

dean's update

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To: UF College of Dentistry,

I hope you've enjoyed watching the renovations in our lobby as much as I have. It's been an interesting process and we can now see it coming together to create an impressive transformation for the main entry of our college, and also for the Health Science Center.

New furniture for the area is ordered and will arrive after the renovation is complete; installing it will be the last step in the renovation process. In addition to creating a more welcoming environment for our patients and visitors, the changes will bring together the patient registration and check-out functions in a shared space. Currently, we are cross-training staff so that both areas will be able to assist the other during busy times.

Our next project will be the renovation of Clinic 1A to create an integrated space for the periodontology and prosthodontics graduate programs, one of only a few such programs in the nation.

I want to thank those of you whose working environments have been impacted by the renovation. The feedback I've had is that our faculty, staff and students have gone the extra mile to ensure that our patients find their way to registration and dental centers, and so far no one has gone permanently missing! Thank you for your care and concern, and for ensuring a good patient experience.

The lobby renovation is part of an overall effort at the college and Health Science Center level to enhance the patient experience at our facility. The strategic changes include the TEAM program implementation in 2008, the GatorAdvantage program, payroll deduction for UF employees who receive care in our clinics, an on-line payment system and the recent decision to provide free parking for patients and their visitors.

This really builds toward our future and the visioning exercise launched in October 2011 with consultants Kahler Slater. Our current facility does not currently reflect the excellence of our education, research and patient care programs and it is time we took steps to rectify that gap.

I want to thank UF administration for the funding to hire Kahler Slater and for providing a UF project manager, Miles Albertson,



Above and below: renderings of the new Perio/Pros dental center.



What's going in the glass booth?

Despite all the activity, change and planning happening in our college, I think the biggest buzz is about the glass booth in our lobby which was revealed after some construction walls came down last week. Everyone wants to know what the booth is for and I've heard all kinds of great ideas for the space: pedicure spa, chair massage spot, shoe shine station, and more.



Alas, I must report that it's the new home for the UF College of Dentistry Dental Museum.



to help guide us through this process. I also want to thank the faculty, staff and students who participated in user group sessions over the past several months, sharing their experiences and knowledge to help shape a vision for the future of our facility.

Their feedback created a platform for Kahler Slater to develop a vision for a new building and for renovations to our existing space, which was shared on February 21, 2012, during an open forum.

If you missed the session, you can view it on [Mediasite](#). We will be opening an anonymous feedback option in the Visioning area of our website soon and will invite faculty, staff, students and alumni to share comments there. Or you can email or call Jean Sweitzer at 352-273-5787 or jsweitzer@dental.ufl.edu with questions and comments.



While the concepts developed by Kahler Slater are exciting, the realization of the vision depends on funding. With the state's slow economic recovery, it is unrealistic to depend on state funding for all or even a significant portion of the project. So our next steps center on visiting with leaders among our alumni and friends to elicit their feedback and guidance on this project. We'll also be receiving assistance from the UF Foundation to conduct a feasibility study to assess our fundraising capacity for this building project. We certainly expect that it will take a combination of philanthropy, state, university and college resources to bring our vision to reality. *Stay tuned!*

-- Teresa A. Dolan, D.D.S., M.P.H.
Professor & Dean

Two of several concepts shared by Kahler Slater at the February 21 meeting -- beautiful and exciting.



Spring Faculty Development *Academic Accountability in an Educational Setting*

The Faculty Development committee has created an excellent two-day seminar, Academic Accountability in an Educational Setting. The seminar, a full day on March 12 and a half day on March 13, covers exploring accountability, mentoring, communication and collaboration as leadership competencies, and also using effort reporting to support a culture of accountability. Attendees can earn nine free CE credit hours by attending full sessions on both days.

Please register separately for each day via the college's [online RSVP system](#). Direct questions to Mary Bennett at (352) 273-5801 or mbennett@dental.ufl.edu.

Spring Synergy Weekend goes up the hill

Synergy weekend blends continuing dental education, the annual UFCD Research Day and ASDA activities into one integrated event.

This year the event is moving “up the hill” on Friday, March 30, to the Reitz Union for a full day of dentistry on campus:

- Continuing Education presentations (3 CEUs)
- Research Keynote speaker
- Research Poster Presentations, Oral Presentations and an Awards Reception
- ASDA Vendor Fair
- An opportunity for departments, centers and organizations to have a table outside on the Colonnade and there will be food, too!

Saturday, March 31, everyone is invited to join the ASDA golf tournament at Ironwood Golf Course. Registration is \$40 per person.

Synergy registration links

Thursday, March 29

Kaplan Scholar, for faculty only
[Register](#)

Friday, March 30

Kaplan Scholar Presentation; 3 CEUs
Attendance is required for all Junior & Senior DMD students
[Register](#)

Research Oral & Poster Presentations
If you're interested in participating, contact [Julie Walker](#).

Saturday, March 31

ASDA Golf Tournament
\$40 per person
More information to come

PedoGators gather for annual meeting



On Friday, February 17, 72 PedoGators gathered for their ninth annual Continuing Education session and business meeting at the UF Hilton Hotel & Conference Center in Gainesville.

The speaker, Ari Kupietzky, D.M.D., provided a six-hour CE course covering clinical tips to achieve excellence in pediatric dental practices titled, “From Infancy to School Age.”

Also in attendance were four of the five Class of 2007 residents who, together, gave \$30,000 to pay for the renovation of the program residents room in honor of Dr. Daniela Silva, who served as program director from 2004 to 2011.

Top photo, from left: Members of the Pediatric Dental Residency Class of 2007 -- Amanda Velazquez, Lisa Ameer, Jordan Tarver, Dr. Silva and Mindy Hall. Not pictured: Eric Berry.





NCEF receives 2012 William J. Gies Award

Award recognizes outstanding vision in support of dental education

The Naples Children and Education Foundation, the founding organization of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, has been selected to receive the 2012 William J. Gies Award. The award recognizes NCEF's superior demonstration of outstanding vision as a private partner in support of dental education.

The award received by NCEF is one of nine William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation and Achievement, which will be presented March 19, 2012, in conjunction with the American Dental Education Association conference in Orlando.



Two students selected for national ASDA service

Congratulations to University of Florida dental students Carolyn Norton and Phillip Bell, who were recently selected for national leadership positions for the American Student Dental Association (A.S.D.A.).

"I am so proud to have these two students represent the University of Florida and serve in these important roles at the national level," said Teresa A. Dolan, D.D.S., M.P.H., professor and dean of the UF College of Dentistry. "We are fortunate to have an excellent ASDA chapter in our college, and I am not surprised that our members are being tapped for service by the national organization."

Carolyn Norton, Class of 2014, was selected as the 2012-13 Contributing Editor on the ASDA Editorial Board. Phillip Bell, Class of 2014, was selected as the 2012-13 Legislative Coordinator for District 4-5 as part of the ASDA Legislative Grassroots Network.



Vote for Dusty

Dustin Pfundheller, Class of 2013, is running for president of A.S.D.A.. Elections will be held during the organization's Annual Session 2012 held February 29 – March 3 in Minneapolis, Minn. We are very excited about his candidacy and wish him the best!



Phillip Bell



Carolyn Norton



Dustin Pfundheller

Gibbs accepted into ADEA leadership program

Congratulations to Micaela Gibbs who was accepted into the American Dental Education Association's (A.D.E.A.) Leadership Institute for 2012-13.



Gibbs is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Community Dentistry and Behavioral Science at the University of Florida and the Director of our Community-based Programs.

McEdward earns research certification

Congratulations to Deborah McEdward, R.D.H., B.S., CCRP, education and training coordinator II for the Dental Practice-Based Research Network, in the Department of Restorative Dental Sciences, for her recent success in becoming a Certified Clinical Research Professional (CCRP) through the Society of Clinical Research Associates.



This certification requires a minimum of three years working as a clinical research coordinator and passing a rigorous examination.

Save the dates

Faculty Assembly

March 1, D3-3 from 8 to 9:15 a.m.

Spring Faculty Development

March 12 & 13

Paramount Plaza Hotel & Conference Center

RSVP online, please RSVP for each day separately

2012 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition

March 17-21, 2012, Orlando, Florida

2012 AADR Annual Meeting

March 21-24, 2012, Tampa, Florida

Class of 2013 Annual Bicuspid Ball

March 23, 2012 from 6 to 11 p.m.

Touchdown Terrace

Contact: Angie McNeight

Faculty Assembly

May 3, 2012 from D3-3 from 8 to 9:15 a.m.

Annual Staff Retreat: Dentistry Goes Hollywood

Friday, June 8 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hippodrome State Theatre

Florida National Dental Convention

June 14-16, 2012 in Orlando, Florida

--Gator Dentist Reception during FNDC

Friday, June 15

Dental Fall Weekend

November 2 & 3, 2012

in Gainesville

Dentistry shares the Valentine's love



Dean Dolan and the Mighty Molar handed out candy around the tower, left. Members of the SNDA sold beautiful singing valentines to raise money. For more photos, visit our [Facebook page](#).