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University of Florida College of Dentistry

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To: UF College of Dentistry,

The Starship Denterprise

We're hosting consultants from AxiUm on June 15 - 17. They're meeting with various groups and touring our college so they can better understand our operations and workflow, and ensure a smooth transition when we move to new clinical management software in December 2010.

An open forum was held on Wednesday, June 16, from noon to 3:30 p.m. in D8-46. The session included a 90-minute demonstration and Q&A session, followed by more detailed discussion for anyone interested in more information. Please take the time to view the mediasite at <https://www.dental.ufl.edu/intranet/AxiUm/starship-denterprise-downloads.php> of the program if you missed the live presentation and provide your feedback to IT. Input from experienced faculty and staff is critical to early success of the software transition. We need your expertise and guidance.

I would like to recognize and thank President Machen, Provost Glover and Sr. Vice President Guzick for the allocation of \$630,500 to support the startup costs for this new electronic clinic management system. The college will be responsible for the \$100,000 in annual recurring costs. Given the economic challenges facing the University of Florida, I am very grateful for their financial assistance for this project.

35th Annual Commencement



The 35th Annual College of Dentistry on May 21 was a wonderful end to a successful and productive academic year. The event, always one of my favorites, went perfectly as usual thanks to the hard work and professionalism of Censeri Abare in the office of education. I'd like to express my appreciation to Censeri and everyone who helps coordinate this event for another fitting tribute to the dedication of our students, our faculty and our staff.

Please take a few minutes to view the online photo gallery at <http://www.dental.ufl.edu/Offices/News/default.php?newsid=280> you can see that it was a warm and celebratory commencement event.

New associate dean for research

Robert Burne, Ph.D., accepted the role of associate dean for research in May, following the retirement of Dr. Ken Anusavice. I thank Ken for his many successful years of service to the college in this important role. Bob will remain in his capacity as chair of the department of oral biology and will serve the college in both capacities. I have every confidence in Bob's ability to continue the growth of our research program and to develop even further the depth of the program and its impact on oral health research nationally and internationally.



Promotions & tenure



Dennis



Echeto



Neubert



Yilmaz



Cooper

Congratulations to the following faculty:

- **Matthew Dennis**, D.D.S., department of oral and maxillofacial surgery, was promoted to clinical professor, effective July 1.
- **Luisa Echeto**, D.D.S., M.S., department of prosthodontics, was promoted to clinical associate professor effective July 1.
- **John Neubert**, D.D.S., Ph.D., department of orthodontics, was promoted to associate professor with tenure effective July 1.
- **Ozlem Yilmaz**, D.D.S., Ph.D., department of periodontology, was promoted to associate professor with tenure.
- Following the completion of her Ph.D. degree, **Sharon Cooper's** faculty appointment was changed to clinical associate professor.

Research Awards

I want to thank the people in the Office of Research, plus faculty and other staff in the college, who helped meet a recent proposal deadline for Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). HRSA is the primary federal agency for improving access to health care services for people who are uninsured, isolated or medically vulnerable. Through their efforts, the college submitted seven funding proposals to support dental public health and health education.

Congratulations to the researchers who received awards between March 25 and June 8, 2010. The total research funding for the college through June 8 is \$17,324,609. Last fiscal year our sponsored funding total was \$16,927,665.

Orthodontics

Dr. Joyce Morris-Wiman

"Glial Response in a Jaw Muscle Pain Model"

NIH/NIDCR

\$402,875 for two years

Dr. Timothy Wheeler

"Miscellaneous Donors"

Align

\$25,000

Oral Biology/PDRC

Dr. N. Ingvar Magnusson

"A Study to Assess Plaque After Using Multiple Oral Hygiene Products"

Corporate

\$35,000 for one year

"Clinical Screening for Gingivitis and Dental Plaque"

Corporate

\$66,000 for one year

Honors, Awards & Achievements

Garvey receives two awards for community service

Tim Garvey, D.M.D., a clinical assistant professor in the department of pediatric dentistry, is the deserving recipient of the Florida Dental Health Foundation's 2010 Humanitarian Award and the 2010 Dr. E.A. Cosby Community Service Award from the Alachua County Dental Society for his outstanding service to the community.

The Florida Dental Health Foundation award, in accordance with tradition, was officially presented during the Florida Dental Association's first session of the House of Delegates meeting during the Florida National Dental Congress in Orlando in June. Tim received the award plus a \$1,000 contribution to the charity of his choice in recognition of his unending dedication to serving needy populations in Florida and in other countries.



Those of us who have the honor of working with him are often humbled by his unwavering commitment to serving patients who otherwise wouldn't have access to dental care. He doesn't serve for fanfare or public recognition; he truly serves from his heart. We are very proud that he received these awards for his service on the local and state levels.



Neubert selected for Excellence Award for Assistant Professors

John Neubert, D.D.S., Ph.D., an assistant professor in the department of orthodontics, has received a 2010 Excellence Award for Assistant Professors from the UF Office of the Provost. The award focuses on junior faculty and recognizes excellence in research. The award includes a one-time allocation of \$5,000 in support of research-related expenses.

This is an honor that recognizes John's successes in our college and, when I congratulated him, he said, "This was a team effort and I appreciate all the support you, Tim, my colleagues, and my staff have provided over the years to make this possible. It's great being a Gator and I look forward to many more years of enjoyment at the College of Dentistry."



NIH selects Logan

Congratulations to Henrietta L. Logan, Ph.D., a professor in the department of community dentistry and behavioral science and director of the Southeast Center for Research to Reduce Disparities in Oral Health.

She was recently selected by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to participate in their Health Advanced Training Institute (ATI) on Health Behavior from July 25 to August 1 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Logan is one of only 35 participants chosen from universities across the country to participate in this institute.

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New members of OKU

Micaela Gibbs, D.D.S., and Christopher Spencer, D.D.S, are two of the newest members of the Xi Omicron Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU), a national dental honor society. They were inducted on May 20 along with 10 members of the Class of 2010.



From left: OKU Faculty members Ron Watson, D.D.S.; Micaela Gibbs, D.D.S.; Christopher Spencer, D.D.S.; and Arthur Nimmo, D.D.S., F.A.C.P.

Low receives Christensen Award

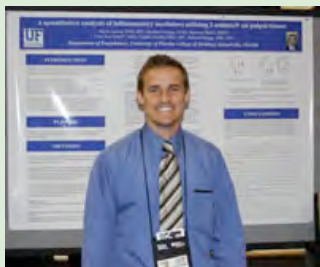
Sam Low, D.D.S., M.S., a professor in the Department of Periodontology, received the 2010 Gordon J. Christensen Lecturer Recognition Award from the Chicago Dental Society during their 145th Chicago Midwinter meeting.

The award is presented to a member of the profession who exemplifies the qualities that Dr. Christensen demonstrates as the teaching tenets in science and dentistry.



From left: Gordon Christensen, Low and CDS President Michael Stablein.

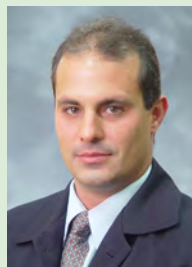
Endodontics news



Andrus



Nair



Varella



Pileggi (center)

During the annual meeting of the American Association for Endodontists, Kevin Andrus, a postgraduate resident in the department of endodontics, received a \$1,000 award for his research presentation, "A Quantitative Analysis of Inflammatory Mediators Utilizing LINCOPlex™ on Inflamed Pulpal Tissues."

Robert Pileggi, D.D.S., associate professor and chair of the department, received her Diplomate status from the American Board of Endodontics during the meeting.

Uma P. Nair, D.M.D., M.D.S., and Claudio Varella, D.D.S., both in the department of endodontics, are two of the 23 new Diplomates nationally who completed and passed board certification on April 12 and 13, 2010, following many years of hard work and a deep commitment to professional excellence.



Lewis earns Diplomate status

Emma Lewis, B.D.S, an assistant professor in the department of oral and maxillofacial surgery, recently received her Diplomate status with the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, which is the certifying board for the specialty.

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The DMD Team Program welcomes two new Team Leaders

The UF College of Dentistry announced the selection of two new Team Leaders for the D.M.D. Clinical Education Program: Joel Hauptman, D.D.S., and Henry "Mac" Young, D.D.S.



Hauptman

Joel Hauptman, D.D.S., joined the college in December 2009 as a visiting clinical associate professor in the Department of Prosthodontics.

Henry "Mac" Young, D.D.S., joined the college in 1981 as an assistant professor in the Department of Prosthodontics and most recently served as interim chair of the Department of Operative Dentistry.



Young

Five faculty receive FEOs



Adewumi



Cooper



Esquivel-Upshaw



Soderholm



Wheeler

Five UF College of Dentistry faculty received recent UF Faculty Enhancement Opportunity (FEO) awards. Congratulations to:

Abimbola Adewumi, B.D.S., F.D.S.R.C.S. (Eng), M.Ped., DentRSC (Eng), an assistant professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, will attend the Academy for Academic Leaders (AAL) Institute at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry.

Sharon Cooper, M.S., M.S.Ed., Ph.D., R.D.H., is an associate in the Department of Operative Dentistry and the director of the Oral Health Maintenance Clinic. She received a FEO award that will allow her the time and funding for consultation with experts in the field of educational research design, writing, and publication.

Josephine Esquivel-Upshaw, D.M.D., M.S., is a professor in the Department of Prosthodontics and will use the FEO funding to provide an electronics and software system upgrade to a testing machine, the Instron.

Karl Soderholm, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D., a professor in the Department of Operative Dentistry, will apply his FEO funding to purchase specialized software, SolidWorks and COMSOL, and receive associated training to generate clinically-relevant 3D models.

Timothy Wheeler, D.M.D., Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Orthodontics and the Academy 100 Eminent Scholar Chair, will use his FEO to attend a week-long course, Orthodontic Treatment based on Occlusal Plane Control: A Key for Successful Treatment of Different Types of Malocclusion with or without Dysfunctional Problems, in San Francisco, Ca., in August.

Transitioning to a new department

We have formed a transition planning committee that has begun meeting to discuss plans for creating the Department of Restorative Dental Sciences. Members, from the departments of operative and prosthodontics and also team leaders, are currently developing a short term strategic plan and deciding action steps necessary prior to the launch of the new department in January 2011.

A Marketing Effort: Payroll deduction for our dental services

On July 1, the college begins offering payroll deduction for dental care to UF employees who are working at least half time. You can learn more about the details on our web site (http://www.dental.ufl.edu/patients/patient_information.php) and we are also finalizing training for faculty and staff who will be involved in completing this process for qualified patients.

This reflects one of several steps we're taking to increase awareness of our dental services and clinics to the local "Gator Nation," and to attract patients to our clinics. In addition, by offering payroll deduction, we are making dental care possible for some patients who may not otherwise be able to pay for it. We have also developed brochures that describe the services in our faculty practice and DMD clinics, and a brochure for the Oral Health Maintenance Clinic's Gator Grad Care options is in development as well.

We're using a variety of channels to get our message out including emails, web sites, the UF InfoGator, new employee packets, and distributing our brochures to the student health clinics and the New Student Welcome Center on campus.

A warm welcome

You may have noticed a new face in the department of community dentistry and behavioral science. Lisa Jefferson joined the department as assistant director of administration in March. Previously she worked as a "cast member" at Walt Disney World Co. for 30 years where, most recently, she served as the Manager of Business Planning and Analysis for the Risk Management Services Division. She supervised a team of 19 people that provided IT system administration and support, financial planning, analytics and metrics, and medical provider network management for the division.



She earned a bachelor's from Virginia Tech in Industrial Engineering and Operations Research, and her master's from the Florida Institute of Technology. Along with her husband, Andreas Kerner, and her three dogs, she recently moved from Orlando to Ft. White.

Academy of Alumni & Friends -- fundraising success

Congratulations to our faculty, alumni and staff who worked on the 2009-2010 Annual Giving Campaign for the Academy of Alumni & Friends. The annual campaign raised more than \$93,000 which helps fund student events and projects like White Coat Ceremony and Commencement, and also helps support alumni events such as Dental Fall Weekend and the Gator Dentist Reception during FNDC.

Save these dates

Dean's Seminar Series - Dentistry in a changing world

June 18 from noon to 1 p.m. in D8-46

Dr. Jean-Francois Roulet

Director of Research and Development, Clinical Division,
Ivoclar, Vivadent, Schaan, Lichtenstein

White Coat Ceremony

Saturday, June 26 at 2 p.m.

Phillips Center for the Performing Arts

Summer of Learning

July 7 - 16

IADR meeting

July 14 - 17 in Barcelona

DMD classes begin

August 30

ADA meeting

October 9-13 in Orlando

Dental Fall Weekend

October 15 & 16 in Gainesville