

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dale A. Baur, D.D.S. '80

Our department continues to garner interest from programs in other countries, with a constant stream of distinguished international visitors. Currently we are welcoming:

- Dr. Mohammed Shehab, from Cairo University, here for a 6-month fellowship.
- Dr. Yeliz Kilinc, visiting from Gazi University in Turkey, here for a 6-month research exchange program.

Congratulations to **Faisal A. Quereshy, M.D., D.D.S., F.A.C.S. '97**, who has been awarded tenure in the department and the dental school. He has attained the rank of associate professor. It is a well-deserved honor. This is the first tenured professorship in the department since 1997, when former oral surgery department chairman Michael D. Powers, D.D.S., M.S., was so chosen. Dr. Quereshy has been on the CWRU dental school faculty since 2000, and is the departmental residency program director. Dr. Quereshy is also an examiner for the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS).

Our other faculty members also continue to garner recognition, both nationally and internationally. **Robert D. Heckel, D.M.D. '57**, has been active as a site visitor for accreditation of residency programs for the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). I am also serving on the ABOMS examination committee and serve as a co-chair for Section 3 and serve as a site visitor for CODA.

Congratulations also to **Tyman Loveless, D.M.D.**, oral surgery resident, for being the winner of a Carestream Dental and Windent OMS (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery) scholarship. The awards are given to "a new generation of outstanding oral and maxillofacial surgeons."

Also best wishes to our former interns, **Issa Saleme, D.M.D.**, who completed our program in June, and to **Jonathan Tagliarini, D.M.D.**, who has been accepted to an OMFS residency in New York. We also want to congratulate **John Orfanos, D.D.S., M.D. '11**, who has joined a private practice in Houston, and **Michael Horan, D.D.S., Ph.D., M.D. '11**, who is now on our faculty at the VA in Cleveland.

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Meet your Staff



Sara Ekkens

Sara Ekkens and **Falicia Mull** both recently passed a difficult national examination, one that has now given them the privilege of calling themselves dental anesthesia assistants. And while you may know that fact about each of them, here are a few things we'll bet you didn't know.

Sara has worked for CWRU for approximately 6 years, "including my 6 months as a temp," she says. "I started in Faculty Practice, assisting Drs. Faddoul, Hernandez, and Chogle. At the end of my 6-month temp trial period, Dr. Quereshy invited me to interview for the department of Oral Surgery. I had not been trained and was not familiar with the armamentarium, the procedures, or any aspect of the work. Dr. Quereshy assured me that I would learn on the job."

"After one year in Oral Surgery, Dr. Baur became department chair and I was promoted to Dental Assistant II," says Sara. "I've taken on numerous responsibilities with department heads leaving and an ever growing department. When Dr. Baur asked if I was interested, I jumped on the chance to develop further."

"As far as what I like best about my job, I would have to say the challenge of keeping up with the growth in the department, keeping up with residents rotating in and out, and the dental students," she says. My supervisor (Dr. Baur) promotes growth within my career as well and that is reassuring, especially when I am in the midst of attending nursing school. I also would like to thank Dr. Baur, who encouraged me and provided me with this opportunity."

Falicia has worked at the dental school for three and half years. "I started out as the secretary at our front desk and then moved to the back to start assisting," she explains. "I originally went to school for assisting and I absolutely love it. I also love working here with our attendings, residents, and students."

"I will be getting married next year," says Falicia. "I met my fiance while I was working here at the school. So I would say that working for CWRU has been a pleasant experience for the most part!"

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Residency Corner

On October 5, 2011, we underwent a residency program site visit from CODA/ADA, as part of our latest 5-year accreditation. We received full accreditation, without any recommendations or corrections! We continue to be the longest running 5-year MD/OMS certificate program in the country. In fact, the site visitors were very impressed with the quality of both the didactic and clinical experiences that our program has to offer.

This achievement could not be accomplished without the dedication of our full time faculty, **Dale Baur '80** and **Robert Heckel '57, Michael Zetz and David Ash '81**, as well as our junior faculty, **Jill Weber '05 (CCF)**, and **Marc Zechel '02, '07** and **Michael Horan '11** (at the VAMC).

Finally, the countless hours that our volunteer faculty dedicate to the experiences of our residents cannot be dismissed, especially **John Blakemore '71, '75, Paul Bertin '76, Michael Hauser, and William Blood '87**.

Our internal dental school faculty are also directly involved in the interdisciplinary teachings of the "new generation" of OMS training: **Fady Faddoul** (AEGD), **Lisa Lang** (Chair, Comprehensive Care), **Danny Sawyer** (Chair Oral Diagnosis), and **Manish Valiathan '99** (director Craniofacial and Surgical Orthodontics). As you can see, the residents are now being exposed to an interdisciplinary instruction method in dentistry. This is now a world-wide philosophy, one that is required for "total patient care."

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Faisal A. Quereshy, M.D., D.D.S., F.A.C.S. '97



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I am continually receiving other phone calls from residency directors around the country wanting to structure their program like ours. I can proudly say that our program continues to be in high demand as applications have increased. This year our interview sessions were on October 21/22 and November 11/12, 2011, where we interviewed 32 applicants.

Finally, I would like to announce that we have formally filed an application with CODA/ADA to expand our current residency program to 4 residents per year. This would commence July 2012. This can only be made possible with the addition of MetroHealth Medical Center as an additional site for our OMS training. We are working very hard to combine the OMS training in Northeastern Ohio, in attempts to be under our institution's administration. I would like to personally acknowledge the vision and wisdom of **Jerald Goldberg '70** for inspiring Dr. Baur and me, in order to "push forward" with this process.

POST-RESIDENCY UPDATE

Michael P. Horan '11 accepted the position of full time faculty at the Veterans Affairs Wade Park, Cleveland, division. He will be focusing on the research arm of the department, as well as literature review of our AAOMS Parameters of Care conference for the residents.

John Orfanos '11 has joined a group OMS practice to expand the scope to include orthognathic and cosmetic facial surgery in Houston, Texas.

Both Michael and John intend to complete their written process for board certification. We send our best wishes and congratulations to both.

Husam Elias '09 recently completed a Full Cosmetic Surgery fellowship, accredited by the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery (AACS), in California and will be joining a practice.

David Wells, D.M.D., M.D. '02, recently joined the Air Force OMS residency training program as faculty and will be devoting his time and energy to residency education.

PRESENTATIONS:

Faisal A. Quereshey, M.D., D.D.S., F.A.C.S.: "Contemporary Rhinoplasty for the Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon" AAOMS 93rd Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions, Philadelphia, PA, 2011 (Surgical Mini-lecture).

Faisal A. Quereshey, M.D., D.D.S., F.A.C.S.: Moderator Symposia Facial Cosmetic Surgery – 3D Volume Rejuvenation: a paradigm shift. (AAOMS 93rd annual meeting Philadelphia, PA 2011).

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Welcome to our Incoming Residents

I would like to formally welcome and introduce our two new residents. We welcome both of them, and look forward to their involvement over the next five years.



Daniel Schwartz, D.M.D.

Daniel Schwartz, D.M.D. (University Pennsylvania). "When I was applying to residency programs, I was looking for a place that would educate me well with a broad scope," he explains. "Most importantly, I was looking for an environment in which teaching and learning were a priority. After spending two weeks with the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery department during my fourth year of dental school, I quickly recognized that quality in both the residents and the faculty. Cleveland also offered me a wonderful community to enjoy with my wife and two sons.

"In my free time, I enjoy playing guitar and spending time with my family."



Sean Pack, D.D.S.

Sean Pack, D.D.S. (University Detroit, Mercy). "In dental school, my pursuit to become an oral and maxillofacial surgeon focused on one objective: gain acceptance into the best OMS program possible," he says. "In my opinion, I did. Prior to applying to programs, I developed four criteria with which to compare OMS programs; namely, the broadness of scope and the quality of the faculty, residents, and surgical experience. After all of my interviews, Case stood alone in all four categories, making the day I matched into this residency one of the most memorable days of my life.

"At the moment, my residency occupies most of my time, leaving me very little for my hobbies, which are, in order of importance: Michigan football, snowboarding, and SCUBA diving," says Sean. "My first and dearest hobby, Michigan football, makes many of my new Ohioan friends a little nauseous, but they can revel in the fact that we have not beaten The Ohio State University in seven years."



Sepi Fatahi, D.M.D.

We also welcome **Sepi Fatahi, D.M.D.** (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) as our OMS non-categorical intern who aspires to join a residency program. Dr. Fatahi was born in Iran, but grew up in Southern California, where she attended UCLA as an undergraduate. "I gained an interest in oral maxillofacial surgery while finishing my third year in dental school at UNLV," she says. "I came to CWRU to acquire knowledge and experience in OMFS and especially because of the rare cosmetic exposure and the opportunity to see multiple orthognathic procedures.

"My future plans would be to have a private practice focused on dentoalveolar and implant surgeries and working as a part-time faculty in a residency program to help residents learn about orthognathic surgeries.

"Here in Cleveland, I have been able to enjoy shooting pool, eating sushi, and baking (cupcakes are my specialty)! I am fortunate to have the opportunity to be here at CWRU and to have all the support from the people I love back at home."

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Congratulations as well to **Sara Ekkens** and **Falicia Mull**, our clinical departmental assistants. They have both passed the national certification examination for dental anesthesia assistants. (Please see the article on them in this newsletter.)

We were saddened to learn of the death of **Kenneth R. Callahan, D.D.S. '55**. We express our condolences to Ken's family. He will be missed, both for his clinical and teaching excellence as well as his friendship.

I spoke in Turkey last fall at the Turkish Society of Oral Surgery, on TMJ replacement. **Dr. Quereshey** traveled to Egypt in October to speak to colleagues there as well. The department continues to be prolific in the areas of research and publication. We continue to disseminate what we've learned. In that vein, I'd like to thank all those who supported our CE event this past April, it was a great success. We hope to provide a similar program next year. If you have any suggestions or comments for a program, please email me at the address below.

Finally, the department has completed an upgrade of the outpatient clinics, but we have a long range goal of occupying more space in the dental school after the school's modernization. Thank you to our alumni donors for their support.

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Wisdom Club Update

I am proud to say that we have had a great response in supporting our "Wisdom Club" initiative, targeted to our younger graduates. Members of this Club commit \$4,500 over a 3-year period to help in supporting the residents' needs, such as equipment, research, and other professional and developmental opportunities. If you have any questions, or would like to support our efforts, please contact 877-468-1436.

We would love to hear from you. Please kindly email me at faq@case.edu with news or happenings in your life.