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DEAR FRIENDS,

This past fall, the CWRU School of Dental Medicine had an extraordinarily favorable site visit from the American Dental Association’s Commission on Dental Accreditation. This visit can only lead to the most positive response from the commission. Everyone affiliated with our school should be tremendously proud of this achievement. I would like to thank the staff and faculty for all their time, dedication, and hard work.

At each accreditation site visit, the ADA’s accreditation team evaluates the programs of the school in relation to prescribed standards. There are more than 580 standards to be evaluated, and the team may make recommendations indicating that the school has not achieved a particular standard. Looking at both our pre-doctoral program and graduate programs, we haven’t received a single recommendation over the past two site visits. These visits occur every seven years. This means that we have not received a single recommendation over the last 14 years – a remarkable accomplishment.

At the site visit seven years ago, the accreditation team for the ADA was allowed to give official commendations in addition to recommendations, and our school received many commendations. The commission is no longer allowed to give commendations; however, we were gratified to hear overwhelmingly positive responses coming from the site visitors. The compliments ranged from our preparation for the accreditation process, to the quality of our programs, to the appreciation for our innovative programs and the four year implementation of our R.E.A.L. curriculum.

Although it takes two years to prepare for an accreditation site visit, the accreditation itself really reflects all the work that’s done between visits. The dental school has grown in many ways. We have a much larger staff and faculty, conduct significantly more research, and recruit students with outstanding academic credentials.
Now it’s back to work.

Many schools may “take a breath” after this sort of intensive experience. At Case Western Reserve University, we use the accrediting process as a springboard to move forward. After the last accreditation visit, we immediately began planning a new curriculum. After this visit, we immediately began to review the vision component of our strategic plan to ensure we are responding to long-term goals consistent with the rapidly changing external environment. We will scrutinize the curriculum, dig into what we said we were going to do, identify what we accomplished, define what still needs to be done, and design a plan to implement the things that will enhance our programs.

Many of you are aware that an alarming number of new dental schools have been or are being created in recent years. These schools are mainly at institutions that are not research-intensive and the new schools’ commitment to creating new knowledge is unsure. These schools will create many additional dentists and bring a significant increase in competition to the marketplace. This may significantly change what our profession looks like and its status. Additionally, this will exacerbate an already existing faculty shortage.

For these reasons I think the external environment is going to change dramatically over the next few years, and we need to be proactive in responding to these changes. While we can all celebrate our recent successes, we don’t have time to bask in our accomplishments. There’s work to do, questions to answer, and, most importantly, students to educate.

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Yiping Han, Ph.D., an associate professor in the Department of Periodontics, reports the first documented link between a mother with pregnancy-associated gum disease to the death of her fetus.

The findings are discussed in the article, “Term Stillbirth Caused by Oral Fusobacterium nucleatum,” in the February, 2010 issue of Obstetrics & Gynecology.

Han’s research lab is working on understanding the role variations of oral F. nucleatum have on pre-term labor and stillbirths.

During the mother’s pregnancy, she told Han she experienced excessive gingival bleeding, a symptom of pregnancy-associated gingivitis. Bleeding associated with the gingivitis allowed the bacteria, normally contained to the mouth by the body’s defense system, to enter the blood and work its way to the placenta. The mother delivered her full-term baby at 39 weeks and five days.

Han suspects from work with animal models that the bacteria entered the immune-free amniotic fluid and eventually was ingested by the baby. Postmortem microbial studies of the baby found the presence of F. nucleatum in the lungs and stomach. The baby had died from a septic infection and inflammation caused by bacteria.

After questioning the mother about her health during the pregnancy, Han arranged for her to visit a periodontist, who collected plaque samples from her teeth. Using DNA cloning technologies, Han found a match between the bacterium in the mother’s mouth and the bacterium in the baby’s infected lungs and stomach.

Han, who has spent the past decade taking her oral bacteria research from the lab to the bedside, says this points again to the growing importance of good oral health care.

Collaborating with Han on the study were Yann Fardini, Casey Chen, Karla G. Iacampo, Victoria A. Peraino, Jaime Shamonki and Raymond W. Redline. The study had support from the National Institutes of Health’s Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.

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CWRU research links oral bacteria in mother with stillbirth

BY SUSAN GRIFFITH

DENTAL SCHOOL HONORED FOR ACCESS TO CARE

BY SUSAN GRIFFITH

For its efforts in addressing the oral health needs of underserved children and adults, the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine was honored with the Access to Dental Care Award during the Callahan Celebration of Excellence, which was held in conjunction with the 143rd Ohio Dental Association (ODA) Annual Session in Columbus in August 2009.

In order to address access to dental care issues in Cuyahoga County, the CWRU dental school has developed and worked with the following programs:

- **Give Kids a Smile.** The dental school has partnered with the ODA and the Greater Cleveland Dental Society for Give Kids a Smile activities in an effort to help underserved children receive needed dental care and to raise awareness about children’s dental health needs. The dental school has partnered with the program since it began in 2002. Over the past seven years, the collective amount of donated/free care has exceeded $300,000.

- **Healthy Smiles Sealant Program.** Now in its 10th year, the Healthy Smiles Sealant Program continues to expand the number of free sealants for all kindergarten, second-grade, and sixth-grade students in the Cleveland school system.
DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM COMBINES D.M.D. AND MASTER’S IN CLINICAL RESEARCH

BY RON RAJECKI

Promoting better scholars in dental school and encouraging dental students to pursue clinical research are the goals for a new five-year dual degree program that combines a D.M.D. degree with a master’s degree in clinical research.

Suchitra Nelson, Ph.D., associate professor in the Department of Community Dentistry, is heading up the dual degree program at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine. The program is being funded at the dental school through a five-year training grant from the National Institutes of Health’s National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR).

“The main intent of the program stems from the shortage of dental faculty nationwide,” Dr. Nelson says. “I wanted to help increase the pipeline in order to create more dental scholars who are better prepared to pursue academic careers, do research, and be more in tune with the most recent clinical research that they can use for their own clinical practice. This program is designed to enhance the overall development of the dentist, so students will think of dentistry as a scholarly profession and not just a trade.”

The dual D.M.D./Master’s Degree is awarded jointly by the School of Dental Medicine and the School of Graduate Studies. Dr. Nelson says she fashioned the dental school’s program after the medical school’s dual M.D./M.S. program. The dental school’s program started in August 2009, and one student is currently pursuing the dual degree track. There is enough funding for two students to enroll for the first two years of the program, then three students in the last three years. Any first- and second-year dental student is eligible to apply for the dual degree program.

“There is a lot of interest, but we will carefully screen everyone who applies for the program so that they can successfully complete both degrees,” Dr. Nelson says. She adds that to her knowledge this is the first training program at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine to be funded through the NIDCR.

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• Head Start Program. Pediatric dental residents travel to see children in Head Start preschools every six months to provide exams and fluoride varnish to reduce decay.

• Xylitol for Caries Prevention in Inner-city Children. The Healthy Bears for Healthy Teeth program, which began in October 2007, targets underserved children in East Cleveland. The purpose of the program is to determine if the xylitol-added gummy bears will reduce cavities in first-emerging permanent teeth.

• The Free Clinic. In 2006, a formal affiliation agreement extended the clinical experience for third- and fourth-year dental students to the Free Clinic.

• Student Alliance. Members of the group donate their time performing elementary school dental education programs as well as assisting with Give Kids a Smile activities.

In addition, Jerold S. Goldberg D.D.S. ’70, dean of the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine, has been appointed to the Ohio Department of Health’s Task Force on Access to Dental Care for his leadership on access issues. Dr. Goldberg said it’s important to engage students in the professional duty of caring for the underserved.

“Being a member of the health care profession is a privilege that entails obligations to society,” he said. “We try to model over and over again for our students how our profession can meet these obligations.”
These are heady times at the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine. The school just earned the status Accreditation “without reporting requirements” from the American Dental Association’s Commission on Dental Accreditation. This is the most positive report the commission can provide. The financial picture is solid, the research enterprise is thriving, and an award-winning curriculum is being employed to provide consistently outstanding educations to students.

However, the lives of institutions, just like those of individuals, have ups and downs. It may be difficult to believe, if one were to simply look at the snapshot of the school today, but the school faced some very difficult times in the not too distant past. In fact, just 20 years ago there was a very real possibility of the dental school suffering the fate of dental schools at Northwestern, Emory, Georgetown, and other notable universities, and shutting its doors forever.

Long-serving faculty have guided the School of Dental Medicine through stormy seas and put it on a clear course to excellence

BY RON RAJECKI
The fact that the school came through those tough times stronger than ever is a tribute to the vision of its leadership, and the devotion and dedication of its longest serving faculty. In fact, faculty members who were with the school before 1985 played a key role in helping the school survive a very difficult period of transition in the late 1980s and early 1990s. The individuals interviewed for this story have been asked to share their viewpoints since they personally have seen the greatest changes — both good and bad — during their tenure. We thank them for their dedication, loyalty, hard work and passion to make our dental school even better.

The school had been reaccredited in 1987, but it was losing its state aid, which was a mainstay of its support. It was also a period where the number of applicants to dental schools had dropped precipitously. To remain fiscally and educationally viable, the school contracted during this period in terms of the number of students, staff, and faculty. The difficult decision was also made to eliminate the Department of Oral Biology.

In 1994, the ADA determined that, because of the cutbacks, the dental school could not offer all the areas of the comprehensive program that was required of a modern dental school at that time. A provisional accreditation loomed. The university administration at that time was closing other schools on campus, and the future of the dental school was uncertain. The university decided to support the school, but its patience was not unlimited.

The solution was to turn to the full professors at the school. A committee on academic status composed solely of the full professors decided that they should accept responsibility for the continuity of the school. That committee put together a model that included all the things its members felt a dental school should include. Jerold Goldberg, D.D.S. ’70, then chairman of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Department, was appointed temporary chairman. He took the committee’s model to the trustees of the university and they accepted it. Dr. Goldberg was appointed interim dean, and he began to implement the model.

More than 15 years later, Dr. Goldberg has long ago shed the word “interim” from his title, and is widely credited for his role in the school’s success.


“In February of 1989, I was in full-time private practice and I was coming into the school one day per week to do some teaching and research. In August of that year I was named the head of the Orthodontic Department and director of the Graduate Orthodontic Program,” Dr. Hans says.

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At the first meeting as a member of the faculty, Dr. Hans was asked to vote on closing the Department of Oral Biology, or closing the school. “That’s what it was like in 1989,” he says. “There was a real question as to whether we could even exist as a school.”

Dr. Hans says he has not forgotten the pain of the decision to close the Department of Oral Biology. “When we closed Oral Biology we lost a good deal of our scientific base, and that put us out of touch with the rest of the university,” he says. “The dental school always turned out well-trained practitioners, but we weren’t in the business of creating new knowledge. We weren’t taking care of the future of dentistry and creating the knowledge to advance the profession.”

However, Dr. Hans knew that despite the struggles, there were still several excellent departments at the school, including his Department of Orthodontics. While the decision to close the Department of Oral Biology was a difficult one, the school survived and grew.

As a full professor in the 1980s, Nabil Bissada, D.D.S., M.S.D., participated in the academic committee that helped turn the school around. He says that the new curriculum’s focus on critical thinking and problem-solving are important elements of the school’s success.

“I was involved in several strategic plans for the school, and the idea for the new curriculum came from a team effort. We felt that the old curriculum was overcrowded and was too heavy on ‘spoon-feeding’ students with lectures,” Dr. Bissada says. “We asked ourselves, ‘How can we move from the 20th century to the 21st?’”

The resulting new curriculum, which is heavy on applied science and hands-on learning, has quickly become one of the strongest and most popular features of the school.

“The outcome of all the changes we have gone through over the years is very clear from the recent visit by the accreditation team,” Dr. Bissada says. “It was a very positive experience.”

Several of the longest serving members of the faculty cite the strong leadership brought to the school by Dr. Goldberg as a crucial difference-maker in the school’s progress.

Michael Landers, D.D.S. ’76, M.A., associate professor, Department of Oral Diagnosis and Oral Radiology, has been a faculty member for more than 30 years. He says he remembers a time when the school was going through a series of interim deans, which caused it to lose sight of its mission. The stability and vision that Dr. Goldberg brought to the school changed all that.

“Dr. Goldberg has faith in his faculty. At many schools everything comes from the top down, but here the faculty are really allowed to be active participants in the institution,” says Dr. Landers.

In addition to having faith in the faculty, an effective Dean must be a good communicator, and collaborate with colleagues in the medical and nursing schools and at the university as a whole, according to Dr. Landers. “When you try to isolate yourself, you get into trouble,” he says.

Dr. Landers adds that despite some of the struggles the dental school has gone through over the years, its students have always received an excellent education because of the dedication of the faculty. “This is an institution that has always cared about its students and wouldn’t put them at risk,” he says.

The changes in the dental school since the difficult times of the late 1980s and early 1990s can be traced not only to the improved curriculum, but also to an improved atmosphere, according to Douglas Amberman, D.D.S. ’67, clinical professor, Department of Orthodontics.

“In the past there was a kind of patriarchal environment: the chairmen of their departments were very strong and very dominant. I think that has changed over the years to a much more collegial environment,” Dr. Amberman says.

Today, the school is successful because it stays focused on the three areas that matter most, according to Dr. Amberman. “We’re centered on our missions as far as service, research, and teaching. And if we stay centered on those three things we’ll continue to do well,” he says.

Louis Castellarin, D.D.S., director of remedial dentistry and a faculty member since 1967, says better times at the dental school have led to the arrival of better students — creating a situation that builds upon itself.

“We’re getting a very high quality of students today,” says Dr. Castellarin, who also serves on the admissions committee. “We interview every student that we accept, and not only are they coming in with very high grades, they have personal qualities that we feel will make them successful when they graduate. Being a strong school means we’re going to get an equally strong contingent of students.”

Dr. Castellarin says the new faculty members who have joined the school in recent years may not even be aware of the struggles the school went through in the past.

“It’s like trying to tell your children about how you had to walk to two miles to and from school each day, uphill both ways,” Dr. Castellarin says with a laugh. “The people being hired and offered positions
today only know the school as it is. And that’s fine because we’re in an entirely different and more positive mentality now than we were 20 years ago.”

As a faculty member since 1964, Ronald Occhionero, D.D.S. ’61, associate dean for administration, remembers both the good times and the bad times very well. But the bad times are in the past and will stay there, he says.

“Today we’re light years away from all of that,” Dr. Occhionero says. “There have been significant advances in virtually all venues here at the school. The clinical training works in conjunction with our involvement in the community and touches many lives, the didactic program is now an interactive learning process, our research efforts have multiplied several fold, and we have received several focused NIH grants. On just about every front there’s activity to improve the learning process for our students and provide evidence-based dental health care for the patients we serve.”

Dr. Occhionero says he believes the key to the turnaround has been the combination of a dedicated faculty and staff under the direction of excellent leadership.

“Leadership came to recognize that the faculties guide the educational process. Leadership can have visions, but it’s the faculty and staff that really carries out those visions,” he says. “As the old saying goes, ‘Deans may come and go, but schools never lose their faculties.’”

Dr. Goldberg says the history of the school has been a roller coaster ride of good times and expansion, and challenging times and contraction. Throughout it all, however, the commitment to providing a high-quality education has always been maintained. He says the energy for the wave of success the school is riding comes from the tension between continuity and change.

“Those of us who have been here a long time have provided the continuity. We have ensured that the school has maintained a continuous commitment to the things that are most important,” Dr. Goldberg says. “We’re very fortunate that the long-serving faculty and staff who provide that continuity are also open-minded and progressive when it comes to change. They help us pay attention to things that are good and that we shouldn’t change, while recognizing those things that could become better through change. They took some risks and they didn’t let up; they continued to work hard and push the envelope even when things started to look better. And they continue to do so to this day.”

“It is remarkable that the entire faculty demonstrated the courage to step out of their comfort zone and to decompress what they taught to change the methodology of delivering educational material,” Dr. Goldberg adds. “In the end, we planned a curriculum that transformed dental education.”

To Roma Jasinevicius, D.D.S. ’76, M.Ed., associate professor in the Department of Comprehensive Care, change is simply a part of life, so she has taken the changes the dental school has gone through over the years in stride.

Dr. Jasinevicius has served on the faculty in at least a part-time role since 1976. Although she has seen the ups and downs, she admits she tends to look at things through rose-colored glasses. What she remembers most about the difficult times is not the struggles, but how the faculty pulled together to save the school.

“One of the great things this school has always had is a culture of collegiality. Not only among the students but among the faculty,” Dr. Jasinevicius says. “Times are not always good, and things are not always easy, but you make it the best that it can be at the time. I think we all really worked together through those hard times and moved forward.

“I really don’t think about the past much,” she adds, “And I see only good things for the future. My perspective has always been, ‘Today is a good day.’ In fact, I end each lecture with the words, ‘It has been so lovely.’”

“Adversity binds people together and success is shared,” adds Dr. Hans. “We had some very difficult times and had to make some very difficult decisions. However, we not only survived, we’ve made some quantum leaps since then. We’re nationally and internationally recognized, and we won the ADEAGies Award for our curriculum. We’ve gone from the brink of disaster to the front of the line.”

Dr. Goldberg concludes that a key to not repeating the missteps of the past is to stick to the school’s strategic plan, while continuously evaluating it. “We constantly rethink and reevaluate our goals and strategies and we think responsibly in terms of allocating time, resources, and energy to achieve the priorities we’ve identified,” Dr. Goldberg says. “We can’t say we’ll never face difficult times again, but I think today we are better positioned than ever to compete in a difficult marketplace.”

Just as the crews of tall ships that set off to explore distant horizons once did, the dedicated faculty of the CWRU School of Dental Medicine have taken the helm and guided the school straight and true. The seas may have been stormy and the journey perilous at times, but with each student that receives an outstanding education the journey’s destination is safely reached. ■
Planning for a new era of graduate dental education

By Mark Hans, D.D.S., M.S.D. ’79, ’81, associate dean of Graduate Studies

During the next five years, we hope to expand the scope of graduate dental education in the School of Dental Medicine. In the past we’ve focused graduate education on the school’s five graduate training programs and our Advanced Education in General Dentistry program. In the future, we want to explore the possibilities of expanding graduate dental education to include a broader range of dentists.

Given the renewed interest in research here at the school, it seems an appropriate time for us to look into a combined D.M.D./Ph.D. program modeled on the program at the medical school that awards a joint M.D./Ph.D. This would allow a career path for our dental students to become dental scientists, thus strengthening the future of dental education. An example of a similar program we’ve already started is the D.M.D./M.S. program, which combines a D.M.D. degree with a master’s degree in clinical research. (See The School of Dental Medicine Today section in this issue.)

Working with the School of Graduate Studies to have Ph.D. candidates supervised by dental school Ph.D. faculty would capitalize on the talents of the school’s outstanding scientists. In addition to the Ph.D. program, we’d like to offer an M.S.D. in clinical research, in specialties such as epidemiology and oral biology.

We also are considering expanding our graduate education program offerings for dentists in the area. One possibility is a nighttime series called What’s New in Dentistry covering topics in all of the specialty areas and providing graduate course credit. The series would focus on the clinical application of scientific findings.

This series would be open to all dentists in the Cleveland area interested in pursuing graduate education at the university, so spread the word and take a few moments to give us your feedback about this idea.

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ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY

Residents enjoy program’s broad scope, specialty insights

Residents of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) program continue to benefit from the program’s broad scope, and also enjoy the insights they receive into the specialties.

“We get a unique overview and a broad scope of dentistry in general,” says Ernest Lai, D.M.D. ’09. “To me, being a general dentist means having a good understanding of all facets of dentistry. The specialties by their very nature are limited in scope. In AEGD we widen our scope to incorporate the specialties and learn how to interact with them.”

Dr. Lai also notes that AEGD provides an important opportunity to learn and practice prosthodontics. “It’s the closest thing to a prosthodontics specialty that the dental school offers,” he says.

Courtney Conway, D.M.D., agrees. “My general dentistry background at Boston University was very limited when it comes to prosthodontics,” Dr. Conway says. “I think this extra year will provide me with good exposure to prosthodontics in an environment where I can learn from some excellent instructors while treating my patients.”

“Dr. Faddoul stresses the importance of treatment planning and seeing the end result before starting a case,” he says.

Howard Pack, D.M.D. ’09, says the AEGD program is increasing his confidence in his treatment planning. “Dr. Faddoul stresses the importance of treatment planning and seeing the end result before starting a case,” he says.

The AEGD program also prepares residents for their studies in the specialty departments. “I have had the opportunity of restoring teeth with endodontic treatment. As I will enter the endodontic program at CWRU this year, understanding the restorability of teeth will be key,” says Jeremy Wilde, D.M.D. ’09.

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ORTHODONTICS

Dr. B. Douglas Amberman Award to honor outstanding senior student

The Department of Orthodontics has announced the creation of the Dr. B. Douglas Amberman Award for Excellence in Orthodontic Education. The award, which includes a $1,000 stipend, will be presented at graduation to the outstanding senior dental student who shows promise in the specialty of orthodontics.

B. Douglas Amberman, D.D.S. ’67, M.S. has served as a clinical professor in the Department of Orthodontics since 1972.

“Dr. Amberman has long been a mentor and friend to me,” says Dr. Amberman, who also teaches the post-doctoral program with the orthodontic residents. “It has been very gratifying and rewarding to have the opportunity to work with the pre-doctoral students all these years, and to perhaps spark in them an interest in orthodontics.”

Dr. Amberman said he always enjoys hearing from former students about how what they learned in his classes may have affected their practices and their lives.

Although he is proud to have the award in his name, Dr. Amberman shared the credit, saying what he has done over the years wouldn’t have been possible without the assistance of many people. He cited two faculty members in particular: Joseph Belhobek, D.D.S. M.S. ’72, ’74 and Charles Boester, D.D.S. M.S. ’70, ’72.

“The award is in recognition of my 35 years in the pre-doctoral orthodontic program,” says Dr. Amberman, who also teaches the post-doctoral program with the orthodontic residents. “It has been very gratifying and rewarding to have the opportunity to work with the pre-doctoral students all these years, and to perhaps spark in them an interest in orthodontics.”

The first-ever B. Douglas Amberman Award will be presented in May, and being on hand to see it presented is particularly gratifying to Dr. Amberman. “I’m very glad it’s not the B. Douglas Amberman Memorial Award,” he says.

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ENDODONTICS

Positive philosophies guide outstanding research

André Mickel, D.D.S., M.S.D. ’94, chairman of the Department of Endodontics, always emphasizes the benefits of being positive and helpful both personally and professionally. This personal belief also characterizes his department.

“We want other departments to know that the Department of Endodontics is always here to work with them and lend them a helping hand when they need it,” he says.

Dr. Mickel is a strong believer in “living life as an exclamation, not an explanation.” He says the way to do that is to be there when people need you, and to always offer — and accept — an outstretched hand. “Avoid negative people, don’t blame others, and don’t expect life to be fair,” he says.

Another of Dr. Mickel’s philosophies is to “think big thoughts but relish small pleasures.” That seems particularly appropriate in light of the upcoming American Association of Endodontics (AAE) meeting, which will be held April 14-17. Residents from the Department of Endodontics have been thinking some big thoughts, and now it’s time to relish the small pleasure of presenting those thoughts in San Diego.

A total of nine abstracts and posters will be presented by the Department of Endodontics at the AAE meeting, with topics including the value of referral-based collaboration between endodontic and pediatric residency programs, treatment selection factors for endodontics vs. implants, and a comparison of the accuracy of cone-beam computed tomography scans and direct digital radiography scans.

Dr. Mickel believes in planting flowers every spring. Time will tell if the seeds planted by the research presented by his department this spring will bloom into new and exciting conversations in the endodontic community.

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PERIODONTICS

Researchers look for link between prostatitis, periodontal disease

Researchers from the Department of Periodontics and University Hospitals have published the results of their research into the association between periodontal disease and prostate-specific antigen (PSA) levels in chronic prostatitis patients, according to Department Chairman Nabil Bissada, D.D.S., M.S.D.

It is known that PSA levels increase in patients who have inflammation or a malignancy of the prostate, but there is some uncertainty about the source of the increase. It may be possible that another, nonprostatic source of PSA — such as the periodontium — may be partially responsible for the increase in PSA levels.

The researchers examined 35 subjects who had undergone prostate biopsies. The mean PSA levels of the patients who had moderate to severe prostate inflammation were indeed found to be higher than those who had mild or no inflammation.

Periodontal examinations of the patients included plaque and gingival indices, bleeding on probing, probing depth, and clinical attachment level (CAL). The researchers looked for any significant differences in the PSA levels between and among the groups of patients who had prostatitis, and patients in whom periodontitis was identified. They found that patients who had both moderate to severe prostatitis and CALs greater than or equal to 2.7 mm had significantly higher mean PSA levels than patients who had only one or neither of the conditions.

“It is possible that periodontitis indirectly contributes to the inflammation of the prostate gland; further studies are being conducted to further elucidate the association and the mechanism of action,” Dr. Bissada says.

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ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

Resident travels overseas for rotation with ‘amazing’ surgeon

Hardeep Dhaliwal, D.M.D., a third-year resident in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, recently traveled to Belgium for a surgical rotation. Dr. Dhaliwal spent two months with Luc Cesteleyn, M.D., D.D.S., Ph.D., Chief of the Department of Craniofacial and Head & Neck Surgery, AZ St Lucas Gent and AZ St Elisabeth Zottegem. Dr. Cesteleyn is a long-time friend of Dale Baur, D.D.S., chairman of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Dr. Cesteleyn has an international reputation for advances in the field of oral...
The Department of Pediatric Dentistry, under the guidance of Undergraduate Program Director Sharon Freudenberger and Clinic Director Masahiro Heima, is developing a comprehensive model for patient care. The new model is designed to replace the current “block system” method of treating patients. Concurrently, the didactic undergraduate course in pediatric dentistry has been completely reviewed and upgraded to include teaching scenarios and simulations. Also, all fourth-year dental students rotate through Tapper Clinic at Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital to observe and manage special needs patients, both in an outpatient setting and in the operating room.

The residency program continues to expand its outreach program by screening Head Start children and prekindergarten students in Cuyahoga County and surrounding counties. To date, more than 8,000 children have been screened.

A Ronald McDonald Care Mobile will be operational by June. The department has entered into this venture with the Ronald McDonald Charities Global Corporation. Through the sponsorship of the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland, and the N.E. Ohio McDonald’s owners, Ronald McDonald Global has provided the funding for the Care Mobile, one of only 17 in the world. The Care Mobile is a 42-foot truck that contains state-of-the-art dental equipment including three dental operatories, panorex and x-rays, and ceiling mounted video screens so children can watch videos during their dental care.

The department will also continue to collaborate in two significant areas of research with the Department of Community Dentistry’s Dr. Suchitra Nelson: the xylitol gummy bear study in East Cleveland, and the very low birth weight or low birth weight studies at University Hospitals and Metro Hospital.

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Devin Conaway is a recipient of a scholarship from the Jeffrey Mills Memorial Scholarship, one of the crucial sources of support to the school. Gifts like 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.

Devin Conaway’s experiences in the dental chair inspired him to become a dentist. He’s getting the chance to pursue that dream at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine thanks to the Jeffrey Mills Memorial Scholarship.

There’s an old saying that “all the world’s a stage,” and that’s an interesting concept for practitioners of the dental arts to remember at every patient visit. You never know when you may have the opportunity to make such an impression on a young patient that he or she will aspire to dentistry.

That was the case for Devin Conaway, a 22-year-old from Phillipsburg, in central Pennsylvania. Conaway is attending the Case Western Reserve School of Dental Medicine thanks in part to assistance from the Jeffrey Mills Memorial Scholarship.

Conaway had a permanent canine positioned horizontally across the top of his mouth. Between his dentist, an oral surgeon, and an orthodontist, he had what he sums up as “a lot of work” done over four or five years. Although the work was painful at times, it served as an inspiration.

“The best teachers I had in high school were science teachers. That and having the good firsthand experiences that I had with my dental work really inspired me to pursue dentistry,” Conaway says. “I wanted to be in a profession where I could help people.”

Conaway first visited the CWRU School of Dental Medicine during the summer following his sophomore year at Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA. He heard about CWRU’s Summer Medical and Dental Education Program through an advisor, and spent several weeks experiencing the dental school. He came away impressed.

Conaway liked the School of Dental Medicine, but what really sold him on the school was the curriculum.

“The incorporation of the problem-based learning and the sealant program that provides patient interaction at the end of the first semester were very attractive to me. We just finished the early patient interaction, and it really helped me become more comfortable around patients,” he says.

Conaway says he would ultimately like to start a practice that he could pass down to his children — once he has some. In the meantime, he plans to enjoy his educational experience at the dental school. He is very grateful for the scholarship that made it possible.

The scholarship that is assisting Conaway at the CWRU Dental School is named for Jeffrey Mills, who was tragically murdered on the day he was going to graduate from the dental school in 1982. An intruder broke into Mills’ Cleveland house that morning, shot Mills and made off with $40 in a crime of senseless violence.

The intruder has never been caught. The money for the scholarship came from a reward fund set up by the Mills family. The reward fund turned into a loan fund, and eventually an endowment.

Jeffrey Mills’ brother, David Mills, D.D.S. ’79, is a practitioner in Euclid. He says the scholarship is a way to keep his brother’s memory alive.

“I went through dental school three years ahead of Jeff, and we both needed a lot of loan assistance, grant assistance, anything that we could scrape together to get through,” Dr. Mills says. “We both attended classes during the day and worked part-time jobs in the evening and weekends, and it was very difficult. So I know Jeff would be grateful that in his memory some financial assistance is available to other students.”

Dr. Mills notes that the students who are benefiting from the scholarship today probably weren’t even born when Jeffrey Mills was killed. “I think it’s really nice that it has become a permanent memorial.”

Despite all the financial difficulties, long hours and hard work that his years at the dental school engendered, Dr. Mills would “absolutely” travel back in time and do it again if he could.

“It was all worth it,” he says. “My dental education at CWRU prepared me for a career in dentistry. I think my little brother would have been a more talented dentist than me. He was the more artistic of the two of us.”

Thanks to the Mills Scholarship, Devin Conaway has the opportunity to make those memories today. “I think there are a lot of alumni who are very aware of what a great school this is,” says Conaway. “I think that’s why so many of them want to give back through things such as scholarships, and help other people experience it.”
ANNUAL TRIP BRINGS DENTAL CARE TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Every January, 15 to 20 junior and senior CWRU dental school students travel to the Dominican Republic for about seven days to provide dental care to the locals of the country. The program, which is in its 11th year, is not a university program but instead is student-run. Participating students raise money to fund their own trip and travel in conjunction with the G3 Foundation, which is run by Len Aste, D.D.S., and Dr. R. Ganon Rowan, D.D.S. ’04.

Along with Dr. Aste and Dr. Rowan, the students meet up with about 10 general practitioners and specialists, including an oral surgeon, endodontist and pediatric dentist. The students have opportunities to take part in many aspects of dentistry, including oral diagnosis, extractions, composite restorations, root canal therapies and pediatric procedures.

“Our primary accomplishment each year is to provide services to those who otherwise would not be able to receive treatment,” says Nathan Muaina, a fourth-year dental student who has traveled with the group each of the last three years. “It is also our objective to instill within each student the spirit of humanitarianism, which they can take with them in their careers and continue to give back to the community and the profession. Last but not least, we strive to provide the students with profound clinical experiences that build clinical skills and confidence.”
There has always been a bit of a rivalry between Dover and New Philadelphia. Located just a few miles apart in eastern central Ohio, the two cities vied in the early 1800s to be the seat of government in Tuscarawas County. That honor went to New Philadelphia in 1808. Dover, however, boomed in the 1820s, when it became a tolling station on the Ohio and Erie Canal.

Today, two CWRU School of Dental Medicine alums make sure their respective cities are well-represented when it comes to supporting their alma mater.

Philip H. Dixon, D.D.S. ’83 who lives and practices in New Philadelphia, and his wife, Carolyn, have chosen to establish a series of charitable gift annuities over a period of years that will benefit the school, but will also help them plan for their retirement.

“I’ve always believed in the statement that the more you give the more you get,” says Dr. Dixon, who also gives generously to his church and community. “I also feel a responsibility to give back to Case Western Reserve. The school helped me work out the economic challenge of advanced education.” This support was particularly helpful to Dr. Dixon as he moved his wife and two young children cross-country to Cleveland after earning his bachelor of science degree from Brigham Young University.

Not to be outdone by his neighbor to the south, R. Malcolm Taylor Jr., D.D.S. ’92, who lives and practices in Dover, and his wife, Peggy, have also given back to the CWRU dental school by establishing charitable gift annuities that will later create a scholarship fund for dental students.

“I sincerely believe that I received an excellent education at CWRU,” Dr. Taylor says. “Because of that education, I am able to live an above-average lifestyle. By giving back to the school through gifts and annuities, alumni and friends of the dental school can perpetuate the school into the future.”

Even during these uncertain economic times, these devoted alumni remain dedicated to advancing the school’s reputation for excellence in dental education by establishing charitable gift annuities that will make both their and the school’s futures more secure.

The School of Dental Medicine—known for its advanced technology, small class sizes, and innovative, hands-on curriculum—is poised to continue to offer the outstanding education and research that students expect. It remains that way largely thanks to the support of its alumni around the globe and on the banks of the Tuscarawas River.

Deferred and immediate-payment gift annuities offer a reliable fixed income for individuals looking to round out their retirement planning, assist an aging parent or ensure the financial stability of a spouse all while helping the university fulfill its educational and research mission. To learn more about including Case Western Reserve in your estate planning, please contact John Shelley, executive director of planned giving, at (216) 368-4460.

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As the first dental school alumnus or dentist to serve on the CWRU Board of Trustees, Ken Chance, D.D.S. ’79 makes sure the university’s board is aware of the “jewel in their midst.”

Dr. Chance, professor and chief of endodontics at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry, has served on the board since 2005. He is vice-chairman of the Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee.

“The dental school is a long-standing institution with an outstanding reputation in the dental community, and the university as a whole benefits from that,” Dr. Chance says. “I think the fact that Dr. Goldberg was selected as interim provost became a kind of touchstone for the dental school, an acknowledgement of its significance and its contribution to the life and times of the university.”

There have been several events that stand out in Dr. Chance’s mind during his time on the board: watching the university develop and implement its strategic plan, the dental school being honored with the ADEAGies Award for its innovative curriculum, the opportunity to serve on the search committee that selected the university’s first woman president, and his selection as the 2004 CWRU School of Dental Medicine Distinguished Alumnus Awardee were all memorable moments. However, he says what he enjoys most is his work with the Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee.

“We bring students, faculty and administrators together, and they enlighten the board as to how we can create communication and interactions that promote positive outcomes for the university,” Dr. Chance says. “The faculty loves to work with this committee, and it has been very rewarding for everyone involved.”

Thalia Dorwick, Ph.D. ’73, chairperson of the Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee, is a former editor-in-chief for the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Languages Division of McGraw-Hill’s Higher Education Group. She says Dr. Chance brings the perspective of the professional schools to the attention of the board. “He is aware of issues from the professorial point of view as well as being sensitive to the needs of professional graduate students,” she says.

Dorwick encourages other dental alums to consider becoming involved with the board. “The Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee cares deeply about all questions related to the status of graduate students, as well as about the current status and future of the School of Dental Medicine — which is one of the areas of true excellence at the university,” She says. “Being on a university’s board is one way to influence the curriculum, help students, and give back to the school that helped you prepare for your life’s profession.”

Dr. Chance agrees. “Dentistry is part of the intellectual vitality and the service of the institution, and we can contribute much to the university-wide and larger picture by being at the table,” he says.

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Alum Donald and Ruth Weber Goodman donate $20.5 million to benefit dental, medical schools

Case Western Reserve University will receive the income from $20.5 million in gifts from Donald Goodman, D.D.S. ’45, and Ruth Weber Goodman. The Donald J. and Ruth Weber Goodman Philanthropic Fund will reside at the university and the Cleveland Foundation. Income will be used to support education and research programs at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine and the School of Medicine.

Jerold S. Goldberg, D.D.S. ’70, dean of the School of Dental Medicine, says the endowment will allow the school to enhance its role as a leader in dental education and research.

“With the support of donors such as the Goodmans, we are exposing our students to the best technologies and meaningful experiences, and fostering a culture of inquiry to create exceptional dental professionals — now and into the future,” he says.

“Every time we cut a check to Case Western Reserve from this fund, I will think of Don and Ruthie and know exactly what they intended this gift to do,” says Ronald B. Richard, president of the Cleveland Foundation. “It is so wonderful to see their wishes come true.”

Donald Goodman’s granddaughter, Kayleen Goodman-McDowell, says the gift will live on for generations and improve the lives of others. “This gift has allowed them to extend their values through a family legacy beyond any of our expectations,” she says.

At the School of Medicine, the gift has been used to establish two professorships. Donald Goodman credited research at the School of Medicine for prolonging his life for six years after he underwent an experimental treatment for acute myeloid leukemia.

“He got an opportunity to re-evaluate his life and think about how he could give back,” says his son, Bruce Goodman. “That was really the crux of how he came to this gift.”

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Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2010

We have selected our Distinguished Alumnus for 2010. Bill Cornell, D.D.S ’60, has been selected by our board to receive this honor.

Dr. Cornell’s outstanding involvement with the CWRU School of Dental Medicine; Northwestern University School of Dentistry Department of Pediatric Dentistry; local, state and national dental organizations; and pediatric dental organizations enabled us to make this choice. His lasting legacy here at the school includes setting up an endowment fund to benefit the Pediatric Dentistry Department. Dr. Cornell will be presented this prestigious award May 15, 2010, during the Reunion Weekend. To make the event even more special, this will also be his graduating class’ 50th reunion.

Commencement Ceremony

The commencement ceremony for the class of 2010 will occur May 16th at the Church of the Covenant at 2 p.m. Come experience this special day with our newest alumni.

Alumni Board

Our board has gone national. We have board members from greater Cleveland, all over Ohio, New Jersey, New York City and Boston. Some of the out of town members attend our board meetings, others are able to be involved via conference call. We hope to continue the trend to get more involvement from alumni members all over the country. We also are in the planning stages to have alumni programs outside of the Cleveland area to involve our many alumni.

Alumni Program

The board is planning a weekend program for Fall 2011 to involve alumni, their families, and continuing education. We will keep you posted.

Please feel free to e-mail me with information, concerns, or ideas.

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MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Hello again, fellow alumni. Much has been happening with our Dental School Alumni Association since my last message, and it’s my pleasure to provide you with this update.

Reunion Weekend — May 14-15, 2010

Please plan to attend all of the festivities of our Reunion Weekend. It’s a great opportunity to catch up with your classmates and see all the exciting things that are happening at our outstanding school — and it is outstanding. The classes of 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, and 2005 will be celebrating their class reunions on May 14th and May 15th.

The weekend will kick off at the Wyndham Cleveland at PlayhouseSquare, and continue at the School of Dental Medicine. The Distinguished Alumnus Award will be presented during the Saturday night’s gala award dinner at the State Theatre. Come “play a role” in this outstanding event.

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WEEKEND PLANS…

FRIDAY, MAY 14TH
Welcome Back Reception
5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Wyndham Cleveland at PlayhouseSquare

Class photos to be taken during this time.

Class Dinners
7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 15TH
Continuing Education Course and Financial Planning Seminar
8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Wyndham Cleveland at PlayhouseSquare

Cooking Demonstration and Lunch
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Wyndham Cleveland at PlayhouseSquare

Dean’s Lunch and Tour of the School
11:30 a.m.
Campus

Hospitality Suite
11:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Wyndham Cleveland at PlayhouseSquare

Cocktail Reception and Gala Awards Dinner
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Honoring the 2010 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year,
R. William Cornell ’60
State Theatre Lobby at PlayhouseSquare

SUNDAY, MAY 16TH
Commencement for the Class of 2010
2:00 p.m.
Church of the Covenant

COME BACK AND JOIN IN THE FUN

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT HTTP://DENTAL.CASE.EDU/ALUMNI/2010WEEKEND
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Sanford Stone and his wife, Carolyn, live in Sarasota, FL. He recently had both hips replaced but was able to fly to New York to see a granddaughter get married a week later. He hopes to be able to get back to his four-times-a-week golf habit soon. His 90th birthday is in June.

Isadore Lester and his wife, Sylvia, live in Boca Raton, FL. He is retired.

1950
Richard Polachek and his wife, Lucille, live in Los Angeles. He is a clinical professor at the University of Southern California School of Dentistry, where he teaches oral surgery. He also is a watercolor artist and film actor.

William Steiner and his wife, Nancy, live in The Villages, FL. He is retired.

1955
Ronald Bell and his wife, Diane, live in Cleveland Heights, OH. He is a trustee with The Cleveland Orchestra and also keeps busy with the Mobile Children’s Dental Program.

Robert Call and his wife, Enid, live in Grants, NM. He is retired and spends time visiting his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Kenneth Callahan and his wife live in Pepper Pike, OH. He was selected by the CWRU School of Dental Medicine Alumni Association as the 2009 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year.

Frederick Howard and his wife, Frances, live in Jamestown, NY. He is rehabilitating in Florida after back surgery and a serious fall.

Robert Kepller and his wife live in Jupiter, FL. He is retired and enjoys golf, fishing and travel.

David Maddox and his wife, Sybil, live in Zanesville, OH. He is enjoying being at home with his wife and also enjoys making stained glass windows, using his computer, reading and exercising.

1958

In mid-December, the local members of the ’58 Study Club met for their annual holiday dinner meeting. Attending were Jack and Jeannine Love, Dale and Elinor Dixon, Ron and Joyce Morrow, and Jack and Sonja Diehn. The group formed in 1958, right after graduation, and consisted of Austin Bush, Jack Diehn, Dale Dixon and Bud Marshall. Jack Love writes, “In 1960, Ron Morrow and Don Strauss joined and Bud left the area, not necessarily because of Ron and Don. In 1961, [I] was allowed to join the group on a trial basis and was finally accepted into membership. We have met four to six times a year over the past 51 years, with the host being responsible for the program for the day. Our discussions nowadays consist mostly of retirement topics.”

1960
Donald Amy and his wife, Sue, live in Edmond, OK. He is retired and plays golf and works on flower gardens.

Dave Buckis and his wife, Wynn, live in Raleigh, NC. He is senior marketing director at Oxyfresh Worldwide, Inc.

Jay Chaney and his wife, Barbara, live in Ten Sleep, WY. He retired from his Ohio practice in 1993. He serves on the town council where he lives, and plays golf and skis in his free time.

Clarence Chinn and his wife, Emma, live in Kapolei, HI, where he will retire from practice at the end of 2010. They also have a home in Texas and plan to travel between both homes when he retires.

R. William Cornell Jr. and his wife, Chloe, live in Naples, FL. He retired in 2001 from Northwestern University Dental School, where he was clinical professor and chairman of the pediatric dentistry division. He now volunteers at the Collier County Health Department Dental Clinic and gives seminars to pediatric dental residents at Children’s Memorial Hospital in Chicago and the University of Florida Dental School Edison College site in Naples. He has been selected by the CWRU School of Dental Medicine Alumni Association as the 2010 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year.

George Elkowitz and his wife, Ellen, live in Woodmere, NY. He is working for one of continued on next page
his sons as a dentist in his office. Outside of work, he is commander of an American Legion post, a photographer and a model railroad builder.

Val Jensen and his wife, Donna, live in Carson City, NV. He is retired from the practice of dentistry and is active in his church, the Korean War Veterans Association, and with tennis, golf and travel.

Howard Richmond and his wife, Esther, live in Los Angeles. He still practices and is president of the Los Angeles Dental Society and president of the Alpha Omega dental fraternity’s Los Angeles alumni chapter. He also keeps busy with peer review and the judicial council for the California Dental Association as well as table clinics. His hobbies are making miniature houses and traveling.

Richard Shaffer and his wife, Barbara, live in Potomac, MD. He is a retired rear admiral (two-star) in the dental corps of the U.S. Navy. He volunteers two days a week for the Red Cross at the National Naval Medical Command, teaches at a church, and is a trustee of the National Museum of Dentistry.

David Stevenson and his wife, Susana, live in South Pasadena, CA. He has retired from private practice but consults. “I have taught removable prosthetics at the University of Southern California School of Dentistry,” he writes. “I go to seldom-visited villages in Alaska and do removable prosthetics for the natives.” There, he was “adopted” as “uncle” by the Tlingit Tribe. He also is a senior dental consultant and expert witness for Delta Dental of California.

William Tuchek Jr. and his wife, Joan, live in Medina, OH. He is retired and spends winters in Arizona and several weeks each summer at his cabin in Canada. He is involved with a church group, the high school athletic boosters, and the township zoning board.

1965
David Hertel and his wife, Nancy, live in Fort Myers, FL.

Robert Longman and his wife, Donna, live in Huntington Beach, CA, where he is busy with travel through Elderhostels. He also enjoys bridge, golf, tennis, and painting.

1970
Michael Zabell and his wife, Minda Rudnick, ’82, live in Chagrin Falls, OH. He is retired.

1975
Thomas Borek and his wife, Kathleen, live in Westfield, MA. He is retired.

Curtis Johnson and his wife, Virginia, live in Gilbert, AZ. He moved to a new office in September.

1980
Bruce Barbash and his wife, Janis, live in Dallas, where he is in the private practice of prosthodontics and maxillofacial prosthetics. He has academic affiliations with the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and Baylor Dental College. The Barbashes recently completed a renovation of their 91-year-old house.

Cheryl and Gary DeWood live in Phoenix. She left a position as clinical director of the University of Tennessee orthodontics department to relocate to Arizona and is currently in private practice. He is teaching with Spear Education.

1981
Gene Robbins has made several trips to Palestine for dental consultations under the aegis of American Jews for a Just Peace.

1985
Danute Balciunas and her husband, Clarence Solar Jr., live in Maryland Heights, MO. She works three days a week with a dental group. Their two children are in college. She enjoys sports, reading and travel.

1990
Andrew Dietz and his wife, Betsy, live in Marlton, NJ, where he is president of the Southern Dental Society of New Jersey, the...
local component of the ADA. He keeps busy with family activities, travel, golf and running marathons.

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**Dana Walters** and his wife, Tonya, live in Dublin, OH.

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**1995**

**Gino DiGiannantonio** lives in University Heights, OH.

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**Frank Petrakos** lives in Boardman, OH. He is the owner of North Lima Dental Center, the dental director at the Trumbull Correctional Center, and an attending in the GPR program at St. Elizabeth Health Center. He serves on the CWRU dental school Alumni Board.

**Steven Woyat** and his wife, Celeste, live in Avon Lake, OH.

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**1998**

**Suresh Goel** completed his training to be an instructor with the Institute for Advanced Laser Dentistry in Los Angeles. He has opened his fourth location in the Rochester, NY, area.

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*Suresh Goel*

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**Ringing in the new year, Hawaiian style**

A group of School of Dental Medicine alumni serving in the Army and stationed in Hawai'i send an “aloha” to fellow alums. Celebrating on New Year’s Day with family and friends and showing off the traditional “Shaka” sign conveying the Hawaiian spirit of friendship, are (l-r) Maj. Alfred Anderson ’00, Cpt. Andy Gilbert ’04, Cpt. Kelly Johnson ’03, Maj. Steve Jensen ’02, and Maj. Chris Lambert ’02. All five, plus one, are serving in the Army as part of the U.S. Army Dental Command’s Pacific Region at Tripler Army Medical Center and Schofield Barracks, in Honolulu. Not pictured is Cpt. Rob Gilliam ’06, who was deployed in Iraq when this photo was taken in January 2009. With the exception of Cpt. Gilbert, all of those pictured above have also served a tour of duty in Iraq. “Like CWRU, the Army has treated us all well,” they say.

Dr. Anderson completed his endodontics training at Ft. Bragg, NC, where he is currently assistant director of the endodontic program; Dr. Gilbert completed his periodontics training at Ft. Gordon, GA; Dr. Jensen completed his Orthodontic training at Wilford Hall Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX; Dr. Lambert completed his two-year AEGD training at Ft. Bragg; and Dr. Johnson is a first-year orthodontic resident at University of Louisville, Louisville, KY courtesy of the Army. Maj. Lambert and Cpt. Gilbert are both diplomates of their respective specialties. In addition, Maj. Anderson and Cpt. Gilbert both serve as instructors at the two-year AEGD Residency Program at Schofield Barracks and Maj. Jensen serves as the orthodontic consultant to the oral surgery training program at Tripler Army Medical Center.
2000

Yvonne Bilo Kinkopf and her husband, Gregory, live in Cleveland Heights, OH. “Presently, I am splitting my time between my office in University Heights and another office in Mayfield Heights. My sons keep me busy, but I try to find time to read and go to the gym,” she says.

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Andrew Skorobatckyi lives in Lakewood, OH, and practices in Parma. He is chairman of the new dentist committee of the Cleveland Dental Society and assistant clinical professor of orthodontics at his dental school alma mater. He combined his two-office practice into one large one in January.

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2001

Rebecca Robbins

celebrated her son Brenna’s first birthday in December. She and her husband, Vincent, still love to run marathons. She opened an office in October 2008 and the decorations represent her love of Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers and all dogs.

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2005


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Nicole Fioritto and her husband, Michael ’02, live in Painesville, OH. She works three days a week with her husband. They are planning to open a second location in the next few years.

2006

Hildebrand Orthodontics, the orthodontic practice of Jed Hildebrand, M.S.D. ’06, contributed toothbrushes, toothpaste and t-shirts to the people of Haiti. The supplies and dental care were delivered by Dr. Hildebrand’s brother, Sloane, who is also a dentist, and their sister, Katherine Hildebrand. The Hildebrands went to Haiti with a group called International Medical Relief, and traveled three days by bus to reach the medical camps set up to provide aid to the country’s earthquake victims. The Hildebrands worked 12 hours a day providing dental relief; Dr. Hildebrand treated more than 500 patients in one week. They also worked with orphanges to help provide the dental hygiene instructions and care. “We realize every day how fortunate we are and always look at ways to reach out and touch another less fortunate life if possible,” Dr. Jed Hildebrand said. “We saw a chance to give some people of Haiti hope.”

2007

Jason Majors purchased a general practice in Newbury, OH in August 2009. In November he and his wife celebrated the birth of their first child, Nathan Joseph.

2008

Crystal Perry and Keith Schneider were married Aug. 15, 2009 in Santa Barbara, CA, and are living in University Heights, OH. “Crystal is practicing with a CWRU alumnus, Mike Skerl ’83, in South Euclid in the University Suburban Health Center off Green Road,” Keith writes. “I am a second-year oral and maxillofacial surgery resident at MetroHealth Medical Center and will be joining my father, Karl ’71, when I’m done in 2012.”

2009

Christopher Jones is pursuing a master’s degree as well as a prosthodontics residency. He says that his wife, Beckey, and their four children are very proud of him.

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CORRECTIONS

We apologize for these errors:

1964

Norman Mittleman’s e-mail address is StormNn1@aol.com. Previous issues of The Art of Dentistry published incorrect addresses.

1969

We misspelled Edwin Kluth’s name as Kuth in a previous issue.

1974

We misspelled Elliot Siegel’s first name as Elliott in a previous issue.
Canadian alums:

**SAVE A LOONEY WITH A GIFT TO CWRU**

Dental school alumni who are enjoying life north of the border in Canada may wish to be aware that they can still gain favorable tax treatments for gifts made to the CWRU School of Dental Medicine.

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LONG-TIME PERIODONTICS INSTRUCTOR BURTON SIEGEL PASSES AWAY

Burton Siegel, D.D.S., of Gates Mills, OH, who taught for more than 40 years in the periodontal program at the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine, died Nov. 13. He was 77. Dr. Siegel, a Cleveland Heights native who earned his undergraduate degree at CWRU, was a practicing periodontist in Cleveland for more than 50 years. He attended the University of Pennsylvania Dental School and then received his postdoctoral degree in periodontology from Columbia University in New York City. He was a past president of the Greater Cleveland Dental Society and a board member of the Ohio Dental Association and the American Academy of Periodontology. He was a member of the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists, and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He was also active in the Delta Sigma Delta and Alpha Omega International dental fraternities. He is survived by two sons, a daughter, two daughters-in-law, a son-in-law, and four grandchildren. He also is survived by longtime companion Maribeth Jergens.

David Abbott, ’46, of New York City, died March 28, 2007. He had practiced dentistry in Kearny, NJ.

George Andrews, ’57, of Newark, OH, and Naples, FL, died Dec. 14. He was 76. Dr. Andrews, who also earned his undergraduate degree at CWRU, was a member of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army as chief of oral and maxillofacial surgery at Fort Ord in California, after which he practiced in Newark, Ohio. He retired in 1993. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Sandra, two daughters and their spouses, six grandchildren, a sister and her husband, and several nieces and nephews.

Brock Carter, ’62, of Bluffton, SC, died Dec. 25. A native of Jamestown, NY, he grew up in Cleveland Heights, OH. After receiving his undergraduate degree at Amherst College in Massachusetts and earning his dental degree, Dr. Carter completed an oral surgery internship at Fordham Hospital in New York City. He became a captain in the U.S. Air Force and was the acting oral surgeon for two years at Walker Air Force Base, Roswell, NM, from 1965 to 1967. Dr. Carter started his private practice in 1968 in Brunswick, OH. He practiced for 39 years and became a fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry in 1988. Dr. Carter retired to Hilton Head Island in late 2007. He is survived by his head of 23 years, D’Jean; two sons; two daughters; two daughters-in-law; two sons-in-law; and four grandchildren.

Edwin Elshaw, ’44, of Sandusky, OH, died Nov. 4. He was 89. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth, and a sister. He is survived by two sons, two daughters, two daughters-in-law, two sons-in-law, 11 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and three siblings.

Alan Gray, ’57, of Pepper Pike, OH, died in October. He is survived by his wife, Carol, two daughters and two sons, two sons-in-law and one daughter-in-law, six grandchildren, and a sister.

Ned Huffman, ’59, of Rocky River, OH, died in January. He was 79. Dr. Huffman is survived by his wife, Angela; two daughters and a son and their spouses; six grandchildren; and a sister.

Morris Leventhal, ’45, of Oxnard, CA, died Aug. 16. He was 90. Dr. Leventhal was born in New York City. In the late 1940s he served as a dentist in the U.S. Navy in Panama. Upon completing his service, he earned his degree as a Doctor of Orthodontics from the University of Iowa in Des Moines. In 1956 he established an orthodontics private practice in Reseda, CA. He retired from practice in 1989, but continued teaching...
Howard Natter, ’43, of Lauderhill, FL, died March 17, 2009. He was 90. A native of New York City, he practiced dentistry in Roslyn on Long Island before retiring to Florida. He is survived by his wife, Aimee; a daughter; a son; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

John Nicholls, ’51, of North Las Vegas, NV, died Dec. 2. He was 83. A native of Tooele, UT, he was a dentist in the U.S. Air Force for two years and practiced in Whittier, CA, for 42 years. He had lived in Nevada for four years. Dr. Nicholls is survived by his wife, Jeanne; several children; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Richard Y. Sugiyama, ’63, died April 25, 2009, in Los Angeles. He was 75. He practiced dentistry for 35 years. After retirement, he opened a custom picture-framing business with his wife, Waka, with offices in seven cities. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a brother, Raymond, D.D.S. ’64, nieces and nephews.

Edward Toolis Sr., ’51, of Lisbon, OH, died March 31, 2009. He was 85. Dr. Toolis, who also was an undergraduate alumnus of CWRU, was a Cleveland native. He was a combat veteran of World War II, during which he served in the U.S. Navy; he later served in the U.S. Army as a dentist. He had worked as a dentist in Lisbon for many years, retiring in 1986. Dr. Toolis was a member of the Corydon Palmer Dental Society, the Ohio Dental Association and the American Dental Association. He is survived by his wife of almost 10 years, Corma; a son, Edward Jr. ’79; two daughters; a daughter-in-law; two sons-in-law; four grandchildren; and a sister.

CORRECTION

Stanley Wolanin, ’57, was 88 years old, not 68 years old, as we reported in the Fall 2009 issue, when he passed away. We apologize for the error.
Our Legacy – Our Future is not a fundraising entity. Instead, it is a support tool to raise awareness for the needs in dental education and to enhance the visibility for the fundraising campaigns of its partner organizations. Contributions to Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine are counted towards Our Legacy – Our Future. As a result, partner organizations will collectively raise an estimated $500 million to address the issues facing the future of dental education.

DENTAL EDUCATION FACTS

Faculty:
• Approximately 275 vacant positions*
• Average of nearly 4.9 vacancies per school*
• Only 4% African American and 5% Hispanic/Latino*
• 31% is 51-60 years old*
• 25% is 60 years of age or older*

Education Delivery:
• The majority of dental school facilities are close to 40 years old
• Operating costs are among the highest on university campuses due to clinical operations

*ADEA

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Faculty and Staff Service Milestones

The faculty and students of the School of Dental Medicine would like to thank the entire staff for their hard work and dedication. We are fortunate to have a devoted group of employees. Below we recognize those who have reached service milestones in 5 year increments as of December 2009.

Catherine Demko – Community Dentistry, 5 years
Victoria Hirsch – Finance & Operations, 5 years
James Houston – Community Dentistry, 5 years
Lisa Jevack – Community Dentistry, 5 years
Andrew Rukovenia – Finance, Operations & IT, 5 years
Heather Siegel Hartman – Development and Alumni Relations, 5 years
Angela Stewart-Belcher – Comprehensive Care, 5 years
Shelly Feiwell – EFDA Program, 10 years
Angela Graves – Comprehensive Care, 10 years
Antonise Harris – Admissions, 10 years
Tania Markarian – Comprehensive Care, 10 years
Melody Roscoe – Pediatrics, 10 years
Kristin Victoroff – Academic Affairs, 10 years
Phillip Aftoora – Student Services, 20 years
Jerold Goldberg – Dean, 35 years
Stanley Hirsch – Oral Pathology, 35 years
Ronald Occhionero – Dean’s Office, 45 years
2010 ALUMNI EVENTS

APRIL
April 15, 2010
Reception at the American Association of Endodontists Annual Session
Manchester Grand Hyatt
San Diego, CA
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

MAY
May 2, 2010
Reception at the American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session
Renaissance Washington D.C.
Washington, D.C.
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

May 14–15, 2010
Reunion Weekend
Events occurring at the Wyndham Cleveland at PlayhouseSquare and at the School of Dental Medicine. Find out more at http://dental.case.edu/alumni/2010weekend

May 15, 2010
Gala Awards Dinner
Join us as we honor the 2010 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, Bill Cornell ‘60
State Theatre
Cleveland, OH
6:30 p.m.

JULY
July 19, 2010
Alumni Reception at the National Dental Association Annual Conference
Hilton Hawaiian Village
Beach Resort and Spa
Honolulu, HI
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER
September 2010 (TBD)
Alumni Reception at the American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons Annual Session
Hilton Hotel
Chicago, IL

September 24, 2010
Reception at the Ohio Dental Association Annual Session
Hyatt Regency Columbus
Columbus, OH

OCTOBER
October 2010 (TBD)
Reception at the American Dental Association Annual Session
Orlando, FL

October 1, 2010
Dean’s Reception for Chicago Area Alumni
Hilton Hotel
Chicago, IL
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

November 2010 (TBD)
Alumni Reception at the American Academy of Periodontology Annual Meeting
Honolulu, HI

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— Justina D’Agostini (Fourth-year student)

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