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Dear Alumni and Friends:

Greetings from your University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry! I’m pleased to report that the College, our faculty, and our programs have continued to make significant and transformational progress.

Welcome to Dr. Clark Stanford

As you know we will have Dr. Clark Stanford join the College from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry as our new Dean.

I consider myself one of the luckiest people in the school, as I have been able to work with him over the last several months. I have come to know him well and to appreciate him both as an individual and as a leader for our College. I am thrilled to have Dr. Stanford as our Dean-designate. He truly is a remarkable and talented individual.

Dr. Stanford has an absolutely amazing record of performance in clinical research. He has won 15 teaching awards, and is a respected presenter at dental meetings. He is an accomplished clinician who provides care for patients with complex rehabilitation needs, with an emphasis in craniofacial anomalies.

A very genuine, reassuring person, Dr. Stanford is a good listener. That’s a skill that will serve him—and us—very well in his new position.

We had a wonderful array of candidates, and with the selection of Dr. Stanford as Dean, I know we will enjoy remarkable leadership. We’re very fortunate to have him. If ever there was a gentleman and a scholar, it really is Dr. Clark Stanford.

I urge you to read the article on page 6. For our UIC Dental Alumni Board President’s view of Dr. Stanford, see Dr. Frank Maggio’s President’s Message on page 33.

New Curriculum and DMD

Our Class of 2014 was the College’s last to earn the DDS degree, and they left the College with a marvelous skill set. They are extremely well-prepared and well-practiced to make a difference in the profession. They also benefitted from the Extramural Education Program, devoting a minimum of 50 days at community-based sites to provide care to underserved populations. These service-learning experiences give our students a great deal of experience and expertise, camaraderie, and professionalism. We have much to celebrate with these Classes of 2014.

Our DMD curriculum now is fully implemented in all four dental student years, and in both International Dentist Degree Program years. The proof of the value of the new curriculum is our students’ first-time pass rate on the National Board Dental Examination Part I. All 65 students of the Class of 2016 passed the NBDE Part I on their first attempt, just as all 65 members of the Class of 2015 did on their first attempt last year. Our faculty, staff, students, and alumni all contributed to making the DMD curriculum a success, and all deserve thanks and congratulations for their hard work.

Development Success

Mark J. Valentino has led the College’s development efforts since 1991, and he has built a tremendous team with William S. Bike, Bruno Mancari, and Ana Lisa Ogbac.

From 1992 through 2000, Mark led the College through UIC’s first-ever capital campaign, Campaign Illinois, and helped the program exceed its goal of $8.2 million by more than $3 million. During Campaign Illinois, Mark helped secure the College’s...
first endowed chairs, professorships, and named scholarships.

He and his team also led the College’s Brilliant Futures: Educating a New Dentist for America campaign. The College exceeded its campaign goal of $35 million by raising $37.4 million in private gifts. He helped secure the College’s largest-ever gift to help create the Integrated Clinical Technology Center.

The University has rewarded Mark’s great work by naming him Assistant Vice Chancellor for Development, a campus-wide position. He will continue to lead the Development operations of the College of Dentistry, and of four other colleges as well.

Mark has been tremendously successful at the College of Dentistry, and with past performance a reliable indicator of future potential, there is every reason to believe that he will be equally as successful in his new role, and that his College of Dentistry team will continue its development success as well.

The University is quite fortunate to have Mark step into this leadership position, and on behalf of our faculty, staff, students, and alumni, I offer him the College community’s heartiest congratulations. To learn more, see the article on page 12.

**Technology Enhancements**

The Department of Oral Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences (OMDS) has transformed its radiology clinic into a Digital Diagnostic Center for 3D Imaging. We now can provide digital panoramic and three-dimensional diagnostic imaging, resulting in an exceptional educational experience for students, postgrads, faculty, and alumni.

We can take scans at a fraction of the radiation dose—and at a fraction of the cost—of that of the old technology. Our 3D Learn Lab has six dedicated PC workstations along with a big screen monitor in the front of the room that illustrate maxillofacial anatomy from a variety of angles, allowing better treatment planning and discovery of abnormalities.

You will learn more about our state-of-the-science Digital Diagnostic Center for 3D Imaging in a future edition of *Vision*.

**Adieu**

We recently bid adieu to six longtime faculty members: **Dr. Harry O. Channon**, ’63, Pediatric Dentistry ’69, Clinical Assistant Professor, Pediatric Dentistry; **Dr. Shahrbanoo Fadavi**, MS Pediatric Dentistry ’81, Professor, Pediatric Dentistry; **Dr. Christine S. Hryhorczuk**, DDS Loyola ’71, MS Public Health UIC ’77, Clinical Associate Professor, Pediatric Dentistry, and Director of Site Assessment for Extramural Education; **Dr. Thomas C. Lakars**, ’67, MS Public Health ’69, Assistant Professor, Oral Biology; **Dr. Irwin M. Seidman**, ’71, Pediatric Dentistry ’76, Assistant Professor, Pediatric Dentistry; and **Dr. Christopher S. Wenckus**, ’71, Endodontics ’76, Associate Professor and Head, Endodontics. The College community wishes all of them well in their retirement. For more about their careers, see page 53.

I too will bid you adieu as Interim Dean, as I will be stepping down from this post this fall and assisting Dr. Stanford in his transition to becoming Dean.

My time as Interim Dean has been tremendously rewarding, with the best part being my work with faculty, staff, students, and alumni. I’ve always believed that even a bad day at the College of Dentistry is very much better than a good day just about anywhere else, and I feel that way thanks to the tremendous backing and enthusiasm of the College community.

It has been a privilege to work with you since I joined the College in 2001, and I’m truly grateful for the support you have shown me as Interim Dean. I look forward to continuing to serve the College. Together, and with Dr. Stanford leading our team, we will continue to make our great dental school even better.

Sincerely,

G. William Knight, DDS, MS, MS
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Dr. Clark Stanford
Named Dean of UIC College of Dentistry

By William S. Bike

Dr. Clark Stanford is coming home. Dr. Stanford, Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Prosthodontics at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, has been named Dean of the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry. His appointment, which was approved by the University of Illinois Board of Trustees, is effective Oct. 1.

While Dr. Stanford has been at Iowa for 35 years, he is a native of the Chicagoland area, having grown up in Northbrook, IL, a northern suburb.

“This is an exciting opportunity for me not only to come back and engage with a very vibrant city that has rejuvenated and reinvented itself, but with a College that has done the same,” Dr. Stanford said.

“It is rejuvenating itself through the efforts of former Dean Dr. Bruce Graham, Interim Dean Dr. Bill Knight, and the faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Just look at the recent board scores to see how the positive results already are starting to show.”

“I have absolutely every confidence that Dr. Stanford will be warmly received by all,” Dr. Knight said. “I think I am probably one of the luckiest people in the school because I have been able to work with Dr. Stanford one-on-one over the last several months, and I have really come to know and appreciate him as an individual and as a leader for the College.

“I’m thrilled that we have Dr. Stanford as our Dean-designate,” said Dr. Knight. “I am convinced that he will be a strong leader, and a strong advocate for the College and for oral health improvement in the State of Illinois.”

Dr. Graham stepped down after 13 distinguished years as Dean to return to the faculty. Chancellor Dr. Paula Allen-Meares said Dr. Graham “played an integral role in keeping UIC among the nation’s leading dental institutions,” and that she believes Dr. Stanford “will carry on the College’s outstanding tradition.”

Dr. Stanford arrived at the Iowa City campus as an undergraduate in 1979. There, he received his BS in 1984, his DDS in 1987, and a Certificate in Prosthodontics and PhD in cell biology in 1992. He joined Iowa’s faculty that same year.

“Dr. Stanford’s administrative career has focused on building the basic, clinical, and translational research capacity of his college, while integrating the work of researchers and clinicians from multiple disciplines,” Dr. Allen-Meares said. “He built biostatistical and infrastructure support for researchers and led the renovation of his college’s research space using design that encourages collaboration.”

An accomplished researcher whose work has been funded by the National Institutes of Health
(NIH), private foundations, and industry, Dr. Stanford has focused his laboratory studies on osteoblastic gene expression and signaling pathways. He has also run the outpatient Craniofacial Clinical Research Center at the College, where a number of NIH and industrial sponsored research trials take place. He is the author of 18 book chapters, 111 published papers, and more than 140 research abstracts.

“He has an absolutely amazing record of performance in research and clinical research,” Dr. Knight said. “His expertise in research will be greatly appreciated and valued in the College and in the University.”

As a researcher, Dr. Stanford, when considering applying for the Dean’s post at UIC, naturally started by performing research.

“I learned that the quality of the faculty, staff, and students, is superb, and that the recent recruits who have been brought in for leadership posts, people such as Dr. Sal Nares in Periodontics and Dr. Marcio da Fonseca in Pediatric Dentistry, are tremendous,” Dr. Stanford said. “I could see this institution wasn’t afraid of looking at itself in the mirror, asking some difficult questions, and reinventing itself in many ways.”

“Clark Stanford is a star hire,” said Dr. Lon Kaufman, UIC Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost. “His illustrious career as a clinician-scientist and faculty administrator has prepared him perfectly to lead one of the best colleges of dentistry in the country. I am very excited about the potential he brings to UIC.”

At Iowa, where Dr. Stanford was the Centennial Fund Professor for Clinical Research in the Dows Institute for Dental Research, he managed the Office for Clinical Research and the outpatient Craniofacial Clinical Research Center in the Iowa College of Dentistry. He held secondary appointments in Orthopedic Surgery and Rehabilitation and in Biomedical Engineering, as well as in the College of Nursing. He served on the management committee for the NIH/Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA)-supported Institute for Clinical and Translational Sciences at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

Dr. Stanford said he was drawn to UIC by the strength of the faculty, students, staff, and alumni.

“The UIC College of Dentistry has a long and proud history of education, research and service vital to improving the oral health of the citizens of Illinois and benefiting dental patients around the world,” he said.

“The College and University leadership have been extremely supportive in these challenging times, and through strategic planning have placed the College in an excellent position with wonderful personnel, wonderful new facilities, and an exciting and novel oral health curriculum,” Dr. Stanford added.

He believes “the research enterprise at the UIC College of Dentistry is strong but skewed,” Dr. Stanford said. “So I see an opportunity to reinvent the research enterprise, using the tools and experience I’ve had in creating bridges and connections and breaking down the silos—and I’m used to a lot of silos in Iowa farm country,” he said, laughing.

“I like to create linkages where people didn’t even realize they could have connections, get people together, and get out of their way,” Dr. Stanford said. “You can’t create an infrastructure that will do it automatically, but you can create a culture, environment, and set of expectations of collaboration within and outside the walls of the building.”

Dr. Stanford noted that Dr. Kaufman supports his vision of the College being an integral part of the health science campus, and connecting to institutions and organizations beyond UIC as well.

The new Dean is comfortable and experienced...
looking beyond the walls of his dental school. Dr. Stanford currently serves on several national and international committees, including the International Association for Dental Research, the NIH, the Academy of Prosthodontics, and the Academy of Osseointegration.

He was a member of the board of the American College of Prosthodontists, and is currently chairman of the Scientific Advisory Council of the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias. Dr. Stanford is a member of the American and International Associations for Dental Research, the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research, the American Dental Association, the American Society for Cell Biology, and the Orthopaedic Research Society. He is a fellow of the Academy of Prosthodontics and the International Team for Oral Implantology.

As a dental professional with a national and international view, Dr. Stanford understands that there are cultural differences. “Even between the states of Iowa and Illinois, there are different cultures—there’s something about that Mississippi River that changes how people interact,” he said, laughing.

“I know there’s going to be a learning curve for me as I express ideas and thoughts,” Dr. Stanford said. “Maybe I’m going to ask a strange question because I don’t know the culture, but I don’t think there are any subjects we can’t discuss. I’ll be open, and I hope other people will be too, even if they are not comfortable with the question(s) I ask.”

“What I won’t like is if people say, ‘well, it’s always been done that way,’” he said. “I see myself as a change agent, but also not a micromanager, and I realize there could be extremely good reasons why things are done in a certain way—so explain that to me. And if you can’t, then maybe we should look at something that could be more efficient.”

Dr. Stanford feels there are some efficiency issues that can be addressed at the College, “so I want to look and see if we can develop better processes,” he said. “Dean Knight has been very good about moving forward and helping to set the stage for the next Dean, but I’ll be asking a lot of questions.

“So I ask that everyone be patient with me, let me ask the questions, and don’t assume I know the answer,” Dr. Stanford said. “I won’t be fishing for someone to tell me what I already think I know. I ask honest questions, and I’ll need honest answers.”

“This gets high marks in my book—he is a very good listener,” Dr. Knight said. “His follow-up questions and conversation make it very clear that he heard what you said, and is interested. That’s a skill that will serve us, and him, very well in this job.

“In every dealing that I’ve had with him, I must report that it has always been about the College first with him. And I find that to be both genuine and reassuring,” Dr. Knight added.

Dr. Stanford acknowledged that he is “going to have a different personal style than Bruce or Bill—because everyone is different,” he said. “I tend to be pretty informal, and I want to make sure that as much as possible people feel comfortable bringing issues and concerns to me and working together with me and the administrative team to address issues, concerns, and developing creative solutions that help everyone.

“I’ve always operated collaboratively with a team—I don’t like being by myself, even though I...
know there are times when tough decisions have to be made, and that’s when it gets lonely,” Dr. Stanford said. “I always like to make decisions in a collaborative effort if at all possible. I want to make sure I gain input and understand the issues as best I can before the proverbial trigger has to be pulled on a decision.”

“He is just a very genuine person,” Dr. Knight said.

Dr. Stanford has won 15 teaching awards, including the 2007 State of Iowa Regents Award for Faculty Excellence and the International Association for Dental Research Distinguished Science Award that same year. He also treats patients for complex rehabilitation, with an emphasis in craniofacial anomalies, in an intramural Prosthodontic specialty practice at the Iowa College of Dentistry.

“While I’ve been in academe throughout my professional career, I have experience in very challenging patient care, and a lot of UIC’s alumni may know this because I’m on the lecture circuit quite a bit,” Dr. Stanford explained.

“I’m very used to treating complex situations and working with complex patients, and I have tried to translate that into cutting edge and relevant research questions that answer the problems of the day,” he added.

“Sometimes researchers ask esoteric questions that may matter ten-to-15 years from now, but I want to help the practicing clinician in practice now.”

Which is why Dr. Stanford welcomes feedback from and interaction with alumni.

“I view the partnership between the practice community and the College, as an education and research center, as vitally important,” he said.

“Because we may not know the questions that are most relevant to the person in the trenches every day seeing patients, and there are issues and observations that they have that could really help us to improve our processes and our efficiencies so that we are most relevant in terms of our results—research breakthroughs, and students who are the best trained, with the most relevant knowledge for today’s practices.

“Whether our students are general dentists or postgraduates, we want them to be the best.” Dr. Stanford asserted. “The strength, diversity, and depth of the DMD and postgraduate programs was one of the main reasons I was attracted to the UIC College of Dentistry.”

Dr. Knight appreciates the strength, diversity, and depth in Dr. Stanford’s background as well

“We had a wonderful array of candidates for Dean, and we ended up exceedingly well,” Dr. Knight concluded. “I think we’re very fortunate to have him. I have absolutely no doubt that Dr. Stanford will be warmly received for his genuineness, his intellect, and his very comfortable personal demeanor. If there ever was a gentleman and a scholar, it really is Clark Stanford.”

Although his term does not start until October, Dr. Stanford has been spending time at the College whenever he can. “I was standing in front of the College so early one morning that the doors were still locked, wondering how to get in, when a student came up to me,” Dr. Stanford said.

“She recognized who I was, started talking to me, and escorted me into the building.

“That was nice, and showed me that people are really dedicated to the College and interested in this new person who is there to help them, and who welcomes their help as well,” Dr. Stanford concluded.

Editor’s note: Sam Hostettler also contributed to this article.
The structure of the College’s group practices has undergone a transition from three groups, Rembrandt, Da Vinci, and Monet, to two groups, Mozart and Brahms. Predoctoral students, clinical faculty, and staff were reassigned to the newly configured clinics.

The Mozart Clinic in Rooms 211 and 219 is led by Managing Partners Dr. James Ricker, Clinical Associate Professor, and Dr. Michael Dunlap, ’92, Clinical Assistant Professor, both Restorative Dentistry.

The Brahms Clinic in Rooms 221 and 229 is led by Managing Partners Dr. Michael Santucci and Dr. James Bryniarski, ’78, Clinical Assistant Professors, Restorative Dentistry.

The original predoctoral clinic on the third floor, Room 321, has been reconfigured to create a unique space for predoctoral students in their final year. “It has been designed for use in a new curricular ‘track’ offered to students, and will provide enhanced practice management opportunities,” explained Dr. Susan Rowan, ’84, Associate Dean, Clinical Affairs. “This is one of four tracks that were introduced in May.”

The group practice clinics were created a decade ago in order to encourage a more comprehensive care approach to patient care. Prior to this innovation, the traditional model had been that of individual, discipline-based clinics.

In the comprehensive group practice model, a great majority of care occurs in the same clinic, with supervising faculty and students addressing a variety of treatment needs. “This approach contributes to collaboration, improved communication, and enhanced consultation opportunities, all resulting in improved student education and patient care,” Dr. Rowan said.

Alumni, faculty, and friends of the College have generously donated to the renovation of the Group Practice and Specialty clinics to create the College’s Integrated Clinical Technology Center during the Brilliant Futures: Educating a New Dentist for America and Centennial Campaigns. Centennial Campaign fundraising efforts continue.

Covering the costs of newly renovated operatories are among several goals of the Centennial Campaign. Donors may name an operatory for $25,000.

“In addition to naming individual operatories, the refurbished group practice clinics provide a better working environment and state-of-the-science technology for students.”

“I see every day what a difference it makes to provide patient care in an environment conducive to the best educational practices and the most compassionate care,” said Dr. Susan Rowan, ’84, Associate Dean, Clinical Affairs.
donors can cover the components of a specific operatory,” said Mark J. Valentino, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Development.

A gift of $10,000 covers the cost of a Pelton & Crane dental chair or delivery unit. A contribution of $5,000 provides a Helios 3000 chair-side light, a Vista Clear water system for eight operatories, or a complete KaVo handpiece set, including high- and low-speed instruments.

Those contributing $2,500 will cover the cost of a high-speed or low-speed KaVo handpiece, or a Vista Clear water system for four operatories. A $1,000 gift will provide a Pelton & Crane dentist or assistant stool or integrated technology including a chairside computer and monitor.

“We will recognize all donors’ contributions by including their names on our donor wall plaques,” Valentino said. “The College is going to honor all its donors. Wherever they direct their support, their names will be on donor recognition plaques.”

The group practice clinic chairs receive heavy-duty use, with each averaging more than 100 patients per year.

The clinic renovations have “improved the efficiency and ultimately the quality of patient care,” Dr. Rowan said. “For example, we are able to use digital imaging for the patients, and provide an environment that is more private. Because the equipment is new we have a much easier management approach to infection control—which in the past was sometimes challenging, with outdated and worn equipment.

“The general esthetics of the clinics have vastly improved as well,” she added. “The environment is far more conducive to the learning experience.

Having the new technology has a positive impact on students. “Before the clinics were renovated, students would have to take analog radiographs,” he said. “Now that we have digital radiology with instant imaging present in the clinics, our time can be utilized more efficiently. Utilizing our time more efficiently means better care for our patients as well as a better learning experience.”

The educational process is enhanced because of the efficiencies—students are able to focus on learning and on patient care, rather than dealing with problem equipment. It is far more pleasant for educators, students, patients, and staff."

D-4 Katie Serrano agreed. “The new clinic equipment has provided all students with a more comfortable working environment. It’s nice to have more room to work and additional privacy for patients. All units are now standardized and are reliable.

“As a student who started on the older units, I really appreciate the upgrade and feel that it has made my clinical experience better,” Serrano added. “My patients, especially those who have been with us at UIC for a long time, are really impressed with the clinic changes.”

“I love the way the clinics have been refurbished,” said IDDP-1 Kristina Varga. “Everything looks modern and up to date. One of the things that has positively impacted us is that the mannequins that we practice on are securely attached through an attachment system versus having to tie them up. We also have storage cabinets which we didn’t have before. We are very pleased with the efforts the school makes to offer the students the latest technology in every department.”

D-3 Shouvik Ponnusamy also finds that the new technology has a positive impact on students. “Before the clinics were renovated, students would have to take analog radiographs,” he said. “Now that we have digital radiology with instant imaging present in the clinics, our time can be utilized more efficiently. Utilizing our time more efficiently means better care for our patients as well as a better learning experience.”

Patients experience a greater degree of privacy in the new clinics, as operatories are separate from each other.
Moving forward, Dr. Rowan said, the College will continue to welcome funding for maintaining the new environment. “One example is the sensors which are essential for our imaging systems,” Dr. Rowan explained. “Items like this need to be replaced periodically, because they see heavy use.”

Dr. Rowan also would like to obtain intra-oral cameras for predoctoral student use in order to support patient education and improve participation in treatment decisions, and said, “We’re also looking forward to the opportunity to utilize digital technology for the fabrication of crowns, inlays, and onlays, and that equipment is very costly.”

She noted that with new digital technology, “The dentist is able to take an image of a tooth that needs a crown and in the same day be able to provide the crown for the patient—without having to take impressions, fabricate a provisional restoration, or utilize the services of outside laboratories.

“Our students will be able to provide a crown in one visit, which will not only be a dramatic improvement for patient care service, but will be an essential learning experience as this is the way dentistry will be practiced in the future,” Dr. Rowan stressed.

An alumna and faculty member, Dr. Rowan noted that she was proud to donate to clinic renovations.

“As an alum, I take pride in my educational institution,” she said. “I give credit to the College’s educational process and the faculty who provided me the opportunity to become a dentist—an exceptional educational opportunity that I would like to be able to share and extend for generations in the future.

“As a faculty member, I see every day what a difference it makes to provide patient care in an environment conducive to the best educational practices and the most compassionate care,” she added.

“I am very comfortable that the money I have donated is being used in a way that will improve education for our future dentists and healthcare for patients now and in the future,” Dr. Rowan concluded.

To make a gift to the College’s Centennial Campaign, contact Bruno Mancari, Director of Development, at (312) 413-3554 or bmancari@uic.edu.

Mark J. Valentino Promoted to Campus Development Post

Mark J. Valentino has been promoted to Assistant Vice Chancellor for Development for the UIC Campus.

He now reports to Brady Crook, Associate Vice Chancellor for Development. Valentino maintains leadership of the development operations for the College of Dentistry, and now also oversees the development strategy and operations for the College of Applied Health Sciences, the College of Education, the Jane Addams College of Social Work, and the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs. He will be working with the Directors of Advancement of these Colleges and their Deans and faculty to assist in growing private support from alumni and friends.

Valentino joined the College of Dentistry as Director of Advancement and Alumni Affairs in 1991. He was promoted to Assistant Dean for Advancement and Alumni Affairs in 1999. Since Oct. 2013, he had been serving as Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Development for the campus.

Jeff Nearhoof, UIC Vice Chancellor for Development and Senior Vice President for the University of Illinois Foundation, noted that Valentino “has helped to raise more than $55 million for the College of Dentistry during his time at UIC. These gifts have provided for endowed chairs, professorships, and fellowships; named scholarship funds; and renovated classrooms, research laboratories, and clinics.

“I am pleased that Mark accepted the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Development role,” Nearhoof said. “His collegial demeanor, focus on providing impact, terrific skill set in development and alumni relations, and passion for UIC overall and the College of Dentistry make him critical to our future success.”

Valentino serves as a member of Nearhoof’s Development Leadership Team and on the University of Illinois Foundation’s Prospect Review Committee.

“Mark has been remarkably successful at the College of Dentistry, and there is every reason to believe that he’ll be equally as successful in his new role,” said Interim Dean Dr. Bill Knight. “The University really is quite fortunate to have him step into this leadership position, which is structured in such a way that we need not worry about the College’s development activities.
“Mark has put together a truly gifted set of individuals in the development office here, and he still will personally devote much time to the College of Dentistry. And, it’s a positive for the College to have a person of Mark’s skill and knowledge about our College at the University level,” Dr. Knight added.

“I look forward to not only continuing to lead the development efforts of the College of Dentistry, but to assist my colleagues in the other academic units who now report to me as well concerning their fundraising initiatives,” Valentino said.

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“I want to thank all of the College’s faculty and staff who have expressed their congratulations and support, as well as to Dean Knight, Jeff Nearhoof, and Brady Crook for their confidence in me concerning my expanded role,” Valentino concluded. “It means a great deal to me to have the support of the College and University communities. I’m excited by the opportunities that lie ahead as we welcome Dr. Clark Stanford as Dean of the College of Dentistry and as I work with the Central Development Team and my colleagues at the unit level.”

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College’s Disaster Medicine Responder and Technology Office Leads the Way in Disaster Preparedness

By Gail Mansfield

The events of 9/11 opened Americans’ eyes to the need for wide-scale disaster preparedness. The UIC College of Dentistry and the State of Illinois have led the way in training oral health professionals to act as responders in disasters and pandemics and other crises—while also assisting the dental community in the development of legislative changes and advanced technologies for more effective dental support to disaster mitigation.

“Historically, the United States has really been blessed; the U.S. has had only irregular and limited numbers of large-scale disasters in which entire communities and infrastructures are seriously overwhelmed,” said Dr. Michael D. Colvard, DDS Loyola ’85, Perio Loyola ’87, MS Oral Sciences UIC ’00. Dr. Colvard is Professor of Oral Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences and Director of DMRT. “After 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina, emergency and management preparedness leaders realized that when so many people are injured or killed, we need every possible healthcare professional to contribute to response efforts during the crisis.”

To address the gap, the American Dental Association (ADA), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS) joined forces following the events of 9/11 to establish training, research, and policy centers that could eventually assist and prepare the Illinois oral health community to respond to large-scale disasters.

Dr. Lewis Lampiris, DDS, MPH ’97, then director of IDPH’s Division of Oral Health, sought and selected Dr. Colvard to become the lead in Illinois, establishing a new dental medicine disaster and preparedness center at UIC. In 2003, with the support of then-Dean Dr. Bruce Graham and then-Assistant Dean Bill Knight, UIC’s Dental Emergency Responder Training Office was born. (The office has since been renamed the Disaster Medicine Responder and Technology [DMRT] Office.)

“Engaging dentists and the oral health community to support the disaster response,
pandemic response, and preparedness community was a new notion to many Americans at the time,” recalled Dr. Colvard, who was serving as a dual Illinois Air National Guard Dental and Public Health Officer.

The IDPH, Dr. Lampiris, and Dr. Colvard, “saw that the dental community could bring tremendous clinical skills and off-site infrastructure to a disaster,” Dr. Colvard said. “Dental professionals can provide surge support and clinical care in these crises, with skill sets that allow them to perform a range of activities, including walking well care, triage, pandemic care, full-spectrum treatment of maxillofacial trauma, and identification of the deceased.

“Dental professionals are a key part of a comprehensive disaster response, and we wanted to get the community trained and incorporated into response teams so the community, county, state, and nation can call on us when necessary,” he added.

Leading Legislative Change

Although the idea of dentists supporting disaster and pandemic response needs is new to the civilian dental community, it has long been part of military dentistry. Dr. Colvard, a U.S. Air Force (USAF) Reservist, periodontist, and Public Health Officer (who has been awarded the Illinois Military Medal for Merit and several USAF Meritorious Service Medals), modeled DMRT’s efforts to support IDPH efforts after the Department of Defense (DOD) standards of triage care practiced by military dentists, who serve as military triage officers.

To translate the military dental responder’s role into a civilian setting, various state and national laws needed to be amended to allow the dental profession to support a disaster.

DMRT’s efforts to support IDPH, ISDS, and the ADA have helped Illinois and national dental leaders amend the scope of dental practice and disaster response in Illinois and across the country.

DMRT took a leading role in shaping the legislative changes in Illinois by theorizing a policy and strategy able to assist IDPH and ISDS leadership (and other healthcare stakeholders); this, in turn led to the definition of the Dental Emergency Responder (DER) within the 2006 Illinois Dental Practice Act. Illinois Public Act 94-409 was the first in the country to define into law that dentists and hygienists can be called upon by state leaders to support and participate as health care providers during critical response actions, disasters, and catastrophes.

Illinois has been a model for legislative updates in other states. “Many states sought an example strategy and policy that could be implemented, and used Illinois as one successful model,” Dr. Colvard explained. “Disaster and public health community leaders also understood that the U.S. needed a federal act, able to empower all states to coordinate and lead multi-state disaster response, and an act which included the dental profession as responders.”

“After 9/11, we realized that when so many people are injured or killed, we need every healthcare professional possible to contribute to response efforts during the crisis.”
The Illinois DER example championed by DMRT and ISDS and the Illinois dental community—combined with similar efforts arising in New York, Michigan, California, Nevada, and in conjunction with other state dental societies that perceived particular vulnerabilities—empowered the ADA to successfully seek inclusion of the dental community within federal legislation.

Specific language was included in the 2013 reauthorization of the U.S. Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act, which identifies the dental profession as responders during wide-scale natural and man-made disasters (https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/113/hr307/text).

Said Dr. Colvard, “Dentists and dental hygienists now can better support the national emergency, disaster, forensic, and biometric needs of the local community, county, state, and nation. Dentists can, based on each state’s needs, help provide clinical care and infrastructure for ‘walking well’ care, pandemic vaccination support, biometric information, and forensic dentistry, as well as other response needs as determined by appropriate authorities.”

Policy, Strategy, Research

As important as DMRT’s legislative successes have been, they represent only part of the office’s work.

“We have a multi-pronged focus in the DMRT Office that includes policy, strategy, research, teaching, and community service,” explained Dr. Colvard. “The DMRT Office, in the Department of Oral Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences at the College, introduces UIC dental students to the basic concepts of dentists as first responders, and the diagnosis of clinical conditions associated with disaster, pandemic, and health care response. Focus includes informing dental students about emerging roles the dentist will have in future disaster and pandemic preparedness and response.” DMRT also supports local and state disaster preparedness training drills in core, basic, and disaster life support for oral health professionals.

DMRT training efforts can be targeted: for instance, DMRT recently collaborated with the DuPage County Health Department to conduct a DuPage County mass vaccination drill. This drill, which was evaluated by nurses, tapped DuPage County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) dentists and hygienists to provide mass immunization for a simulated pandemic. The data and results of this event have been accepted for publication later this fall in a special pandemic response issue of Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness, a leading journal in public health preparedness and disaster response for global health care professionals.

Dr. Colvard and his colleagues also develop educational materials for national organizations, reaching an even wider swath of the dental community. Said Dr. James L. Willey, ’79, MBA, Senior Director of the ADA Practice Institute, “We greatly appreciate his expert advice on all-hazard emergency preparedness and disaster recovery, and his enthusiasm and commitment to the project.”

The team of Dr. James J. James, MD, DrPH, MHA, Executive Director of the Society for Disaster Medicine and Public Health and Editor-in-Chief of...
Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness, is in the process of evolving and defining a discipline of disaster medicine and public health representing all health professions.

“Dr. Colvard has assumed leadership in defining the important roles of the dental profession in this program,” Dr. James said. “His efforts are indeed contributing to improving the health security of our nation.”

Disaster scenes provide unique challenges for health care personnel who provide services on the scene. Available power supplies are often limited or non-existent. Thus, “everything has to be portable, self-powered, use durable batteries or be solar rechargeable,” Dr. Colvard explained. “So our research and technology development efforts focus on pushing dental technologies down to handheld, rechargeable, battery-operated sizes. These characteristics are crucial for dental care, biometric, and forensic applications in disaster scenes and austere/humanitarian environments.”

The research efforts of DMRT assist local, county, state, and federal law enforcement by identifying portable technologies for anthropological and biometric research. Dr. Colvard and his team seek “core” technologies (such as lasers; mass spectrometry; Raman, infrared, and terahertz spectroscopy; radiofrequency; and plasma energy) that can be used across many platforms and in austere environments, for anthropological, humanitarian, and disaster response.

DMRT has been funded by the IDPH, NIH, and the USAF Office of the Surgeon General, to advance the applied research and development of handheld and miniaturized technologies for oral medicine, diagnostics, and dental responders. Dr. Colvard hopes that future roles for the dental profession in diagnosis and disaster preparedness and care can be further articulated and defined, thereby expanding the dental profession’s involvement in dental medicine and disaster preparedness.

“We hope to continue to contribute to the oral health community roles in response,” he said, “and to develop the technology dental professionals need to respond efficiently and effectively to disaster and pandemic events.”

For more information about DMRT, call (312) 413-5631, or log on to http://dentistry.uic.edu/departments/DMRT/.
Profile

The Tao of Chan

Dr. Alexander H. Chan’s Philosophies Guide His Teaching

By William S. Bike

In Chinese philosophy, Tao is a concept signifying a way, a path, or a principle of thought and behavior.

In classes taught by Dr. Alexander H. Chan, ‘78, Prosthodontics ‘80, Clinical Associate Professor, Restorative Dentistry, his Tao, or principles of teaching, quickly become apparent.

The students refer to him as “Chan the Man” out of respect,” said Dr. Stephen Campbell, Head, Restorative Dentistry. “He has touched many lives and has always promoted a philosophy of excellence.”

Philosophical Principles

“One part of my philosophy is that every student has different abilities,” Dr. Chan explained. “So teaching is not one size fits all. Some do A work, some do B work, some do C work, but so long as their work is clinically acceptable, they can improve and have successful careers. I try to help everyone—no matter what their ability—accomplish the highest standard that they can by exposing them to what they individually need to know to improve.

“And, I put the students at ease so they can learn,” he added. “That’s important.”

Dr. Priscilla Chang, ‘07, in recalling her days as one of Dr. Chan’s students, agreed. “He always encouraged us to keep trying and would give us genuine feedback with a warm smile. He had high expectations from the beginning and we all got better because he expected the very best from each of us.”

“Dr. Chan was always so encouraging and kind to all his students,” said Dr. Manal Ibrahim LaVacca, ‘93, Prosthodontics ‘96. “He led by example in every way.”

“I always tell my students, ‘There are no stupid questions, only stupid answers,’” Dr. Chan said. “So what you don’t know, you have to ask. That’s another aspect of my philosophy.”

Students definitely feel comfortable asking Dr. Chan questions. “You could always identify Dr. Chan’s office on the fourth floor by the never-ending and winding line of students waiting” to show him their work or ask questions, Dr. LaVacca said.

“Dr. Chan never tried to break us down or make us feel inadequate,” said Dr. Cissy Furusho, ’96, Pediatric Dentistry ’98, MS Oral Sciences ’00. “He was always willing to share his knowledge and skills to make us the best clinicians we could be. But most of all he was humble and caring, and as students we appreciated that and respected him even more.”

“I don’t rank the students as to who is better and who isn’t,” Dr. Chan explained. “I don’t want anybody to have any feelings of inferiority concerning learning. If a student fails, I explain why. When they redo things, they learn what they missed and they tell me they understand why they failed.

“That’s important, because when they are in practice they have to figure out how to improve on their own. That’s part of the new curriculum. If they learn how to do that, they will be doing the best in serving both the public and themselves,” he said.

“Sometimes a student thinks a restoration is going well when it may not be. I tell them to finish it and see how it is. When they do, they can see that the margin isn’t good. I don’t say ‘I told you so.’ They need to figure it out for themselves and that’s what makes them successful in practice,” Dr. Chan noted.

“Because the patient knows if something is wrong,” he said. “They may not confront you, but
they can feel things are not right. If you made a mistake, correct it. I redo restorations in my private practice; I tell the patient how they can be better. In the vast majority of times, they appreciate it. They know you are looking out for their best interest, rather than just a dollar.”

Tradition of Excellence

Looking out for the best interest of the patient runs in Dr. Chan’s family.

“My mother is a physician and pediatrician, so I grew up in a family where we knew the medical field was a good profession in which you could help people,” Dr. Chan said.

Born in Guangzhou, China, in 1950, young Alexander showed the manual dexterity for which he is now famous even as a youngster.

“He told us stories of how he made and carved his own toys as a child in his homeland,” Dr. Furusho said.

“Dr. Chan has phenomenal hand skills which we all envied as D2s in his fixed prosthodontics course,” recalled Dr. Chang. “As hard as we tried back then, we felt like we would never reach his level of expertise.”

“He earned our respect from the moment we met him by showing us that his skills were above and beyond anything we had ever seen before,” Dr. Furusho added.

Dr. Chan’s father had worked for the Nationalist government of China, “so when the Communists came in, he had to escape, otherwise he would have been ‘re-educated,’” Dr. Chan recalled.

The elder Chan escaped to Hong Kong, then a British territory, and the rest of the family soon followed. Dr. Chan attended primary and high school in Hong Kong, but for College he set his sights abroad.

“Hong Kong is a small area with only one university which didn’t have a lot of resources in those days,” Dr. Chan recalled. “I came to America and to the University of Illinois at Chicago because I wanted to expand my horizons and live the American dream.”

He earned a BS in Chemistry from UIC in 1975 and entered the College of Dentistry.

“I applied to both medical school and dental school,” Dr. Chan noted. “I was accepted to dental school first, and that made my decision. I didn’t want to wait.”

Student and Teacher

As a student at the College, Dr. Chan noted he had “some very good instructors”—particularly Dr. James W. Buckman, ’64, Professor, and Dr. Charles Luptak, Loyola ’68, Associate Professor, Restorative Dentistry.

“They were unselfish when they were teaching, they mentored other students and me, and they helped me to see the best in dentistry,” Dr. Chan recalled. “And I could see how a good instructor has a philosophy and could influence a student’s development.”

It was because of Dr. Buckman that Dr. Chan decided to become a Prosthodontist.

“One day, Dr. Buckman was preparing for a lecture by sorting slides of full-mouth reconstruction, and I thought the work was very impressive,” Dr. Chan said. “I decided I wanted to do that and he mentored me. After I finished dental
school, I joined the faculty and I was accepted into the Prosthodontics program, and then Dr. Buckman invited me to join his practice. Dr. Daniel Mackey ('70), an instructor at the College, was in the same practice, too. We've been friends all these years.”

Dr. Chan has had the same effect on some of his students as Dr. Buckman had on him. “I recall freshman year not fully understanding what a prosthodontist was, but if that was what Dr. Chan was, then I wanted to be a prosthodontist,” Dr. LaVacca said.

Now, Dr. Chan practices in downtown Chicago with his son, Dr. Christopher T. Chan, ’08, Prosthodontics ’11.

“We enjoy working together very much,” Dr. Alexander Chan said. “He’s taken on the overflow and some of my patients, and he handles the emergencies. It’s great.”

Dr. Chan is grateful for the help of his son, his daughter Christina (a consultant for Deloitte Consulting LLP), and his wife, Nancy. “My wife has been very supportive of what I’ve been doing all these years, both in practice and in academe,” he said. “I’m proud to say we will have been married for 40 years in 2015.”

After more than 35 years on the faculty, Dr. Chan not only still enjoys teaching, but feels it is a responsibility as well.

“I have a good time teaching,” he said. “I come here not only because I enjoy it but because it is a wonderful way for me to give back, too. What I learned and accomplished here allowed me to excel and get me where I am today, both in private practice and in academe.”

There is no question that he excels as a teacher. “At dental meetings, I run into former students and they always tell me how my courses were tough, but they appreciated my courses and learned a lot,” Dr. Chan said. “That makes me feel good.”

“What I learned from him, I treasure to this day,” Dr. LaVacca said. “I want to extend a thank you to Dr. Chan on behalf of the hundreds upon hundreds he has taught over the years, and for his commitment and dedication.”

Dr. Chan has been awarded several Golden Apple Awards by the students for teaching quality, he earned a UIC Award for Teaching Excellence, and was conferred the Dr. E. Lloyd Du Brul Award for Teaching Excellence by the UIC Dental Alumni Association Board of Trustees.

But he does not rest on his laurels.

“The philosophies of teaching and learning change, and I change with them, too,” he said. “I started out teaching the way I was taught, kind of spoon fed, but I tried to evolve and explain to students why they got the grade they did, so they can figure out how to get to the next level.

“I try to keep up on the cutting edge of technology,” he added. “We were one of the first schools to incorporate implants into the technique course; every dentist when he or she graduates should know how to restore a tooth with an implant, and ours do.”

Dr. Chan keeps on the cutting edge because he knows the Department of Restorative Dentistry does as well. “Our Department Head, Dr. Campbell, has done an excellent job in improving the department, so I have to improve too,” Dr. Chan said. “We now have a nationally known program with excellent candidates and residents.”
Giving Back

The improvements in the department and College are another reason Dr. Chan likes to give back—not only by teaching, but as a donor as well. Dr. Chan, along with fellow faculty Dr. Susan Rowan, ’84, and Dr. Brad Johnson, Endodontics ’91, MHPE ’05, led the We Care, We Count faculty component of the Centennial Campaign to raise funding to renew all the operatories in the building. (See related article, page 10.)

“When I was in school here there were some administrators and faculty that some of my classmates didn’t like, and so some of them don’t support the College,” he explained. “But the College is not those administrators and faculty. You’ve got different people here who keep the College moving forward every day, so I look at the College as a whole.

“And I want to be part of improving that whole,” Dr. Chan continued. “The equipment we had in the dental clinics was so old, when I remodeled my practice I noticed that the equipment I was throwing away was better than the equipment at school. That’s not right. I want the school to excel, to be one of the best in the country.”

So Dr. Chan clearly is philosophical about the concept of giving back.

“There have been lots of changes, and a lot of good things happening at the school,” Dr. Chan said. “It’s not the way that many of our alumni may remember. The people at the top called the shots then, but now the departments work together. People are collaborative.”

Dr. Chan concluded with a final bit of Tao/philosophy.

“I think we should support that,” he said. “We cannot stay in the past. We have to move forward to the future, and it takes money to get there. If everybody puts in what they can, the College can put those donations together and you’ve got the larger amount needed to accomplish greatness.”
Dr. Anne George Named Distinguished Researcher by University

The UIC Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research (OVCR) conferred a 2013 UIC Researcher of the Year Award to Dr. Anne George, Allan G. Brodie Endowed Professor, Brodie Tooth Development Genetics and Regenerative Medicine Research Laboratory, and Professor of Oral Biology, College of Dentistry.

The Distinguished Researcher Award is given to five UIC researchers who have demonstrated outstanding research achievements in their field of expertise.

Dr. George is an internationally renowned leader in the field of mineralized tissue research due to her path-breaking findings elucidating the mechanisms by which mineralization of the extracellular matrix (ECM) occurs, which also has widespread importance in biology, medicine, and engineering. She discovered DMP1, a key regulatory molecule that controls differentiation of the osteoblast (bone forming cells) and odontoblast (dentin forming cells) phenotype.

Her research advances are leading to ways of regenerating oral tissues, including teeth, bone, and the periodontium, as well as improving diagnostic methods used in clinical practice. Dr. George has received numerous awards, including an honorary doctorate from the University Paris Descartes and ongoing funding from the National Institutes of Health.

"None of this would have been possible without the help and support of all my lab members, mentors, colleagues, College of Dentistry administration, and my dear family," Dr. George said. "I also would like to thank the Willow Springs Foundation for endowing the Allan G. Brodie professorship and providing the funding for the Brodie Tooth Development Genetics and Regenerative Medicine Research Laboratory. Their generosity is crucial to my research."

Dr. George was nominated for the award by Dr. Carla Evans, Head of the Department of Orthodontics.

Drs. Fatemeh Afshari, Alison Doubleday Honored for Teaching Excellence

Dr. Fatemeh Afshari, Clinical Assistant Professor, Restorative Dentistry, and Dr. Alison Doubleday, Assistant Professor, Oral Biology, were selected by their peers through UIC’s Council for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) to receive 2013-14 Teaching Recognition Awards.

A total of 32 faculty applied for the award for that year. In determining recipients, a CETL subcommittee of nine previous UIC faculty award recipients considers candidate statements, student feedback, peer reviews, course materials, mentoring of students, curriculum development, and implementation of new pedagogies and methods. The council was impressed with Dr. Doubleday’s and Dr. Afshari’s range of teaching activities and program development.

"I am passionate about teaching," Dr. Doubleday noted. "I believe the first priority and responsibility for all faculty members at educational institutions is to help guide and facilitate the learning process for students. Through our teaching, we can instill curiosity about the world, as well as a desire to make connections across disciplines. In doing so, we provide students with the means to become life-long learners and we set them up for success in any field."

Dr. Fatemeh Afshari.
Asking oneself “why” is crucial to learning, Dr. Afshari explained. “My philosophy has been to pursue my students to learn by asking this simple question and, in turn, seeking the answer via an evidence-based, self-directed quest. My philosophy coincides with the school’s mission of encouraging learners to become active participants in their own learning experience.”

Dr. Doubleday also has been conferred the 2014 Dr. Jon Daniel Teaching Award.

Dr. Doubleday received the award from Interim Dean Dr. Bill Knight and Dr. Luisa DiPietro, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, at an April 16 faculty meeting.

The Daniel Award was established in 2010 in memory of longtime Oral Biology faculty member Dr. Jon Daniel, to honor instructors who have made exemplary contributions to UIC dental students’ learning. Dr. Daniel passed away in 2009.

Dr. Daniel’s qualities cited in the award are the ability to engage students’ interest, and curiosity, the ability to motivate students, to challenge them, and to respond to their needs.

“This is our role as teachers,” Dr. Doubleday said. “We guide students along their journey and help them learn concepts and knowledge that will be valuable to them in their careers. It’s our job to help them clear up misconceptions, understand why the information is important, and to recognize its broad relevance.”

The late Dr. Daniel’s wife, Jayne, as well as family members Jonah Daniel and David Marcus, attended the presentation.

University Confers Grant to Dr. Srilata Bagchi to Take Oral Cancer Research in New Direction

Dr. Srilata Bagchi, Director of the Center for Molecular Biology of Oral Diseases, was awarded a $50,000 annual grant from the University of Illinois Cancer Center for her project, “DDB2 knockout mouse model for tobacco-metabolite induced oral carcinogenesis.”

“I have been working on the DNA repair protein DDB2 in a project funded by the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health for the last ten years,” Dr. Bagchi explained. “This new project is an extension of that study.

“In this study we would like to develop an animal model using the DDB2 knockout mice to study the role of DDB2 in tobacco-induced oral carcinogenesis, which is a new direction,” Dr. Bagchi said.

“Tobacco carcinogens are involved in oral cancer, lung cancer, ovarian cancer, and other cancers,” she continued. “Therefore, if we are successful in developing this animal oral carcinogenesis model, it will be very useful for future therapeutic interventions. Currently, not many biologically relevant oral cancer animal models are available, so this research will fill that gap.”

Dr. Satish Alapati Receives Grant to Study Dental Pulp Regeneration

Dr. Satish B. Alapati, Assistant Professor, Endodontics, recently received a research grant in the amount of $21,000 in support of his research proposal, “Hypoxia-mediated discordant simulation of endothelium perturbs dental pulp stem cell differentiation, via Notch signaling,” from the American Association of Endodontists (AAE) Foundation.

“This research project from our lab is an initial step for looking into understanding the role
of hypoxia and ischemic events in dental pulp tissue, particularly dental pulp stem cells (DPSCs) proliferation/differentiation in response to such injuries during regeneration process."

Dr. Alapati said. "The hypoxic/inflammatory environment effect on dental pulp tissue (DPSCs) is not known. Unwinding the molecular signaling pathways that are relevant for endothelial cells (ECs) and DPSCs could perhaps open critical cues for regenerative endodontic therapy."

Dr. Alapati acknowledged contributions from collaborator Dr. Premanand Sundivakkam, graduate student Michael Boyle (MS Bioengineering), and also UIC MOST (Multidisciplinary Oral Science Training) summer research program students Chelsee Strojny and Crystal Chun.

Dr. Bradford R. Johnson Named Endodontics Department Head

Dr. Bradford R. Johnson, who has served on the faculty of the Department of Endodontics since 1991, has been named Head of the department.

Dr. Johnson, Endodontics '91, MHPE '05, will continue as Director of Postdoctoral Endodontics, and as department Head will assume oversight and responsibility for all other departmental operations, including predoctoral education, research, continuing education, and service activities.

"My job will be made easier by the excellent faculty, students, and support staff in our department," Dr. Johnson said, noting that he will emphasize faculty and staff development in his new role.

He expressed his goal that the department’s tradition of excellence in clinical education will "continue and expand during my tenure as Department Head, as we become more engaged in clinical and translational research and the dissemination of new evidence-based knowledge."

Dr. Johnson said. "I plan to build upon the solid foundation established by those who came before me and assure that UIC’s program is recognized as one of the top Endodontics departments in the world.

"In collaboration with departmental faculty, students, and College of Dentistry leadership, I plan to explore options for better utilization of the new Postgraduate Endodontics Clinic and introduce more of the latest science and technology in Endodontics to the Predoctoral Endodontics program," he added. "Faculty and students in the department are actively exploring uses of new technology such as Cone Beam Computed Tomography, or CBCT, and pursuing bench top and clinical research in regenerative Endodontics, dental materials, and Endodontic microbiology," Dr. Johnson said.

He complimented the loyalty of the department’s growing alumni base, noting that the Postgraduate Endodontics Clinic "was made possible by generous alumni support, graduates of the Loyola endodontic program, as well as corporate donors and support from the College of Dentistry."

The department has a superb faculty, he said. "We now have two full-time faculty with DDS/PhD degrees, both of whom received their endodontics specialty training in our postgraduate program," Dr. Johnson explained. "In addition, two part-time clinical faculty also have PhDs. Ten years ago, it would have been hard to imagine our relatively small ‘clinical’ department counting four dual-degree DDS/PhDs among its faculty.

"It is perhaps even more remarkable that these dual-degree faculty also all are actively engaged in clinical teaching side-by-side with our strong core of dedicated full-time, part-time, and volunteer clinical educators," he said.

Dr. Johnson thanked his mentors, colleagues, students, and family for support and guidance over
the years. “Now it’s my opportunity to provide this same type of support to others,” he concluded.

Dr. Johnson received his DDS from Virginia Commonwealth University’s Medical College of Virginia, his Certificate in Endodontics from the UIC College of Dentistry, and his Master’s degree in Health Professions Education from UIC.

A Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics, he will become a member of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Endodontists in 2015. He has published more than 70 articles and abstracts and is coauthor of five textbook chapters. His primary research interests include clinical decision making, dental education, clinical outcomes research, and tissue regeneration.

As department Head, Dr. Johnson succeeds Dr. Christopher S. Wenckus, ‘71, Endodontics ’74, who recently retired after 15 years in the position. See related article, page 56.

Golf Outing Scheduled
The 23rd annual Golf Outing, an event hosted by the College and the UIC Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors, will be held at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club, 12294 Archer Ave., Lemont, IL, 60439, (866) 264-4455, on Wednesday, Sept. 10. All UIC, Loyola University Chicago, and Northwestern University dental alumni, as well as alumni of other dental schools, friends, and spouses are invited.

Participants may shoot on one of the club’s several championship golf courses, including Dubsdread, home of the Western Open.

In addition, the golf outing will end with an evening dinner.

Cog Hill will once again be the site of the College's Golf Outing.

University dental alumni, as well as alumni of other dental schools, friends, and spouses are invited.

There will be a shotgun start at 1 p.m., so that all golfers will be able to finish and have dinner at the same time.

Dr. Thomas J. King, ’71, Chair; and Drs. Don Doyle, ’78; and Charles DiFrancesco, Loyola ’81, compose the Golf Outing Committee.

The fun activity also has proven to be a networking opportunity, as more alumni from Loyola, Northwestern, and other dental schools have attended in recent years.

Alumni who belong to special anniversary classes in 2015, those classes whose graduation year ended in a “5” or “0,” are encouraged to get together at the Golf Outing as part of their Reunion activities.

The price for golf, a golf cart, and the dinner is $95. If requesting to play Dubsdread, the price is $195. For non-golfers wishing to attend, the price for the dinner alone is $40.

Prizes also are given for golfing prowess and predictions.

Those interested in golfing should fill out the form on page 49 to reserve a spot.

Call Ana Lisa Ogbac of the College’s Office of Advancement and Alumni Affairs at (312) 996-0485, or e-mail her at aogbac1@uic.edu, for more information.

Dr. Nuha Nakib
Named Interim Director of Predoctoral Periodontics
Dr. Nuha Nakib, Clinical Associate Professor, Periodontics, has been named Interim Director of Predoctoral Periodontics.

Making sure that all of the students have the opportunity to treat patients with different periodontal needs is one of her goals, and she also wants to make sure they are taught “to realize when referral to the specialist is indicated,” Dr. Nakib said. “I also want Continued on page 28

Dr. Nuha Nakib, Interim Director of Predoctoral Periodontics.
Approximately 150 UIC College of Dentistry and Loyola University Chicago School of Dentistry alumni, spouses, faculty, guests, and dignitaries enjoyed an evening of reconnecting, awards, and music the evening of April 11 at the College’s Reunion Dinner at Carlisle Banquets in Lombard, IL.

Chaired by Dr. Robert J. Ficek, ’62, and his wife, Jean, and organized by Ana Lisa Ogbac, Associate Director of Advancement and Alumni Affairs, the Reunion saw anniversary classes whose graduation year ended in a four or an nine, and six UIC and Loyola alumni honored.

Dr. Frank Maggio, Loyola DDS ’71, UIC Periodontics ’75, President of the UIC Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors, was master of ceremonies.

Dr. Ross E. Rubino, ’77, received the Dr. Irwin B. Robinson President’s Leadership Award for his service as President in 2013-14.

Dr. Michael S. Higgins, ’78, was conferred the University of Illinois Alumni Association Loyalty Award. Dr. Higgins is a Clinical Associate Professor of Anesthesiology with the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System, where he has been a member of the Department of Anesthesiology since 1982.

Dr. James W. Buckman, ’64, received the Dr. F. William Towner Organized Dentistry Activity Award. Dr. Buckman was honored for his nearly 30 years of service with the American Equilibration Society, where he has held all executive offices including President, as well as his activity with five other dental organizations.

Dr. Antonia Kolokythas, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery ’04, MS Oral Sciences ’11, was granted the Dr. E. Lloyd Du Brul Faculty Achievement Award. Dr. Kolokythas is an Associate Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and an...
Dr. Mary A. Starsiak, Loyola DDS ’84, garnered the Dr. Raffaele Suriano Award, which is given for important contributions to dentistry in the Chicago area on the part of a faculty member of alumnus of a Chicago-area dental school, reflecting the contributions of the late Dr. Raffaele Suriano, Dean of the Loyola University School of Dentistry. Dr. Starsiak is extremely active in organized dentistry and is an active volunteer in her community. She is Secretary of the Chicago Dental Society Foundation Board of Trustees.

Dr. James J. Koelbl, ’73, MS Loyola ’86, MJ Health Law Loyola ’92, was named the Distinguished Dental Alumnus. He is Provost and Senior Vice President of the University of New England (UNE) in Maine, and was the Founding Dean of the College of Dental Medicine at UNE.

Dr. Koelbl also has served as Dean of the West Virginia School of Dentistry in Morgantown, WV, and Founding Dean of the Western University Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine in Pomona, CA. He also previously served on the faculty of the Loyola University Chicago School of Dentistry.

The 2015 Reunion will be held on Friday, April 17, at the Carlisle. All classes whose graduation years end in a five or zero will receive special honors.

All alumni are invited to Reunion 2015, but to hold costs down, only members of class years ending in five or zero will receive a formal invitation. (See inside front cover.) For more information on the 2015 Reunion or to serve as a class representative, call Ogbac at (312) 996-0485. To see photos from the Reunion, log on to https://www.flickr.com/photos/23080224@N06 sets/72157644039138959/.
Dr. Nakib Named Interim Director

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to make sure that the student will be competent in Periodontics by the administration of several performance exams, and I hope some students will aspire to seek a specialty in Periodontics.”

A member of the College’s Periodontics faculty for more than 30 years, Dr. Nakib has received the Golden Apple Award and the Department of Periodontics Faculty Development Award for excellence in teaching. She is a member of the Admissions Committee and the Continuing Education Committee.

Dr. Nakib also is in private practice in Chicago and is a member of the American Academy of Periodontology, the Midwest Society of Periodontology, Omicron Kappa Upsilon, and the Odontographic Society, and she also is a Diplomat of the American Board of Periodontology.

She has established scholarships in the community for underserved children and a scholarship at the College, and is involved in several children’s charities.

Pediatric Dentistry

Seeking More Patients

The College’s Department of Pediatric Dentistry serves as the oral healthcare safety net for children in Illinois, with the pre-doctoral and post-graduate Pediatric Dentistry clinics responsible for more than 10,000 patient visits annually.

Nonetheless, the department’s faculty and post-grads and the DMD students are looking for even more Pediatric Dentistry patients.

“We have the physical space to take more patients, and our personnel can handle more—particularly since we increased the number of entering residents by 50% from six to nine last year,” said Dr. Marcio da Fonseca, Department Head, Pediatric Dentistry.

“The renovation of the post-graduate clinic is complete so we can see more patients there, as well as in the undergraduate clinic as well. Our dental students’ efficiency is constantly improving,” he added.

Dr. da Fonseca hopes that alumni and other dentists will refer more Pediatric Dentistry patients to the College.

“We have a wonderful group of expert faculty here,” he explained. “We are equipped to do sedations in the clinic and general anesthesia in the...
hospital, and in the near future we will be equipped to perform general anesthesia in our department as well. We have access to the other specialties in the College, so we can consult with our colleagues in Endodontics, Periodontics, Oral Surgery, and Orthodontics. Everything is concentrated here, making it easy to refer the patient to other specialties if need be.”

Dr. da Fonseca noted that the Department of Oral Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences at the College performs cone beam computed tomography (CBCT), “so if we need further diagnostic investigation on a patient we can send him or her there, and CBCT is something many practitioners won’t have in their offices.”

The College always is looking to increase access to care. “We see mostly low-income patients and medically compromised children who may have a difficult time finding care, and we want to serve more of those patients,” Dr. da Fonseca said. “More patients will be good for the dental students and the residents because it will increase their expertise in pediatric oral health, making them more willing to treat these patients in their own practice.”

To refer a patient to the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, call (312) 996-7532.

Restorative Expands Its Research Day

The Department of Restorative Dentistry and the Postgraduate Program in Prosthodontics’ fourth annual Research Day held in January proved to be the most successful ever, as the department expanded the event by including predoctoral students and inviting participants from the College community as well.

“The goal is to promote scholarly activity by our students, residents, and faculty,” said Dr. Stephen D. Campbell, Head, Restorative Dentistry. “There is great value in a day that identifies what everyone is doing concerning research in the department—most of it clinically based science.

“It inspires students and residents to establish and complete meaningful research projects to advance the profession, and it raises the bar and expectations for everyone,” Dr. Campbell added.

“It reminds everyone that this is who we are: clinical scholars, and that our mission is to graduate clinical scholars and the future leaders of our profession.

“The focus is on clinical research, and the event brings the students, residents, and mentors together in one room in a supportive environment that can truly be inspirational,” he noted.

Restorative/Prosthodontics researchers make a ten-minute presentation, and then field questions for another five minutes.

All 21 of the department’s postgrads are working towards a Master’s of Oral Science Degree, “and our program requires them to perform research,” Dr. Campbell explained. “Research Day allowed all 21 of our postgraduates to display their research in an atmosphere of fellowship, sharpening their presentations for larger venues such as the College’s Clinic and Research Day and national meetings.”

Participants in the Department of Restorative Dentistry’s Research Day.
As part of the College’s Advanced Implant Program, predoctoral students were invited. Many of them also belong to the Prosthodontic Implant Club (PIC UIC), which provides opportunity “for our predoctoral students to become more engaged with the full scope of prosthodontics on an ongoing basis,” Dr. Campbell said. “It allows our dental students to see the breadth and depth of our specialty, and to ask questions. The event creates a rare opportunity for predoctoral students to be mentored by our specialty students and faculty—helping them to focus on and become familiar with the discipline of Restorative Dentistry.”

At the latest Restorative Research Day, more than 100 people participated as presenters or observers. Included as observers were department heads from some of the College’s other specialties as well.

“Research Day allowed me to experience such a broad spectrum of research happening right at UIC,” noted Dr. Aram Kim, a resident in Prosthodontics.” I was impressed with everyone’s enthusiasm and knowledge on their project. I was happy to be part of it!”

“It was a great opportunity to learn about what the residents are researching,” said Dr. Julie Davis, ’14. “It was very interesting to hear about up-and-coming topics. I really enjoyed the event and think it is valuable to attend.”

“I was very grateful that I had the opportunity to attend such a phenomenal day,” said Dr. Stuart Schelkopf, ’14. “The day showcased the broad range of research projects that are being conducted at UIC as well as the great amount of effort and time that the department’s faculty and residents dedicate to their research. All of the presentations were very interesting and stimulating for me as I near the start of my Post-Graduate Prosthodontics residency here at UIC.”

The event originally was established in 2011 as part of the effort to fulfill the College’s Vision Statement’s call for research excellence, and its Mission Statement’s commitment for innovative research.

“Our department’s research had grown to critical mass, to the point where we could consider initiating such an event,” Dr. Campbell said. “The timing was right. Our researchers had great collaborators, and our postgrads had great mentors.”

Since 2012, the department also has hosted a Graduate Program Clinical Presentations and Celebration Day.

“It provides opportunities for residents to present in a similar format,” Dr. Campbell explained. “Our goal is to inspire residents to become leaders in the profession as they become comfortable with and begin to define themselves as clinicians and scholars.”

In both events, the department promotes collaboration among predocs, other specialties, and faculty.

“Our researchers add to everyone’s knowledge while increasing the reputation and stature of our department, making these truly inspiring events,” Dr. Campbell concluded.

ICD Lauds Centennial Book
Celebrating a Proud Past, a book about the College’s history published in 2013 as part of the year-long recognition of the College’s Centennial, has been selected to receive the International College of Dentists (ICD) Special Citation Award.

The book recounts the rich history of the College, with hundreds of photos supplementing the text.

“The ICD is the oldest and largest international honor society for dentists in the world, so for Celebrating a Proud Past to be recognized by such a prestigious organization is truly a great honor,” said William S. Bike, Director of Advancement
Communications for the College and Editor of Celebrating a Proud Past.

“Everyone who was a student, faculty member, or staff member at the College over the past century can take pride in this award, because they all were an important part of the College’s history, which the ICD award celebrates,” he added.

Celebrating a Proud Past is available for $40, plus $5 for postage and handling per book. To purchase copies of Celebrating a Proud Past, send a check made out to UIC College of Dentistry to Bike at the Office of Advancement and Alumni Affairs, UIC College of Dentistry, 801 S. Paulina St., Chicago, IL 60612. To use a credit card, fill out the form on the inside back cover of Vision magazine and mail to the above address. For more information, contact Bike at (312) 996-8495 or billbike@uic.edu.

President Obama Honors Centennial

President Barack Obama wrote a letter to the College in 2013 acknowledging its recent Centennial.

“I am pleased to join in celebrating your school’s 100th anniversary,” President Obama wrote.

“Since your school’s founding, faculty and staff have prepared students to meet the challenges of their time,” he added.

President Obama discussed how the College serves as a gateway to opportunity and engine for the nation’s progress, and talked about how by cultivating a passion for learning, the College ensures “the doors of opportunity continue to open wide for all who are willing to dream big.”

He concluded by writing that he hoped the community “takes pride in the ways your school has touched lives. As you celebrate this special milestone, I wish you all the best for the years ahead.”

“Celebrating a Proud Past,” the College’s award-winning chronicle of its history.

President Obama recently congratulated the College on its Centennial.
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New Dean Welcomes Opportunities to Meet Alumni and Friends of College

Dear Alumni and Friends:

As a Resident in Periodontics, Department of Periodontics faculty member, and Director, Officer, and now President of the UIC Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors, it has been my pleasure to have known five Deans of the UIC College of Dentistry: Drs. Seymour H. Yale, ’45; Allen W. Anderson, ’64, Pediatric Dentistry ’65, MS Pediatric Dentistry ’66; Dale R. Eisenmann, ’65, PhD Anatomy ’68; Bruce S. Graham; and Bill Knight.

Each of them played a key role in making the College one of the top dental schools in North America.

These Deans are a tough act to follow, but I believe our Dean-Designate, Dr. Clark Stanford, will be up to the task of keeping the College on the path to greatness.

Dr. Stanford has been a top faculty member at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, and an accomplished practitioner as well, treating patients for complex rehabilitation and craniofacial anomalies. His experience with tough cases has made him a popular speaker at dental meetings and other venues.

He has made clear that he welcomes opportunities to hear from and meet with alumni and other dentists to the College is “vitally important.” He wants to know what is most relevant to us as practitioners, and he plans on using what he learns from us to improve education and research at the College.

“Whether our students are general dentists or postgraduates, we want them to be the best,” said Dr. Stanford.

When we are looking for associates for our practices, and for dental professionals to whom to sell those practices later in our careers, that’s what we want as well.

After Dr. Stanford arrives at the College in October, there will be many opportunities for alumni and friends of the College to meet and talk with him. The College is planning to hold several specific Meet the Dean events, and there also will be opportunities to get to know him at the College’s regularly scheduled events such as the Reunion, Clinic and Research Day, the Golf Outing, and many more.

So I urge you to watch your mail and check the College’s website for upcoming events, and to come to as many events as possible to take advantage of the chance to both offer your opinions to and get to know the new Dean, Dr. Clark Stanford.

Integrated Clinical Technology Center

As a faculty member, I have seen firsthand how the College has transformed 40-year-old, worn-out clinical facilities into a state-of-the-science Integrated Clinical Technology Center.

Between 60% and 75% of our dental students’ education is spent in the clinic. We now are able to provide an outstanding clinical education with technology that our students will use when they enter the world of dental practice.
Better facilities make my fellow faculty and I better educators. Students have a greater educational experience, and patients receive improved oral healthcare in more comfortable and private surroundings.

Thank you to all of our alumni and friends who have made donations to create the Integrated Clinical Technology Center. Today’s generation uses the phrase “paying it forward,” and you have truly paid forward your gratitude for the life that your dental education provided for your and your families by your donations that have improved conditions for students, patients, and faculty.

Working Together

Along with Interim Dean Dr. Knight and Dean-Designate Dr. Stanford, the board and I want to work with you to make your alumni experience the best it can be. Please don’t hesitate to contact me about alumni relations, the College, and anything else on your mind. I’d welcome hearing from you by email at maggiof@sbcglobal.net or by phone at (847) 697-4646.

Whether you’ve been an active alumnus or have not been involved in the College for a while, or if you’re an alum of the Loyola University Chicago School of Dentistry or another dental school, the College and its board welcome you and your involvement in College events.

We have professional development and networking opportunities, and a lot of fun, too. Participating is a great way to stay connected to the College and your colleagues!

Sincerely,

Dr. Frank A. Maggio, DDS Loyola ’71, Periodontics UIC ’75
President, UIC Dental Alumni Association
Board of Directors
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Alumni Class News

'54 Richard D. Corley, Peoria, IL, is a board-certified general surgeon and board-certified plastic surgeon. He has taken care of more than 58,500 patients in his career, and he still works six days per week. He earned his MD degree from the University of Illinois in 1960, and performed an internship at Cook County Hospital afterwards. He said, “It made me a better surgeon to have gone to dental school, where I was taught to strive for perfection.”

'57 Sigurds O. Krolls, Jackson, MS, received the American College of Dentists Mississippi Section Outstanding Faculty Award. Dr. Krolls teaches at the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry.

'58 Howard Gerstein, Scottsdale, AZ, has completed 16 years as a dental volunteer at St. Vincent DePaul’s free dental clinic in Phoenix, and 16 years at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale as a volunteer in the gastroenterology department.

'59 Irv Leonard, Chicago, has retired and sold his practice to Reena Shah, '06.

Egon Schein, Waukegan, IL, appears in the movie Killing Poe.

'63 Harry O. Channon, Pediatric Dentistry '69, Elgin, IL, has retired as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatric Dentistry at the College.

'64 Ronald Mizer has retired, and Drs. Greg Haarman and Amanda Lewis have taken over his Taylorville, IL, practice. Ron’s retirement was the subject of an article in the Jan. 6, 2014, Taylorville Breeze-Courier.

'65 (50-year Reunion, 2015) Michael Hayward, North Barrington, IL, and his volunteer work at the dental clinic in the Willow Creek Community Church Care Center, were the subject of an article in the Jan./Feb. 2014 CDS Review.

'66 Bud Mopper, MS Pediatric Dentistry, Glenview, IL, spoke on Composite Power: Versatility Unsurpassed for the Midwest Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry on May 16.

'68 Thomas Skiba, MS OMFS '77, McHenry, IL, and the Golden Apple he was awarded at the College were the subjects of an article in the Dec. 2013 CDS Review.

'69 Paul Litvin has relocated his practice from Des Plaines to Rolling Meadows, IL.

'70 (45-year Reunion, 2015) John F. O’Keefe recently was honored by John A. Logan College in Carterville, IL, with the naming of the Dr. John F. O’Keefe Dental Education Center. John served 20 years on the College’s Board of Trustees. He has practiced in Marion, IL, for 42 years and is a retired colonel in the U.S. Air Force reserves.

'72 Gerald I. Drury, Redondo Beach, CA, received a 35-Year Award at the Part-Time Faculty Appreciation Dinner from the Ostrow School of Dentistry of the University of Southern California.

'73 Richard Holba, Orland Park, IL, Chicago Dental Society President, was the subject of an interview in the Jan./Feb. CDS Review.

Kerry Voit, Chicago, discussed the graftless reconstruction of the edentulous arch at the Chicago Dental Society South Suburban Branch meeting in Oct. 2013.

'74 William Flick, Oak Lawn, IL, spoke on sedation and on anesthesia at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February.
Robert Manasse, Matteson, IL, was Program Chair for the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting, dealing with 125 speakers in 240 sessions.

Stephen Conrad, Phoenix, AZ, keeps a practice blog to educate patients on dental healthcare at www.phxcosmeticdentist.com/blog.html.

Harry Kiriluk, Schaumburg, IL, had a letter to the editor published about the profession being proactive in directing the future of dental care in the May 2014 edition of Illinois Dental News.

Mary Hayes, Pediatric Dentistry ’78, Chicago, attended the FDI World Dental Federation meeting in Istanbul, Turkey.

Claudio Levato, Bloomingdale, IL, spoke on Practice Management Software Unleashed, on Patterson Eaglesoft, on Carestream Health, and on Henry Schein Practice Solutions at the CDS Midwinter meeting in February.

Fred Margolis, Pediatric Dentistry, Buffalo Grove, IL, received the Award for Clinical Excellence from the Academy of Laser Dentistry (ALD) Feb. 28 in Scottsdale, AZ. Fred has taught the subject in England, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, South Africa, Mexico, Canada, and the U.S. He and Dr. Larry Kotlow hold Master’s in Laser Dentistry (ALD) certification and are the only pediatric dentists to do so. The two also have taught together for the ALD for the past five years. Fred was scheduled to speak at the Illinois State Dental Society Annual Session on treating pregnant women and adolescents and their babies on Sept. 17, 2014.

Michael Gaynor, Endodontics ’80, MS Histology ’82, Winnetka, IL, gave an update on pharmacology and dentistry to the North Suburban Branch of the CDS in December 2013.

George Zehak, Berwyn, IL, is Secretary of the CDS.

James Bryniarski, Riverside, IL, completed the Blood, Sweat, and Tears charity bike ride in 2013.

Michael S. Higgins, Palatine, IL, spoke to the Northwest Side Branch of the CDS in March about medical emergencies in the dental office. His daughter, Lindsay, was accepted as a Fellow in pain management at the University of Illinois Department of Anesthesiology. Son Mitch is pursuing an MBA at DePaul University. Mike was conferred the University of Illinois Alumni Association Loyalty Award at Reunion 2014 (see related article, page 26).

James Bryniarski, Riverside, IL, completed the Blood, Sweat, and Tears charity bike ride in 2013.

Chris Larson, Garden Grove, CA, is an oral surgeon. He is married to Melissa. Their daughter, Libby, is married to Jon Clark, who works for Microsoft Research. Chris and Melissa became grandparents June 8, 2013, to Paige Whitley Clark. Chris enjoys sailing and fishing.

Alan Boghosian, Chicago, spoke in a panel discussion entitled Implants vs. Endo: Torque or File? at the North Side Branch of the CDS in January.

Mike Schroeder (see Justin Welke, ’11).

Russ Dunkel, Milwaukee, WI, was named to the Wisconsin TopDentists directory. He is the Dental Director for the Bread of Healing Clinic, which provides oral healthcare for the underserved in the Milwaukee area.

Katherine Lauterbach, Chicago, has had Rachel Pappas join her practice.

Andy Moorman, Palos Hills, IL, operates a mobile operatory van that is wheelchair-accessible.

Pamela M. Porembski, Prospect Heights, was named Director, Council on Dental
Practice in the Practice Institute, for the American Dental Association.

Charles W. Miller, Pediatric Dentistry, MS
Pediatric Dentistry ’83, Arlington, TX, was elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Texas Dental Association.

‘83 Paul Bery, Endodontics, Evanston, IL, spoke in a panel discussion entitled Implants vs. Endo: Torque or File? at the North Side Branch of the CDS in January.

Susan Becker Doroshow, Skokie, IL, is President-Elect of the Chicago Dental Society. She was quoted in an article about Give Kids a Smile Day at the College in the December 2013 issue of the CDS Review.

‘84 Susan Rowan, Chicago, and her appointment as Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at the College were the subjects of an article in the Dec. 2013 CDS Review.

‘85 Greg Duffner, Frankfort, IL, and his bicycling cross-country to raise money for Mercy Housing, were the subjects of an article in the Dec. 2013 CDS Review.

Preddis Sullivan has been named director of professional services at Delta Dental in San Francisco, CA.

‘86 Alvaro Figueroa, MS Pediatric Dentistry, Glencoe, IL, has a son, Alex, who married Jessica Vito in Rochester, NY.

‘87 Cheryl Watson-Lowry, Chicago, was awarded a Fellowship in the Academy of Dentistry International.

‘88 Mike Durbin, MS Orthodontics ’90, Prospect Heights, IL, served as a delegate at the American Dental Association Annual Session in New Orleans. He is President of the Illinois Society of Orthodontists.

Jeff Kemp and Carolyn Tomczyk-Kemp, Arlington Heights, IL, have a daughter, Catherine, who bicycled from New York City to San Francisco to raise money for cancer research.

Renee Pappas, Arlington Heights, IL, is President of the Northwest Suburban Branch of the CDS.

‘89 M. Nader Sharifi, Chicago, spoke on Occlusion Confusion to the Northwest Suburban Branch of the CDS in January.

Steve Weeks, Mundelein, IL, completed the Blood, Sweat, and Tears century bike ride in 2013.

‘90 Mike Durbin, Orthodontics, DesPlaines, IL, is President of the Illinois Society of Orthodontists.

Neil Warshawsky, MS Histology ’91, Orthodontics ’92, Chicago, spoke on Orthodontics: Why It Needs to be Done, When to Refer, to the West Side Branch of the CDS in January.

‘92 Gary Brankin, Endodontics, Rockford, IL, is Past President of the Edgar D. Coolidge Endodontic Study Club.

Peter Domagala, Periodontics ’95, Gurnee, IL, gave a talk, CBCT: Is It Really Worth All the Hype? at the CDS Midwinter Meeting in February.

Martin Rogers, Endodontics ’96, Glenview, IL, spoke on Current Concepts in Endodontics to the North Suburban Branch of the CDS in January, and to the CDS Midwinter Meeting in February. He is Program Chair for the Edgar D. Coolidge Endodontic Study Club.

Matthew Witt, Lemont, IL, has a patient, Rosan Hepko, who travels more than 1,000 miles round trip from her home in Branson, MO, to receive oral healthcare from him. Illinois Dental News wrote an article about Ms. Hepko’s travels to see Matthew in its December 2013 issue.

‘93 Tina Smith has added Kevin Curtin to her Arlington Heights, IL, practice.

‘95 Brett Kessler, Denver, CO, is the 2014 Colorado Dental Association President. He also serves as the
Chair of the Dental Well Being Committee for the State of Colorado. A former faculty member of the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine, he holds an American Dental Association Golden Apple Award for Leadership in Mentoring.

Victoria Ursitti, Pediatric Dentistry, Arlington Heights, IL, served as a delegate at the American Dental Association Annual Session in New Orleans.

'97 Gene Romo, Chicago, attended the Alumni Education Summit in Beijing and Shanghai, China.

'98 Bryan Blew, Moline, IL, is Membership Chair of the Illinois State Dental Society.

'00 (15-year Reunion, 2015) Agnieszka Chruszczyk, Endodontics, Chicago, is Secretary of the Edgar D. Coolidge Endodontic Study Club.

Mohamed Fayad, Endodontics, Chicago, was an invited presenter at the 2013 American Association of Endodontists meeting in Honolulu, HI.

'01 Trucia Drummond, Chicago, attended the FDI World Dental Federation meeting in Istanbul, Turkey.

'02 Patrick Fitzgerald, Endodontics '06, (see Mike Munaretto, '11).

'03 Hammad Khan, Endodontics '13, MS Oral Sciences '13, Bensenville, IL, presented research at the 2013 American Association of Endodontists meeting in Honolulu, HI. He has joined the endodontic practice of Drs. Kevin King and Brett Gilbert.

Berenice Lopez opened a new practice, Smile Fixation, in Berwyn, IL, in 2013.

'04 Ammar Adam, Periodontics, has opened a new office in Valparaiso, IN.

Tricia Crosby, Periodontics '07, MS Oral Sciences '07, St. Charles, IL, spoke on an Orthopedic Approach to Fixed Restorations and on Narrow Diameter Implants at the CDS Midwinter Meeting in February.

Maria Therese Galang-Borquiren, MS Oral Sciences, Orthodontics '07, Chicago, spoke on Dealing with Dr. Google, Data at the CDS Midwinter Meeting in February.

Antonia Kolokythas, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, MS Oral Sciences '11, Chicago, spoke on Oral Mucosal Malignant, Pre-Palignant Lesions at the CDS Midwinter Meeting in February.


George Warga recently moved to Winnetka Dental Arts in Winnetka, IL.

'06 Jessica Britten (see Anthony LaPorte, '12).

Flavia Lamberghini, Pediatric Dentistry and MS Oral Sciences, recently gave a lecture, “Current Concepts and Challenges in Pediatric Dentistry,” at the Universidad Nacional de Cordoba, Argentina.

Reena Shah (see Irv Leonard, '59).
Angela Willox, Pediatric Dentistry, MS Oral Sciences ‘07, opened Kid’s Dentistree in Richmond Hill, GA, in June 2014.

’07 Milton Davenport, Endodontics, relocated his practice to Suite 1517 at 111 N. Wabash Ave. in Chicago.

Mark Spinazze, Arlington Heights, IL, and his wife, Liza, had their third baby, Remy Margaret, in February.

Asim Muhammad, Hanover Park, IL, received a Dr. Indru C. Punwani Graduate Student Research Award from the Illinois Society of Pediatric Dentists. This is the award’s inaugural year.

’08 Courtney Rubin Levine was featured on the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) website on Feb. 24, 2014. The NHSC provides loan repayment and scholarships to clinicians in exchange for working in communities with limited access to health care. “Her dedication to serving the primary care needs in the past years truly illustrates how corps clinicians and UIC alums are making a difference in communities across the country,” said Tayri Ramos of the National Health Service Corps. “The NHSC recognizes and appreciates the great service Courtney Levine provides in Kenosha, WI and the great education she received at UIC that made her service possible.”

Lihong Lin (see Jianjun Hao, ’11).

Darren Pakravan, Orthodontics ’08, MS Oral Sciences ’08, helped plan and host the 19th annual Chicago Slaughterhouse Scooter Rally over Labor Day weekend 2013.

’09 Joe Baptist, Downers Grove, IL, has joined Midland Oral Surgery.

Sharon Molitoris has joined the Houska Dental Center in Bloomington, IL. She formerly worked with the Native American Health Service, the National Health Service Corps, and the Logan County Department of Public Health.

’11 Charles C. DiFranco, Chicago, and his wife, Marissa, had a baby daughter, Siena Alicia DiFranco, who weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz. and measured 20 inches, on April 14, 2014.

Jianjun Hao, Orthodontics and MS Oral Sciences, Chicago, was invited by Stomatological College of Nanjing Medical University, Nanjing, China, as a keynote speaker in the Sino-American Summit Forum of New Ideas and New Technologies on April 12. Jianjun presented his clinic research about accelerated orthodontic tooth movement for over 300 Chinese orthodontists. He currently practices in Chicago, Elgin, and Naperville, IL. He lives near the UIC east campus with his wife, Lihong Lin, Orthodontics and MS Oral Sciences, ’08, and their 17 year-old son, Wentao. Lihong also practices orthodontics in Wilmette and Bridgeport.

Haitao Li, Chicago, Orthodontics and MS Oral Sciences, has joined Jacobson and Tsou Orthodontics as an Associate.

Matthew McKnight, Chicago, received his MD degree from the UIC College of Medicine on May 9. Matthew is the first UIC College of Dentistry Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery resident in the six-year integrated OMFS-MD program to complete the medical school portion of the residency program.
Matthew will now begin a General Surgery internship year at the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Science System, with plans to complete the entire residency training program in July 2017.

Mike Munaretto, MS Oral Sciences ’13, has joined Patrick Fitzgerald, ’02, Endodontics ’06, at Park Ridge Orthodontics.

Tariq Riyal has a dental practice at Chicago and Western Avenues in Chicago. He is pursuing a Master’s in Public Policy from National Louis University and is focusing on chronic disease prevention and healthcare costs.

Justin Welke has joined the Arlington Heights, IL, practice of Mike Schroeder, ’80. Justin also is head men’s basketball coach of the Harper College Hawks.

Allison Alberts, Chicago, and her professional football career for the Chicago Bliss were the subject of an article in the May 2014 issue of Illinois Dental News.

Ahmed Masoud, Orthodontics, was named the 2014 Charley Schultz Resident Scholar, and Tharon L. Smith, Orthodontics, received the 2014 Thomas M. Graber Research Award, at the Excellence in Orthodontics Awards ceremony at the 114th Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists in New Orleans on April 27.

Ben Youel, Chicago, and his volunteer work providing dental care to children at the Salud y Paz clinic in Camanchaj, Guatemala, were the subjects of an article in the spring 2014 edition of UIC Alumni.

George Barsa, Chicago, is Librarian for the West Side Branch of the Chicago Dental Society.

Jon Ee, Endodontics and MS Oral Sciences, Mississauga, Canada, presented research at the American Association of Endodontists 2013 meeting in Honolulu, HI.

William Hare has joined the Grand Dental practice in Channahon, IL.

Anthony LaPorte has joined the Palatine, IL, practice of Jessica Britten, ’06.

Juan S. Abadia is working as a full-time associate in a practice in DeKalb, IL.

Lauren Allegretti, Chicago, has been admitted to the Endodontics Postgraduate Program at the College.

Milena Bulic, Chicago, has been admitted to the Orthodontics Postgraduate Program at the College. She also will perform research.

Christopher Colby, Chicago, has been admitted to an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residency at the College.

Julie Davis, Park Ridge, IL, plans on working in
Dr. Brian Homan Honored With CDS Foundation Vision Award

In recent years, the College has stressed to students the importance of serving the underserved and increasing access to care, both before graduation and throughout their careers as dentists.

One of the many recent graduates who has taken that mission to heart is Dr. Brian Homann, ’12. His work was acknowledged at the recent Chicago Dental Society (CDS) Midwinter Meeting by the CDS Foundation, which conferred to him its 2014 Vision Award for outstanding volunteer achievement. Dr. James Robinson, ’81, CDS Foundation Trustee, presented the award.

Dr. Homann had been nominated by a co-worker at the student-run dental clinic at Goldie’s Place at 5705 N. Lincoln Ave. on Chicago’s North Side for work he did to help expand the clinic, and for his efforts to help dental students across the country replicate the clinic’s success at increasing access to care.

CDS Foundation Chair Dr. Mary Hayes said, “Dr. Homann is in the beginning of his career as a dentist and already has determined that helping to bring oral care to those underserved is part of the fabric of his professionalism. It is truly heartening to see his dedication—including passing on his secrets—so that others can do the same.”

As a student, not only was Dr. Homann a founding participant in the student-run clinic at Goldie’s Place, but he initiated a donation drive, created a denture program, and wrote a manual for other dental students to follow as they created their own student-run dental clinics across the nation.

“I still work part-time at Goldie’s Place, and volunteer there on the weekends overseeing the students,” Dr. Homann said. He also has a private practice in Elk Grove Village, IL, and is an adjunct faculty member at the College.

“I hope that this award raises awareness of the need for volunteer dental work in the Chicagoland area,” Dr. Homann said. “Many people think that to make an impact they need to give weeks of their time or a large financial contribution. The truth is that dentists can make an impact even in just a few short hours.”

The College’s commitment to serving the underserved strongly affected Dr. Homann when he was a student. He noted that he met Dr. Caswell Evans, Associate Dean for Prevention and Public Health Sciences, and Dr. Esther Lopez, ’08, former Clinic Director for Goldie’s Place and now a volunteer there, during his first year at the College, and “saw how passionate they were about providing care to the underserved,” he said.

The College and its students were working on opening the clinic when Dr. Homann came to the College. “I was part of the inaugural clinic group and my role with the organization grew from there,” Dr. Homann explained. “We were able to expand the functions of the clinic to add root canals and the denture program—to our knowledge, the only program in the city that provides free dentures to patients.

“I think our most important work was expanding access to care to other areas of the country,” he said. “Students from Indiana University and the University of Michigan saw how successful our clinic was and wanted to create similar clinics at their schools. We created a ‘how-to’ manual for establishing student-run clinics and helped mentor both schools.”

Both now are successfully operating student-run dental clinics.

“Providing care for the underserved in your community should be something every dentist not only wants to do, but loves to do,” he added. “It should be an integral part of every dentist’s career. Success isn’t about how perfect a crown can be; it’s about how you can affect people’s lives. Dentists have the ability to provide a service that no other professional can provide, and should use their skills and knowledge to make the world a better place.

“You won’t ever say the sentence, ‘I really wish I hadn’t volunteered today,’” Dr. Homann concluded. “I hope all dentists make volunteering a part of their lives, and they will end up gaining just as much from their experiences as their patients do.”
private practice and teaching.  

**Zainab Hussain** is engaged to be married and has moved to Houston, TX, to work as an associate in a general dentistry practice outside the city.

**Meggan Keller** is an associate general dentist at two practices in the north and northwest suburbs of Chicago.

**Cassandra McKenzie** has been admitted to the Periodontal Residency Program at the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

**Nisha Mehta**, Chicago, has been admitted to the Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program at the College.

**Keith Patel**, Park Ridge, IL, plans on entering private practice as an associate, and also aspires to teach.

**Claire Pescheret**, Chicago, has been admitted to the Orthodontics Postgraduate Program at the College. During her residency, she will research pediatric sleep apnea.

**Stuart Schelkopf**, Chicago, has been admitted to the Advanced Prosthodontics Postgraduate Program at the College.

**John Schneider** is a general dentist in private practice in Austin, TX.

**Amanda Sonntag** has been admitted to a General Practice Residency at St. Luke’s Hospital in Bethlehem, PA.

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**‘72**  
**Jerry Pisano**, Schaumburg, IL, is a certified wine specialist.

**‘78**  
**Robert Oslak**, Arlington Heights, IL, spoke on non-carious lesions at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February.

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**‘84**  
**Lou Imburgia**, Park Ridge, IL, was Treasurer of the Chicago Dental Society.

**‘85**  
**Michael Biasiello**, Park Ridge, IL, was featured in an article in the March/April 2014 CDS Review about the Chicago Dental Society Foundation Clinic.

**‘86**  
**Phillip Fijal**, Des Plaines, IL, is Vice President of the Chicago Dental Society.

**‘88**  
**Joseph Baldassano**, Inverness, IL, spoke on nonsurgical retreatment root canal therapy at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting in February.
In Memoriam

Obituaries in the News

Dr. Alvin C. Atlas, Former Alumni President, Faculty Member

Dr. Alvin C. Atlas, ’77, former faculty member at the College and former President of the UIC Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors, passed away on April 1, 2014, at age 61.

Dr. Atlas served as President of the UIC Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors in 2011-12, after previously serving in all of the board’s executive positions.

He taught in the Department of Restorative Dentistry at the UIC College of Dentistry from 1978 to 1999.

Dr. Atlas had served in every executive post, including President, of the North Side Branch of the Chicago Dental Society (CDS). He was active with the Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity, American Dental Association, CDS (he chaired the table clinic division of the CDS Midwinter Meeting in 2002), and Illinois State Dental Society (he had served as an ISDS Trustee). Dr. Atlas was a former Chair of the CDS Ethics Committee and Dental Hygiene Program Development Committee. He was a Fellow and served on the Board of Governors of the Odontographic Society of Chicago and was a Fellow of the International College of Dentists.

He had recently retired from his Evanston, IL, practice.

Dr. Atlas is survived by his wife, BJ (Jeanette), and children Brian, Rachel, and Brooke.

“I have lost a good friend and classmate,” said Dr. Ross Rubino, ’77, a fellow former President of the Dental Alumni Association Board. “Dentistry has lost an advocate. We will all miss Al and the positive influence he had on us and our profession.”

“What a great man,” said fellow board member Dr. Manal Ibrahim LaVacca, ’93, Prosthodontics ’96. “Always with a smile on his face and that’s how I will always remember him.”

Memorials may be made to the Libenu, 7247 N. St. Louis, Skokie, IL 60076.

Rachel ‘Rae’ Nichols, Benefactor

Rachel “Rae” Nichols, 86, a College of Dentistry benefactor, passed away on Feb. 8, 2014.

Born in Kewaskum, WI, in 1927, she pursued pre-nursing courses at Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, IL, and later attended the Northwestern University School of Nursing, graduating in 1949. While in nursing school, she met, dated, and married UIC College of Dentistry alumnus Dr. Charles Nichols, ’52. After graduation, Dr. Nichols served in the U.S. Army in Korea and Japan, and Mrs. Nichols joined him in Japan for a year.

In 1954, they moved to Rockford, IL, where Dr. Nichols practiced dentistry and Mrs. Nichols served as a nursing instructor at Rockford Memorial Hospital. She was active in numerous Rockford community organizations and in the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

After Dr. Nichols passed away in 2009, Mrs. Nichols donated his large collection of dental textbooks and case slides to the UIC College of Dentistry. The case slides later were conveyed to Afghanistan through the auspices of the organization Operation Medical Libraries.

Rae Nichols (center) with her daughter Pat Nichols Perrin and Nichols Scholarship recipient Dr. Michael Yang.
Mrs. Nichols enjoyed dealing with the College concerning the textbooks and slides so much that she decided to make a $25,000 gift for the College’s first endowed scholarship fund in Prosthodontics.

Later, she became involved in naming a clinical operatory in the Advanced Prosthodontics Clinic, providing a gift of $10,000 and working with College of Dentistry Office of Advancement personnel to raise additional funds to help reach the $25,000 level.

She also was extensively quoted in the College’s Centennial book, Celebrating A Proud Past, about social life at the College in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Mrs. Nichols is survived by her daughter, Patricia Perrin, wife of Scott; and son William Nichols, husband of Julie; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2821 N. Bell School Rd., Rockford, IL 61107.

Dr. Robert Smithwick, University Alumni Humanitarian Award Recipient

Dr. Robert C. Smithwick, ’44, died at age 92 in his sleep on March 22, 2013, in his home in Los Altos Hills, CA.

The University of Illinois Alumni Humanitarian Award recipient in 2004, Dr. Smithwick made significant and unique contributions to the welfare of others in four areas: as founder and director of MediShare International; as founding board president and longtime trustee of the Foothill-DeAnza Community College District in California; as a dental officer for the U.S Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Indian Affairs Health Service; and as Assistant Director of Public Health for the California Department of Public Health.

MediShare International is a not-for-profit, humanitarian organization that supplies medical equipment, instruments, and pharmaceuticals to Third World nations.

Since Dr. Smithwick founded it, the organization has obtained hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of medical equipment and supplies for nine underdeveloped countries.

Although Dr. Smithwick had a full-time dental practice, he was founding board president and member of the board of trustees for 34 years of the Foothill-DeAnza Community College District in California. Dr. Smithwick and his colleagues built the district into a system with more than 1,500 employees on two campuses with an enrollment of more than 45,000 students.

Through Dr. Smithwick’s efforts, the district established the first two-year fully accredited dental hygiene program in California, and a two-year dental assisting curriculum as well.

Having been elected to a high school board of trustees before his service as a Foothill-DeAnza trustee, Dr. Smithwick continuously held elective office in California for 46 years, which is believed to be a California record.

Early in his career, Dr. Smithwick answered the call of public service and joined the American Indian Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior, which he served from 1949 to 1951. Dr. Smithwick was assigned to the medical staff of the Stewart Indian School in Carson City, NV, but he also took on the responsibility for providing dental care to residents of Indian reservations throughout the West as far away as Idaho and Montana as he personally reconfigured a large bus into a mobile dental clinic, and took his wife, Aileen, a registered nurse, along with him to provide dental care. A licensed pilot, he also flew to reservations when medical or dental emergencies arose.

During the 1960s, California Governor Ronald Reagan asked Dr. Smithwick to join his staff and serve the State of California as Assistant Director of Public Health. This required Dr. Smithwick to make the sacrifice of a two-year absence from his dental practice so he could work for better healthcare for the residents of California.

Dr. Smithwick and fellow “ham” radio aficionado
Tom McShane several years ago raised funds and formed a nine-state radio network to be used for emergency communications in the event of widespread power outages.

“Volunteerism,” Dr. Smithwick told Vision magazine in 2003, “was and is a way of life” for him and his family.

Born in 1920, young Robert spent the next several years in India with his missionary parents, Richard Allen Smithwick, a Seventh-day Adventist minister, and Catherine, a nurse. The elder Smithwicks built a one-room medical clinic that eventually evolved into the Adventist Hospital in Surat, India.

The family returned to the U.S. when Robert was eight years old.

While a student at the College of Dentistry, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and upon graduation he went on active duty in World War II as a Lieutenant on the U.S.S. Montrose, a troop transport and auxiliary hospital ship in the South Pacific.

After practicing dentistry in Chicago and in Nevada, Dr. Smithwick moved to Sunnyvale, CA, took additional courses in pediatric dentistry at the University of the Pacific College of Dentistry in San Francisco (where he later served on the faculty), and became a pediatric dentist. He retired from dental practice in 1983.

Dr. Smithwick was married for 60 years to his wife, Aileen, who died in 2002. He is survived by his children Cathye Smithwick and Michael Smithwick.

Dr. Philip Sokoloff, Taught in Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Philip Sokoloff, 66, who taught in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry from 1976 to 2002 passed away in May from complications from Parkinson’s Disease.

He earned his DDS from the Northwestern University Dental School in 1973, and his Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry from Indiana University in 1975.

“Phil was very proud of his profession, caring deeply about Pediatric Dentistry and his patients,” noted Dr. Irwin Seidman, Periodontics ’76, a longtime colleague on the faculty.

Dr. Sokoloff is survived by his sons Charles and Joel. Memorials in his name may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research, Grand Central Station, PO Box 4277, New York, NY 10163.

Dr. Dennis F. Weber, Longtime Oral Biology Professor

Dr. Dennis F. Weber, MS Histology ’63, was a Professor in the Department of Oral Biology from 1974 until his retirement in 1994 and continued to teach at the College until 2007. He passed away peacefully on March 4, 2014, at age 81.

Dr. Weber developed innovative techniques to study the structure of mineralized tissues focusing on enamel and dentin. The original findings of his research were published in 42 articles and abstracts and also were included in prominent textbooks of Oral Histology.

His excellence in teaching and incomparable ability to simplify complicated structural and developmental details were appreciated by advanced specialty graduate students and dental students, the latter electing him four times for Golden Apple Awards. Dr. Weber also was major advisor to a number of graduate students.

“We have lost a great man who won’t be forgotten,” said Dr. Alaa Al-Aswany, MS ’85, who was one of Dr. Weber’s students.

Dr. Weber is survived by his wife, Marilyn, and children Matthew and Jennifer.

Class of ’49

Ralph J. Nufer, Santa Barbara, CA, passed away on Dec. 19, 2011 at age 84. He is survived by his wife, May; son Larry and his wife, Lori; daughter Nancy and her husband Tom Archambault, and two grandchildren.

Class of ’50

Norman Lieb, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, passed away on May 2, 2012, at age 91. He is survived by sons Jeffrey and Steven, and daughter Abby.

Class of ’51

Lewis L. Weil, 91, of Chicago, passed away on April 25, 2014. He is survived by his sons Frederick, husband of Patricia, and Lawrence.
Class of ’52
Richard T. Sanborn, MS Orthodontics, Venice, FL, passed away on May 23, 2014, at age 90. He is survived by his wife, Grace; stepchildren Laura McCaffrey, Lynne Meccariello, and Paul Meccariello, husband of Laura; and four grandchildren. Memorials may be made to TideWell Hospice Inc., 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.

Class of ’53
Charles H. Masters, Sarasota, FL, passed away on July 10, 2013, at age 87. He is survived by his wife, Sandra; daughter Susan Shew Hauger and her husband, Richard; son Jack and his wife Michelle; son Thomas; son William and his wife, Debbie; and five grandchildren.

Neal A. Nielsen Jr., Homosassa, FL, passed away on Feb. 26, 2014 at age 86. He is survived by his wife, Ellen; his three sons, Neal "Chip" and his wife, Sharon; Dean and his wife, Kris; and Lee and his wife, Lori; and three grandchildren.

Hymen Siver, El Toro, CA, passed away on Nov. 8, 2012.

Class of ’54
Water M. Karr, Northbrook, IL, passed away June 26, 2014, at age 88. He is survived by his wife, Alice; children Patrick, Jane, Jennifer, and Lynda; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Donations in his name can be sent to Glenview 1 Hangar Foundation, 2040 Lehigh Ave., Glenview, IL 60062.

Class of ’59
Perry Voornas, Chicago, passed away on Jan. 1, 2014, at age 84. He is survived by his wife, Sophie; daughter Christie Papagiannis and her husband, Ted; and two grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 601 S. Central Ave., Chicago, IL 60644.

Class of ’60
Frederic Gamble Lauder, Orthodontics, 86, passed away on May 5, 2014. He lived in Palm City, FL. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; children Molly Harrison, wife of Scott; Ted Lauder, husband of Carol; Bob Lauder, husband of Carol; Jane Karraker, wife of Craig; and Jim Lauder, husband of Kon; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Pilgrim Fund of the Congregational Summer Assembly c/o Jim Royle, 5660 Hacienda Ct., Saginaw, MI 38638.

Class of ’62
Louis E. Rapp, Sanibel, FL, passed away Nov. 20, 2013, at age 82.

Class of ’64
Richard Berke, Glenview, IL, passed away in Jan. 2014. He is survived by his wife, Leslie; daughter Kelly Purdy, wife of Matthew; son Brad, husband of Dayle; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Michael. Memorials in his name may be sent to the Kidney Foundation of Illinois, 215 W. Illinois St., Chicago, IL 60616.

Class of ’65
William J. Hinze, Portage, MI, passed away on March 25, 2014, at age 74. He is survived by his wife, Beth; daughter Sara Marconi, wife of Brad; son Marc, husband of Nicole; and four grandchildren. Memorials in his name can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS, 66675.

Class of ’66
Mario Gene Prugh, Casper, WY, passed away on Jan. 15, 2014, at age 79. He is survived by his daughter, Dr. Denise Rasmussen, her husband, Ted, and their sons Dane and Drew. Memorials may be made to the Casper Rotary Foundation at PO Box 485, Casper, WY 82601, or the First United Methodist Church, 302 E. 2nd St., Casper, WY 82601.

Michael G. Weissman, Hampton, NH, passed away on March 5, 2014, at age 71. He is survived by his son, Jack D. Weissman, and his daughter, Dr. Laura Weissman Hale. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Class of ’67
Andrew J. Allen III, Richmond Hill, GA, passed away on Nov. 30, 2013, at age 73. He is survived by his wife, Margie; daughter Cheri Koether, wife of Tom, and Cortney Brown, wife of Fred; daughter-in-law Kimberly Allen; and eight grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Building Fund at St. Anne Catholic Church, Richmond Hill, GA.

Class of ’69
Curtis E. Carlson, Seattle, WA, passed away March 19, 2014, at age 71. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Dona M. Seely; daughter Jennifer Theckson, wife of Micah; daughter Gina Rowles, wife of James; son Erik, and one grandson.

Class of ’73
Anthony R. Kowalczyk, Manhattan, IL, passed away Nov. 19, 2013, at age 66. He is survived by his wife, Linda, and children Ginny and T.J. Donations in his name may be made to the Joliet Area Community Hospice.

Class of ’77
Thomas M. Spotts, Spring Hill, FL, passed away on Jan. 24, 2014, at age 64. He is survived by his former wife, Ellen J. Winfield; four children, Christen, Mitchell, Smanatha, and Taryn; and his mother, Alyce.
Class of ’79

Randall J. Raabe, Crystal Lake, IL, passed away on Feb. 3, 2014, at age 59. He is survived by his son, Adam, husband of Melissa; daughter Joanna; two grandchildren; and dearest friend Michelle Gottwald.

Class of ’83


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Loyola

Albert Schonberg, Loyola ’59, of New Port Richey, FL, died May 26, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Sara; daughter Carla Krolopp, wife of Joseph; daughter Susan Botterill, wife of Leigh; stepfather of Jessica Boudreau, wife of Mike; and five grandchildren. Memorials may be sent to the American Heart Association.
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Clinic and Research Day a Success

Clinic and Research Day, held on March 6, provided a venue for students and postgrads to present their research achievements to their peers, faculty, alumni, and the larger research community.

Dr. Richard W. Valachovic, President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) and President of the ADEAGies Foundation, was the keynote speaker.

“Our students and fellows presented 100-plus posters highlighting their current research,” said Dr. David L. Crowe, Interim Associate Dean for Research. “They covered a wide range of topics in the basic, behavioral, clinical, and applied sciences.”

Predoctoral, postgraduate, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and their faculty mentors competed for awards in a number of categories.

A total of 40 dental products manufacturers and service providers were on hand to explain their products and services to students. Among them were Platinum sponsor ProCare Dental Group P.C; Titanium sponsors Dentsply International Inc., P&G (Crest + Oral B), Southpoint Insurance, and The Dentists Insurance Co.

At the end of the day, students and postgrads were honored for excellence in a variety of categories:

- Predoctoral, Hinman, Basic, to Amatul Salma.
- Predoctoral, Dentsply, Clinical, to Marc Manos.
- Predoctoral, Omicron Kappa Upsilon, Basic, to Jose Ruiz; Clinical, to Spencer Schnieder.
- Predoctoral, Illinois State Dental Society, Basic, to Amatul Salma; Clinical, to Stuart Schelkopf.
- Graduate Student, Basic, First Place, to Mat Wietecha; Second Place, to Angelica Lagunas; Third Place, to Marybeth Francis.
Students Perfect on Boards

All 65 students of the Class of 2016 have taken the National Board Dental Examination Part I, and passed it on the first attempt.

All of the College’s students have successfully passed the NBDE Part I on their first attempt for the past two years.
“Well done to the entire College community, and our sincere appreciation for the efforts of all in preparing and supporting these students,” said Dr. Seema Ashrafi, Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Student Marybeth Francis Earns NIDCR Fellowship

The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has awarded student Marybeth Francis, of the College’s DMD/PhD program, an NIH F30 Predoctoral Dentist Scientist Fellowship. “This prestigious award will support Marybeth’s training as a clinician scientist at the College,” said Dr. David L. Crowe, Interim Associate Dean for Research.

Francis applied for the Fellowship last summer, and was awarded $485,625, which will be paid over the next five years.

“My personal goal for this Fellowship is to gain valuable skills in academic, clinical, and research related to dentistry to lay the foundation for my career as a dentist scientist,” Francis explained.

“This award will also give me an opportunity to communicate my scientific research at more formal settings such as conferences and national and international meetings,” she continued. “By presenting my own research, listening to other research presentations, and networking, I will form bonds and collaborate with others. Participating at conferences affords the opportunity to further understand topics directly relevant to my project and to possibly integrate these new ideas into my own research.”

The goal of Francis’s research is to elucidate the mechanism of exacerbated periodontitis in diabetic patients and to identify possible treatments. The chronic inflammatory diseases diabetes and periodontitis have a significant effect on public health, and periodontal disease is greatly exacerbated in diabetic patients.

Francis’s mentor is Dr. Xianghong Luan, Assistant Professor, Oral Biology. “I would like to acknowledge Dr. Luan and Dr. Thomas Diekwisch, Head of Oral Biology, for making time this summer to help me with the application,” Francis concluded. “I couldn’t have done it without them!”

ISPD Confers Inaugural Dr. Indru C. Punwani Awards

The Illinois Society of Pediatric Dentists (ISPD) recently awarded Dr. Jillian Gray, a Resident in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, and Dr. Asim Muhammad, ‘07, recently of Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago, with Dr. Indru C. Punwani Graduate Student Research Awards.

Dr. Punwani has been a longtime Executive Director of the ISPD, and had urged the organization to become more involved in academics and research. “They not only agreed, but surprised me by naming the award for me,” Dr. Punwani said. “I was greatly honored.”
Retirements

Dr. Harry O. Channon Retires from Pediatric Dentistry

After enjoying a full 30 years in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, Dr. Harry O. Channon, ’63, Pediatric Dentistry ’69, Clinical Assistant Professor, has retired.

“Probably the best part of teaching in the department is the highly qualified faculty and devoted staff,” Dr. Channon said. “Their support makes coming to the University a pleasure, and being at the department was the highlight of the week.

“I lunched regularly with three or four faculty to discuss interesting dental cases, and to discuss world problems for which we had the solutions! However, nobody ever listened to us,” he said, laughing.

Former Department Head Dr. Indru Punwani hired Dr. Channon in 1984, “and he was a mentor throughout my career,” Dr. Channon said. “I am forever grateful for his support and encouragement.”

That year, “Computers were in their infancy,” Dr. Channon recalled. “Now we are an information society and the College has led the way in the utilization of computer technology in clinics and research.

“The clinics now have state-of-the-science dental equipment,” he continued. “The focus on evidence-based learning is impressive. Overall, I firmly believe the quality of incoming dental students continually improves.”

Dr. Channon plans on spending more time with his wife, Fran; their four adult children, John, Gretchen Carlson, Jeffrey, and Harry Jr.; and grandchildren.

“My wife and I and our four children are golfers,” Dr. Channon said. “We have nine grandchildren ranging in age from eight months to 21 years, so babysitting and visiting are definitely in the picture.

“We also enjoy traveling,” he added. The couple planned to attend one of their granddaughter’s graduations at the University of Delaware, and also planned to visit Italy and the Grand Caymans.

Dr. Shahrbanoo Fadavi Retires; Spent 35 Years at College

On Christmas Eve 1979, Dr. Shahrbanoo Fadavi, then a Pediatric Dentistry resident and an MS student in Oral Sciences program, recalled that she performed laboratory work long past the time that everyone in the building had left—except for Department of Pediatric Dentistry Head Dr. Allen W. Anderson.

He popped in to the lab told her, “I know you are so determined to graduate from your MS program on time and I know you will; go home!”

Dr. Fadavi may have gone home that evening, but over the next 35 years she continued to spend ample time at the College.

After earning her MS in 1981, she joined the faculty of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and eventually became a full Professor.

Dr. Fadavi also has served on UIC’s Honors College faculty.

An administrator as well, she at various times
served the Department of Pediatric Dentistry as Director of the Postgraduate Clinic, Director of the Undergraduate Clinic, Associate Residency Program Director, and Residency Program Director.

Dr. Fadavi recently retired, but will return in the fall to teach part-time at the College.

She also is a highly accomplished researcher and is proud of her “collaborative research in neonatology and oral/palatal issues of premature babies with Dr. Dharmapuri Vidyasagar in the Department of Pediatrics in the College of Medicine,” she explained.

“My research on the use of a Palatal Stabilizing Device in prematurely born infants was very successful in preventing morbidities in oral structures of prematurely born babies who were dependent on orotracheal tubes for breathing,” she recalled.

The use of the device became a standard of care in the Neonatology Unit of the University of Illinois Hospital.

“I directed this effort, and all premature babies who were going to be intubated for over one week’s time received this custom-made acrylic device to secure the oral breathing tube and were able to have fewer accidental extubations and no abnormalities in the shape and contour of their palates,” Dr. Fadavi said, noting that she had many articles on the topic published in academic journals.

She also is proud of mentoring more than 100 postgraduate students and residents in both Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics, and of her research collaborations with other faculty and students.

“I learned from each of them on a daily basis,” Dr. Fadavi said.

Her favorite mentor was Dr. Anderson, who was her research advisor in a project in which she measured the fluoride in toothpastes.

A Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, American College of Dentists and International College of Dentists, Dr. Fadavi has received several College, University, and national awards; published more than 100 papers, manuscripts, and abstracts; and has delivered more than 90 presentations around the world.

She also gives Continuing Education courses in sedation and nitrous oxide in Pediatric Dentistry.

Dr. Fadavi also is in private practice, and plans on continuing as a board member and member of the Oral Examination Committee of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, and as an American Dental Association and Commission on Dental Accreditation site visitor. She also will continue to engage in volunteer opportunities to provide free dentistry to the underserved.

“I can have a good balance of academic and private practice and still enjoy some long weekends to visit my children on the East Coast and spend time with my husband,” Dr. Fadavi said.

Her husband, Dr. Jamshid Mohammadi, is Dean of the Graduate College at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Daughter Negar is Marketing Director for a New York City firm. Son Cameron is based in Washington, DC, and is working on a research project in molecular biology and chemistry at the National Institutes of Health.

The changes Dr. Fadavi has seen in the College during her time here “have been positive in serving the needs of the people of Illinois and the many diverse populations of the Chicagoland area,” she concluded. “I also am pleased to see that our College has earned lots of recognition concerning research funding, and has improved to be one of the best examples in education in the nation.”

Dr. Christine Hryhorczuk Retires; Key Builder of Extramural Program

Dr. Christine S. Hryhorczuk, DDS Loyola ’71, MS Public Health UIC ’77, joined the College part time in 1999 to teach a public health course for D-3 students. Her role greatly expanded in 2002, however, when the College received a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant to improve access to dental care for underserved.

“That was very exciting, because other than some volunteerism, this school at the time had no extramural rotations that were part of the students’ educational process,” Dr. Hryhorczuk said.

Dr. Christine S. Hryhorczuk helped build the Extramural Program.
Her job was expanded to 70% time to help develop and assess the extramural sites for the rotations, and her title became Director of Site Assessment for Extramural Education. During her time at the College, she also was promoted from Clinical Assistant to Clinical Associate Professor.

The College later received an Illinois Children’s Healthcare Foundation grant to expand the initiative.

“It was exciting to develop a new program,” Dr. Hryhorczuk said as she looked back at her work at the College before retiring in June. “Now the external rotations are a vital part of the College’s DMD curriculum.”

Dr. Hryhorczuk noted that when students are out on rotation in the suburbs, “sometimes they are surprised that there are poor people or people with access issues there,” she said. “So the rotations show the students the importance of serving the underserved.”

She also noted that some of the students liked their rotations so much that they ended up working at some of the partner sites.

A highlight for Dr. Hryhorczuk was when the *Journal of Dental Education* (*JDE*) published a paper in which she was listed as first author, based on her role in assessing sites. “Predominantly my career has been in clinical dentistry and as a private practitioner, so that was very exciting,” she said. “Another highlight was being recognized by one of our partner sites for a community service award.”

Dr. Hryhorczuk sees her 15 years at the College as one of the greatest periods of change in the school’s history. “The reorganization of the clinics into group practices with managing partners, the new curriculum, and having the D-4 class spend half its time in extramural rotations has been a process, and things still are changing,” she said. “It’s never status quo here.”

She mentioned some of the people at the College who assisted her in advancing her career.

“Dr. Anne Koerber mentored me in taking over the public health course,” Dr. Hryhorczuk said. “My appointment was in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, and Dr. Indru Punwani mentored me in my academic career and helped me get promoted. He also guided me in quality assurance issues in the clinics. Dr. Bill Knight mentored me in how to prepare scientific manuscripts, so his help was invaluable in getting my JDE article published. Drs. Frank Perry, Marsha Babka ’76, and Larry Salzmann familiarized me with the clinics at the school.”

Dr. Hryhorczuk is particularly close to her colleagues in the Division of Prevention and Public Health Sciences at the College. “I learned so much about public health policy from Dr. Caswell Evans,” she said. “Dr. Al Bolden was Director of Extramural Education. He shared his wisdom with me, and was fun to work with. Our Coordinator for Extramural Education is Kari Radjewski, and our Clinical Community Academic Manager is Khatija Noorullah, and they make good things happen and are so helpful.

“We’re a nice team and work well together, so it makes it hard to leave,” Dr. Hryhorczuk said.

So Dr. Hryhorczuk plans on not leaving completely and will continue to work at the College one day per week, “still involved in the extramural programs and with global health,” she said. “I’d like to publish another paper, because we have a lot of data on the outcomes of our extramural program. And I want to spend more time with my family.”

Her husband is Dr. Daniel Hryhorczuk, Professor Emeritus in the School of Public Health, where Dr. Christine Hryhorczuk also had an Adjunct appointment, and Director of Environmental Health in the Center for Global Health in the College of Medicine. Son Nicholas is an Assistant Professor at Northern Illinois University, and son Alex is an environmental health attorney.

“Sometimes it was hard to be part of so many changes,” she concluded, “but all of the changes made the College a better place—a great place.”

**Dr. Thomas C. Lakars Retires; Spent 50 Years at College**

When looking back at some of the highlights of his 50 years at the College of Dentistry, Dr. Thomas C. Lakars, ’67, MS ’69, who has retired as an Assistant Professor of Oral Biology, recalled one particularly unusual anecdote.

“I once helped an emergency dissection of an elephant!” Dr. Lakars said.

In October 1975, Brookfield Zoo’s famous elephant Ziggy “had fallen dead of old age in his stall inside the pachyderm house,” Dr. Lakars said. “There was no way a crane could be fitted inside.”

So a Department of Oral Anatomy team joined zoo and field museum workers “to disarticulate and dissect poor old Ziggy,” Dr. Lakars recalled.

Entering the College as a student in 1963, Dr. Lakars earned his DDS and joined the faculty in 1967. Other than his time in the United States Air Force, he remained at the College until he retired during the 2013-14 academic year. In 1977-78,
he was Acting Head of the Department of Oral Anatomy.

“Every day at the College was interesting, always with much to learn and to do, along with outstanding colleagues and brilliant students,” Dr. Lakars said.

He noted that his three Golden Apple Awards for teaching and two awards presented by the UIC Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors, the E. Lloyd Du Brul Faculty Achievement Award and a University of Illinois Alumni Loyalty Award, “were certainly highlights of my career,” Dr. Lakars said.

“Two most recent awards are the capstone of my dental education career,” he added. “The Class of 2014 elected me as an Honorary Hoofer for their commencement ceremony, the first time I had been so honored, and the Odontographic Society of Chicago presented me with the William P. Schoen Jr. DDS, MS, Memorial Teaching Award on April 7.”

The Schoen Award is in recognition for “innovations in and dedication to dental education and its students.”

Dr. Lakars noted that his Oral Anatomy Professors “were most influential in my life and career choice to teach anatomy in dentistry. Professors E. Lloyd Du Brul, James A. Gagnon, and Robert P. Scapino were wonderful, superb teachers, whose amazing knowledge and enthusiasm stimulated me to become an anatomist educating dental students. Dr. Thomas E. Emmering, then a Professor in Radiology and our faculty advisor and mentor for the Rho Chapter of the Delta Sigma Delta International Dental Fraternity, was a very positive role model admired by all the dental students.”

He also feels fortunate to have been a faculty member “for scientifically renowned department heads: Dr. Du Brul and Dr. Karen Hiiemae of the Department of Oral Anatomy, and Dr. Scapino and Dr. Thomas G.H. Diekwisch of the Department of Oral Biology,” Dr. Lakars said.

It was a labor of love for Dr. Lakars to be in charge of the Du Brul Archives of Oral Anatomy, the College’s collection of human, animal, and prehistoric skulls and disarticulated skull bones. He often could be seen showing the collection to dental students or youngsters from local schools. Faculty members Dr. Alison Doubleday and Dr. Robert Druzinsky, PhD Anatomy ’89, now will be in charge of the collection.

Dr. Lakars had been heavily involved in Delta Sigma Delta since his student days. He served as Supreme Grand Master for the worldwide organization in 2000-01, and has been Supreme Historian and editor of the fraternity’s magazine, Desmos, since 2008. He also was faculty advisor to the Rho chapter at the College for 43 years.

Dr. Danny Hanna has taken over that post from Dr. Lakars.

After serving as the UIC Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors Faculty Liaison for decades, Dr. Lakars stepped down from that post a few years ago and was succeeded by Dr. Susan Rowan, ’84.

In retirement, Dr. Lakars and his wife, Linda, plan on travelling more, visiting their children who live in other locations, and working on their century-old home and in their garden. The couple will celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary this year. Daughter Jori, a tattoo artist, lives near Manchester, England. Son Christian is a U.S. Army helicopter pilot who saw combat in Iraq and Afghanistan and is married to Lindsay. The couple will be moving stateside after being stationed in Hawaii.

Dr. Lakars thanked his colleagues on the faculty, the support staff, and the housekeeping and maintenance staff for their decades of support. “I miss seeing all of you daily and I’ll always remember our friendships and our dedication to our College of Dentistry,” he said.

He also thanked his students. “It was a joyful privilege for me to be your instructor,” Dr. Lakars concluded. “I miss your bright spirits and youthful energy.”
**Dr. Irwin M. Seidman Retires After 39 Years on Faculty**

After earning his DDS in 1971 and his Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry in 1976, **Dr. Irwin M. Seidman** was asked by Department of Pediatric Dentistry Head Dr. Allen Anderson, ’64, Pediatric Dentistry ’65, MS Pediatric Dentistry ’66, to join the faculty of the department.

“I planned on staying only for a short time,” Dr. Seidman recalled. “But after one year as an Instructor and 38 as an Associate Professor, I think I forgot to phase out.”

Dr. Seidman has chosen this year to “phase out,” retiring in June.

He noted that one of the highlights of his time here was “being able to work with the residents. And over the years, the quality of the residents has gone from good, to very good, to better, and to best as the Pediatric Dentistry program has similarly improved.

“It’s been important for me to interact with the residents,” Dr. Seidman continued. “I’m a solo practitioner in my private practice, so if I come up with a theory for a new way of doing things, there’s nobody to bounce it off of. Here, I can discuss it with the residents, and teaching has been a great way for me to keep up on the latest developments in Pediatric Dentistry.”

Dr. Seidman noted how faculty-student interactions have changed for the better over the years “When I was a predoc, you got the impression that it was all about the faculty,” he recalled. “Their attitude was, ‘you’re lucky to be here, we’ll get you on the road to being dentists, but you’ll never be as good as we are.’”

“I’ve seen that change completely. Principles of practice evolve, and so do teaching principles. We’re all working toward our students being the best practitioners in the outside world,” Dr. Seidman said.

He noted that his two favorite mentors were Dr. Anderson and Dr. Indru Punwani, longtime Head of the department.

“Dental education can become a matter of ‘see this and do this,’ but Dr. Anderson showed me the value of the dental literature in helping you achieve new things,” Dr. Seidman said. “And from a clinical, research, and didactic point of view, Dr. Punwani’s knowledge and help were invaluable. He was Director of the residents when I got here, so he was my boss for more than 35 years.”

Dr. Seidman noted that he and his 1971 DDS classmates were a feisty bunch. “We refused to sit for a class composite photo,” he recalled (although the College later put one together from their freshman photos), “and a lot of us were vocal in our dislike of Pediatric Dentistry. So then eight of us became Pediatric Dentists,” he said, laughing.

After retirement from the College, Dr. Seidman will continue working in his private practice in Palatine, IL. “It’s actually growing and getting busier, so I’ll spend more time there,” he said.

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his certificate in 1974—at which time he joined the faculty. He has served as Endodontics Department Head since 1999, and retired at the end of June.

Dr. Wenckus enjoyed his time at the College so much, he said “every year was a highlight,” but that some stand out.

“Our dental operating microscope training center, the first in the Midwest, opened in 1996,” he recalled. “The dental operating microscope has revolutionized Endodontics. Becoming Department Head was a highlight. A huge highlight was the opening of our new clinic on Oct. 25, 2013. It is truly a magnificent facility, with all of the state-of-the-science equipment for an Endodontics practice.

“And every graduation is a highlight,” Dr. Wenckus added. “It is wonderful to see the predocs receive their degrees, and the post-grads get their Endodontic certificates.”

Dr. Wenckus noted he has seen the educational environment, the faculty, and the neighborhood all change for the better.

Part of the educational change is the new curriculum, he noted. “I had a conversation with Dr. Guy Shampaine, the chief examiner from NERB [North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners], who told me that we were among the top two of 54 dental schools examined, and that our students were clinically outstanding,” Dr. Wenckus said.

“When I went through dental school here, we did not have external rotations, which go a long way toward developing the clinical competence of our students,” he added.

“The most significant change involves the attitude of the faculty—the current faculty wants our students to excel,” Dr. Wenckus said. “Back when I was a student in 1967 to 1971, the student-faculty relationship was not nearly so cordial; they taught by intimidation. Today, the atmosphere is completely different.”

Dr. Wenckus noted some of the people who were most helpful to him. Former Endodontics Department Head Dr. Nijole Remeikis, ’59, encouraged Dr. Wenckus to become a faculty member and to apply for the Department Head post when she retired. The late Dr. Harry R. Shepard, ’44, was the faculty member who, Dr. Wenckus said, “got me interested in Endodontics.”

Dr. Wenckus considered his mentor to be the late Dr. Leonard Evanson, ’59, a faculty member “who taught only at the postgrad level,” Dr. Wenckus said. “He knew it all. His practical experience and guidance shaped the careers of many Endodontic post-graduate students.”

After he earned his certificate in Endodontics, Dr. Wenckus not only joined the faculty but became a partner in practice with Dr. Evanson and the late Dr. Franklin S. Weine, ’57.

A surgical suite in the new Endodontics clinic is named for Dr. Weine.

Dr. Wenckus noted that he has worked with five Deans: Dr. Seymour Yale, ’45; Dr. Allen W. Anderson, ’64, Pediatric Dentistry ’65, MS Pediatric Dentistry ’66; Dr. Dale R. Eisenmann, ’65, PhD Anatomy ’68; Dr. Bruce Graham; and Dr. Bill Knight.

A member of the Motorcycling Doctors Association, Dr. Wenckus’s post-retirement plans include “putting many miles on my Harley,” he said, along with travel to New Zealand and the Caribbean. He also plans on remaining active with the American Board of Endodontics, being a site visitor for the Commission on Dental Accreditation, serving as an expert witness in legal cases, and teaching at the College two days per week.

Dr. Wenckus and his wife, Elaine, will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary this year, and they plan on spending more time with their children and grandchildren.

Son Joseph, a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force (USAF) and his wife, Dyann, have three children. Daughter Dalia, an obstetrician and gynecologist with a subspecialty in maternal fetal medicine, is a Major in the USAF. Daughter Patricia Seidel, and her husband, Joshua, have one son. Patricia is the Head Chef at Ted’s Montana Grill in Naperville, IL.

“I plan to make a pest of myself with the children of my children,” Dr. Wenckus concluded. “Being a grandparent is a hoot.”
Several Continuing Education courses, held under the auspices of the Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS), are scheduled to be held at the UIC College of Dentistry, 801 S. Paulina St., Chicago, IL 60612, in 2014. The ISDS is an approved provider of Continuing Education and is an ADA CERP Recognized Provider.*

For more information or to register, or for refund and cancellation information, email gpitchford@isds.org, log on to www.isds.org, or call (800) 475-4737.

Coronal Polishing and Pit/Fissure Sealants Course

Course objectives: This course will provide dental assistants with the proper educational requirements as stated in Illinois law for application of pit and fissure sealants and coronal polishing which includes didactic study in anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, and dental emergencies followed by a written exam.

This course also will include two hours of clinical experience on pit and fissure sealants and two hours on coronal polishing. The clinical instruction on coronal polishing will include work performed on a human subject.

At the completion of this course and prior to being permitted to perform these expanded functions in Illinois, the dental assistant must meet the following requirements:

- Be 18 years of age and working as a dental assistant for at least 1,000 hours.
- The supervising dentist must personally observe the successful placement of six sealants on a patient or patients by the dental assistant.
- The successful participant will receive a certificate of completion.

Continental breakfast and lunch are provided.

Credit: Ten credit hours.

Dates: Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014; Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Instructors: Dr. Richard Perry, ’68, and Dr. James Bryniarski, ’78, Clinical Assistant Professor, Restorative Dentistry, and Katherine Lutz, RDH.

Fee: $450 ISDS member dentist staff; $800 non-member dentist staff.

Prerequisite: Must be at least age 18, and a dental assistant for at least 1,000 hours.

Anesthesia/Sedation Assistant Monitoring Clinical Certification Course

This course is offered as a Continuing Education experience for dental assistants and hygienists who work in dental or oral surgery offices in the State of Illinois where sedation or general anesthesia is administered. The course is designed to meet the requirements of the Illinois Dental Practice Act and the rules administering the Dental Practice Act. The course includes both lecture and clinical exposure.

Course objectives and competencies: The assistant will:

- Become familiar with the anatomy and physiology involved with monitoring and airway maintenance in the sedated dental patient.
- Obtain a basic understanding of the physiology of the respiratory, cardiovascular, and neurological systems as they related to anesthesia and sedation.
- Become familiar with the health questionnaire and its application for the evaluation of the patient undergoing anesthesia/sedation and be able to link this information to the ASA classification.
- Develop an understanding of the levels of sedation/anesthesia and be able to recognize these levels in the patient under dental sedation.
- Acquire the skills required for monitoring the sedated patient, including monitoring of blood pressure, pulse, perspiration temperature, and level of consciousness.
- Learn to operate automated monitoring devices including the EKG and pulse-oximeter.
- Learn to complete the anesthesia record and make appropriate monitoring entries during the procedure and during recovery.
- Learn basic management protocols for...
anesthesia-related emergencies and become more competent in assisting the dentist in their management.

Credit: 12 credit hours.


Instructors: Dr. William Flick, ’74, Clinical Associate Professor, and Dr. Michael Miloro, Head, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS); and Dr. Indru Punwani, Professor Emeritus, and Dr. Larry Salzmann, Clinical Professor and Predoctoral Clinic Director, Pediatric Dentistry.

Fee: $525 ISDS member dentist staff; $850 non-member dentist staff.

Prerequisite: Current BLS certificate.

Nitrous Oxide Monitoring and Administration Course

Course objectives and content: This course for monitoring and administration of nitrous oxide by dental assistants and dental hygienists is designed to meet the certification requirements of the State of Illinois for expanded functions.

This course will include both didactic and clinical components in the monitoring and administration of nitrous oxide and advanced airway management. It will provide instruction in anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, and dental emergencies as they relate to the use of nitrous oxide in the dental office.

After successful completion of this course the dental assistant can return to the private office and provide expanded function for the dental team and the monitoring of nitrous oxide, while the dental hygienists will be able to start and stop the flow of gas.

Credit: Six credit hours.

Dates: Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014; Wednesday, Nov 19, 2014. Course times to be announced.

Instructors: Drs. Punwani and Salzmann.

Fee: $275 ISDS member dentist staff; $500 non-member dentist staff.

Prerequisite: Must be currently certified in BLS for healthcare providers, or its equivalent. A copy of your current BLS card must accompany registration form. This course is open to all qualified dental assistants for monitoring and dental hygienists for administering.

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**Calendar**

**September**

10: Golf Outing, 1 p.m., Cog Hill Golf & Country Club, 12294 Archer Ave., Lemont, IL 60439. Email dentalum@uic.edu or call (312) 996-0485.

13: Coronal Polishing and Pit/Fissure Sealants Course. UIC College of Dentistry. Fee is $450 for Illinois State Dental Society member dentist staff, $800 for ISDS non-member dentist staff. Email gpitchford@isds.org, log on to www.isds.org, or call (800) 475-4737.

19: College of Dentistry Reception at Illinois State Dental Society Annual Session, Schaumburg Renaissance Hotel, Schaumburg, IL, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. UIC, Loyola, Northwestern, and alumni from other schools and guests welcome. For more information, email dentalum@uic.edu, or call (312) 996-0485.

24 and 25: Anesthesia/Sedation Monitoring Course. UIC College of Dentistry. Fee is $525 for Illinois State Dental Society member dentist staff, $850 for ISDA non-member dentist staff. Email gpitchford@isds.org, log on to www.isds.org, or call (800) 475-4737.

**October**

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31 and Nov. 1: Bennett Klavan Lecture, Department of Periodontics. Call (312) 413-4467.

**November**

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**April 2015**

17: Reunion, UIC College of Dentistry and Loyola University Chicago School of Dentistry alumni. Years ending in “5” and “0” highlighted. Alumni awards presented. Carlisle Banquets, 435 E. Butterfield Rd., Lombard, IL 60148. Email dentalum@uic.edu or call (312) 996-0485.
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Held on Friday, April 17, 2015, the Reunion will feature an open bar reception, dinner, and special recognition of all classes whose graduation years end in a 5 or 0, including UIC, Loyola, and Northwestern alumni celebrating their 25th, 40th, and 50th anniversary years in Dentistry. Class photos will be taken and available for purchase.

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