives in Rocky River, OH, and practices in Lakewood, OH.

Kenneth Miller is retired and living with his wife, Bobbie, in Calabasas, CA.

1966

James McGraw was honored as the 2010 Distinguished Alumnus for the University of Washington School of Dentistry where he completed his Endodontics training in 1969. He has been active in organized dentistry along with teaching at the university.
1970

Gary Galicki lives in Perryville, MD.
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Barry Jaffe has practiced for 40 years and primarily concentrates on orthodontics and implants. He practices in Parma Heights, OH, lives in Pepper Pike, OH, and has a second home in southern California, where he spends about half the year.
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Jim Olson is retired and lives in Hamilton, MT.
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Robert Redfield is retired in Seattle but occasionally lectures on anesthesiology at the University of Washington. He is a member of the Royal Society for Public Health, of which the queen of England is a patron.

Bob Weinstein and his wife, Zvia, live in Santa Monica, CA.

1974

Bob Stilgenbauer and his wife, Jane, live in Lorain, OH. He closed his practice due to illness. He also has retired his persona as “Blacksmith Bob” at the Amherst Historical Society and blacksmithing badge counselor for the Boy Scouts.
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1975

Gregory Davenport of Cortland, OH, owns a banquet center and health club.

Stephen Nechvatal is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon in Flint, MI. He’s also a private pilot who flies around the country to visit baseball parks. He is a Cleveland Indians fan and has participated in the Indians and Tigers fantasy camps.
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Gary Schopfer is chief of dentistry and involved in the general practice dentistry residency program at St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, NY.

David Williams has been a provider for El Nino Rey, an organization that provides free dental care in the mountains of Guerrero, Mexico, for the past six years. He and his wife, Diane, live in Evanston, IL.

1970

Gary Galicki ’70

Barry Jaffe ’70

Jim Olson

1974

Bob Stilgenbauer

Bob Weinstein

Gary Galicki ’70

Barry Jaffe ’70

Gary Schopfer ’75

Jerold S. Goldberg ’70 (left) and Greater Cleveland Dental Society Immediate Past President Dr. Roderick H. Adams Jr.

Jerold S. Goldberg in May received the 2010 Dr. Ervin P. Mason Distinguished Service Award from the Greater Cleveland Dental Society. The award honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the GCDS and the greater Cleveland community as a whole.

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1977

Sam Muslin was featured in an April 13 Wall Street Journal article and on an April 30 episode of "The Doctors." Both were about cosmetic dentistry as an alternative to face lifts. Dr. Muslin's website is faceliftdentistry.com.

1980

Taisa Browar is chairwoman of the dental benefits committee of the Chicago Dental Society and is practicing endodontics three-fourths time. EMAI: healthysmile@msn.com

Jefferson Jones retired in May. He lives in San Diego. EMAI: jonzes@prodigy.net

Robert Kestenbaum has been in private practice for 30 years, first in Houston, then in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. He's also involved with sports dentistry through the Academy for Sports Dentistry. He and his wife, Emma, live in Arlington, TX. EMAI: bkest@att.net

Neil Kogan married his wife, Jacqueline, in January. They live in Solon, OH, and he practices in Lyndhurst, OH. EMAI: drkgz@yahoo.com

Richard Kren is a varsity football coach for the offensive line at Strongsville High School, Strongsville, OH. He and his wife, Janice, live in Middleburg Heights, OH, and he practices in Parma Heights, OH. EMAI: drkren@wideopenwest.com

1985

Karen Clister recently sold her Benton Harbor, MI, general practice of 24 years. She is relocating to West Virginia.

Cynthia Forster specializes in oral conscious sedation dentistry in Canton, OH. In May, she participated in the 10th annual Great Strides walk for cystic fibrosis. She began the Canton effort of the national event after cystic fibrosis was diagnosed in one of her daughters, Jennifer. She also has another daughter, Emily. Dr. Forster also is a black belt in karate and is working toward her second-degree black belt. EMAI: cforsterdds@neo.rr.com

Karen Klocko has been in private practice since 1987. She lives in Maryland and has attended Dawson Dental Academy courses, many of them via Spear Education in Seattle, and also has taken many cosmetic dentistry courses. EMAI: drklocko@aol.com

Barry Lazar practices in South Euclid, OH, and lives in Lakewood, OH. EMAI: barrylazar@hotmail.com

Celeste (Willis) Mohr practices in Spring, TX. EMAI: celestemohr@sbcglobal.net

CORRECTIONS We apologize for these errors:

2001

The son of Rebecca Robbins '01 is Brennan. A previous issue of The Art of Dentistry identified him as Brenna.

2004

Maryam Azadi is a member of the class of 2004. A previous issue of The Art of Dentistry, about the opening of her Westlake, OH, practice called Beautiful Smiles, identified her as a member of the class of 2005.
1989

Michael DeGould (oral surgery ’89) received a patent for a hand and digit immobilizer for pulse oximetry that prevents the patient from dislodging the oximeter probe. He has a solo practice with offices in Rockford and Freeport, IL.
EMAIL: mddegould@aol.com

1990

Joseph Herman and his wife, Michelle Handel-Herman, live in Delray Beach, FL. “My wife and I are very busy running two pediatric dental offices, one in Boca Raton and the other in Wellington, FL,” he writes. They both are part of the medical team for the NHL’s Florida Panthers. The oldest of their four sons, Lyle, is a dental student at CWRU.
EMAIL: herman131@aol.com

1994

Shanie Covert (please see 1995).

1995

Edward Covert has been in private practice in Jacksonville, NC, since 2004, with his business partner, Thomas Bell. He and his wife, Shanie Covert DEN ’94, are involved in charitable work for juvenile diabetes, the military, and the underserved. Shanie has been in private solo practice in Sneads Ferry, NC, since 1996 and recently opened another office in Jacksonville.
EMAIL: covertdds@aol.com

1997

Nalorn Sengamphan is a major in the Army Dental Corps stationed at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii. In fall 2009, she participated in a humanitarian mission to provide dental care to people living in impoverished areas in her native Cambodia. On each of four days, she and her team saw an average of 35 patients and extracted 95 teeth.

Nalorn Sengamphan ’97 on a humanitarian mission in her native Cambodia in fall 2009.

1998

William Liu and Kayla (Dao) Mai, ’00, were married on March 6 in Los Angeles.

2000

Allen Park practices in Stoney Creek, Ontario.
EMAIL: allen_park_dds@hotmail.com

Kayla (Dao) Mai (please see 1998)

2002

Marzieh (Marzy) Oghabian is practicing in the San Jose area. She recently married.

2005

Galen Geraets
practices in Fort Collins, CO.
EMAIL: galengeraets@hotmail.com

Galen Geraets ’05
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Donor Recognition Event

Dean Jerold Goldberg hosted the School of Dental Medicine’s annual donor recognition event on Sunday, June 27th. A brunch was held at the Club at Hillbrook in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. The guests included donors to the school and dental students who received scholarships.

Lysle E. Johnston, Jr., D.D.S., Ph.D., received special honors for his generous support of the dental school. We appreciate the support of our alumni and friends of the School of Dental Medicine. This event is an additional way to show our gratitude and to say thank you.
IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of these School of Dental Medicine Alumni and extend heartfelt condolences to their loved ones.

John J. Blaszczak, ’84, of Virginia Beach, VA, died April 15. He was 51. A native of Schenectady, NY, he earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Pittsburgh and had lived in Virginia Beach since 1984, when he moved there after dental school for his internship. He began his practice the next year. He was the recipient of a fellowship from the International Congress of Implantologists. Among those surviving him are his parents, a sister, a brother, and sister-in-law.

Kevin Carlozzi, ’98, of Lyndhurst, OH, died April 3. He was 36. He is survived by his parents (including his father, John A. Carlozzi, ’60), a brother (John C. Carlozzi, ’96) and sister-in-law, two nieces and a nephew, and a grandmother. His uncle, Louis Carlozzi, ’60 also graduated from the dental school.

Matthew L. DiMatteo, ’77, of Hamilton, NJ, died Sept. 1, 2009. He was 82.

Duke Elliott, ’45, was of Amherst, OH, and died May 4, 1995.

Sebastian “Sam” J. Furio, ’63, of Kingston, MA, died April 9. He was 71. He is survived by his wife, Donna, two daughters and two sons-in-law, four grandchildren, a sister and brother-in-law, and several nieces and nephews.

Seymour “Casey” Kasimov, ’47, died July 14. He was 86. He is survived by two sons and their wives, as well as four grandchildren and one stepgranddaughter. A brother preceded him in death.

John Kostas, ’61, has died. He was 79. He is survived by his wife, Sofia, two daughters, two sons, a daughter-in-law, a son-in-law, three grandchildren, a brother, a sister-in-law, and several other relatives.

Kenneth Kuo, ’07, has died. He was the staff dentist for the dental center at University Hospital, Cincinnati, where he had completed his general dentistry residency after dental school. Dr. Kuo was an active member of the Academy of General Dentistry, the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, the American Dental Association, the Ohio Dental Association, and the Cincinnati Dental Society.

Theodore E. McKinley, ’44, of Lakewood, OH, died in August. He was 90. Dr. McKinley practiced dentistry in Lakewood for more than 50 years, retiring when he was 80. He is survived by a daughter, a son and their spouses; four grandchildren; and one grandchild. He was preceded in death by a son, a brother, and former wives Betty and Marilyn. As he requested, his body was donated to Case Western Reserve School of Medicine.

Marcellus Malcolm Peare Sr., ’65, of Carthage, Texas, died July 25. He was 78. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in industrial engineering, then served as a second lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers and in the Army Reserves. He worked for Texas Eastern Transmission Corp. for four years, also attending Centenary College in Shreveport, LA for one of those years. After graduating from dental school, he opened his private dental practice in Shreveport and practiced dentistry for 35 years. His education also included a master’s degree in pastoral care from Loyola University. He is survived by three sons, two daughters, two daughters-in-law, eight grandchildren, two brothers, a sister, a sister-in-law, three nieces, and two nephews.

James E. Robinson Sr., ’53, died March 13. He was 87. He had practiced family dentistry in Cleveland for more than 30 years. He is survived by a son, a daughter, a son-in-law, a granddaughter, and a sister. His death notice also listed as a survivor his partner, Betty Hinkle, and several other relatives and friends.
George A. Seeley, ’50, died June 21. He was 91. The native of Oak Harbor, MI, earned his undergraduate degree at Miami University and was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in the Medical Administrative Corps for five years and in the Dental Corps in Germany for two years during the Korean War. In 1993, he and his wife moved from Akron, OH, to Naples, FL.

Frank W. Stout, ’57, of Gainesville, FL, died March 1. He was 79. A native of Detroit, he earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Detroit. After dental school and private practice in Houston Lake, MI, he attended Duke University for graduate work in research. Dr. Stout taught at universities in Maryland and South Carolina before joining the faculty at the University of Florida College of Dentistry in 1972. He retired in 1995. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy (Dot), a son, a daughter, a granddaughter, and many nieces and nephews. A sister preceded him in death.

Roscoe E. Swartz, ’56, died May 4. He was 79. Dr. Swartz was an undergraduate alumnus of the College of Wooster and after dental school was a captain in the U.S. Air Force Dental Corps in Japan for two years. Afterward, he completed an oral surgery and anesthesiology internship at Cincinnati General Hospital. He established an oral surgery practice in Chillicothe, OH, in 1961 and had it for 48 years. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Elizabeth, two daughters and two sons and their spouses, 11 grandchildren, and a sister.

James P. Whitney, ’52, died in August. He was 87. He was preceded in death by his wife, Claudia, and a brother. He is survived by two sons David ’81, ’83 (Elaine ’84) and Scott ’92, a daughter, two daughters-in-law, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

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October 1, 2010
Reception for All Alumni and Friends
Hosted by Alumni Association Board of Directors
Held at the School of Dental Medicine
on campus – Cleveland, OH
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

October 9, 2010
Reception at the American Dental Association
Annual Session
The Peabody Orlando
Orlando, FL
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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November 1, 2010
Dinner at the American Academy of Periodontology
Annual Meeting
Celebration Dinner to honor Dr. Nabil Bissada for being
awarded the AAP’s 2010 Outstanding Periodontal
Educator Award
Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa
Honolulu, HI
5:30 p.m.

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April 8-9, 2011
Reunion of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial
Alumni, Faculty and Friends
Ritz-Carlton, Cleveland, OH

May 13-15, 2011
Reunion Weekend for classes with years ending in 1 and 6
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