



ALL IN

To: UF College of Dentistry,

At the University of Florida College of Dentistry, the future is all around us. It is in the research we perform that tells us the paths that oral health can and should take today to make a difference for patients tomorrow. It is in the excellent dental care we provide that makes a difference for patients today, tomorrow and for the rest of their lives. And it is in the students we work together to educate – the students who represent the future of our profession and the future of oral health care for our state and nation.

Every day I am energized by the reality that the decisions we make, the work we do, and the relationships we foster have an impact not just on the present, but on the future.

Every single person in our college plays a role in the future. Maybe you're the IT person who ran down from the 11th floor to smooth out a bump in the registration process for a patient. Or you saw someone looking lost in the lobby and helped them get to their destination. You could be the faculty member who, in a particularly riveting lecture, delivered an "a-ha" moment for a student. You could be the dental student who was so kind to a patient that you made their day and changed their perception forever about what a visit to the dentist means. Or you're a researcher who might not look into the eye of the person whose life you touched by your work, but your work has far-reaching, long-term effects.

In other words, we make a difference. All of us do. We have an excellent reputation as a college in terms of who we are and the work we do internally among ourselves, and externally with patients, other

professionals, with other entities at the university and beyond. That reputation wasn't built by an institution, but by people in the institution. One by one, over years of consistent excellence in all we do.

For that reason, I am extremely proud to have been trusted with the responsibility of serving as interim dean between Terri Dolan's retirement and the selection of a permanent replacement. As such during this time, I pledge to be "all in." I am fully committed to the present and the future of our college.

In fact, all of us need to be all in during the next year. We have a lot of work to do in the coming months – preparing for an accreditation site visit for the D.M.D. educational program and almost all of our graduate education programs as well. We are also implementing comprehensive changes to the D.M.D. curriculum. These things will be progressing in tandem with all of our normal, day-to-day activities that comprise our education, research and patient care mission. If we're not all in, we won't be successful. And at this college, that's simply not an option.

So I welcome you to the first installment of my dean's update – **All In**. I'll use this platform to share with you important achievements, changes on the horizon and positive stories about the things we do well. Please feel free to send me items you think should be included and enjoy!

Sincerely,
Boyd Robinson, D.D.S., M.Ed.
Interim Dean
UF College of Dentistry

Holding her hand

The other day, one of our dean's office staff was walking through the lobby on the way to help deal with a patient service problem. As she walked past the main elevators, there was a large group of DMD students standing with patients, waiting for elevators to the second and third floor clinics. Amid loud, lively conversations between patients and students, she noticed one male student standing next to his elderly, female patient. They were holding hands as they chatted.

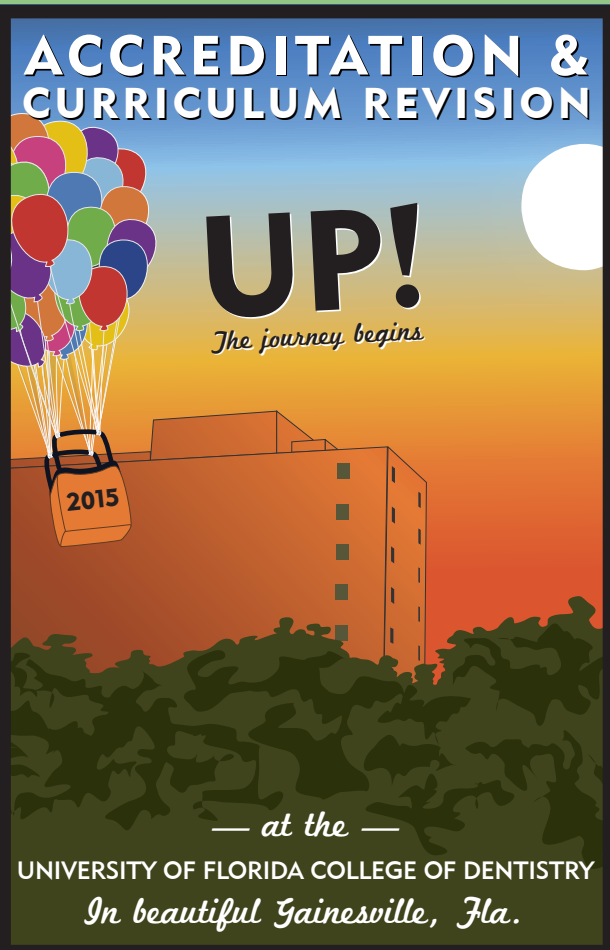
"It was so simple, yet extremely warm and caring," she said. "And, since I was going to help deal with a service problem, it helped underscore the fact that most of our patient interactions are completely positive."



When do we use the UF Health logo?

In May the health science center launched a new brand name - UF Health. For our college, the UF Health name and logo apply to clinical operations and communications. So the short answer is it will apply to our "patient-facing information" like clinic names, marketing, patient education information, things like that.

However our students still earn their degree from the UF College of Dentistry so usually that is the logo that will apply to our materials. It's a little complicated and there's a [website you can visit](#) for more information. But when in doubt, please contact [Karen Rhodenizer](#) in Communications.



What is "accreditation?"

The accreditation process has officially launched and if you've been paying attention, you at least know that. But if you're new to the college within the past five years, you might not know what it means.

Def: Accreditation is a voluntary, independent review of educational programs to determine that the education provided is of uniform and sound quality. Being awarded accreditation ensures that an institution has been evaluated and that it met set standards of quality determined by the accrediting organization granting the accreditation. A college or university's accreditation is maintained by continued adherence to the set criteria.

Dental schools are accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). And CODA is part of the American Dental Association (ADA). CODA accredits U.S. dental schools, advanced dental education programs as well as allied dental education programs.

CODA sends site inspectors from other dental institutions who review our ability to meet six CODA standards that are set for dental schools. Our inspection is scheduled for February 2015. Between now and 2015 the college will complete a "self study" to assess and report, on our own, how we are meeting the six standards that are set by CODA that need to be met to maintain our accreditation. The final report is due to CODA and the site inspectors in December 2014.

The self-study phase of our accreditation launched in September 2013 and will run through December 2014. Along with this process we're also undergoing a major DMD curriculum revision.

For more info on accreditation and the DMD curriculum revision, visit our [Up! webpage here](#).

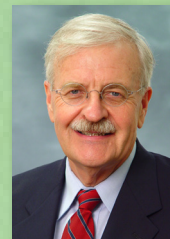
Administrative Changes

Faculty

M. Frank Dolwick

Named interim chair of oral and maxillofacial surgery

Frank Dolwick, D.M.D., Ph.D., was named interim chair of oral and maxillofacial surgery effective July 1, 2013. In that role he will lead the teaching, research, service and clinical activities of the department. Dolwick, who has been with the college for 28 years, was honored in April 2013 with a three-year appointment as the Mahan Endowed Professor.



Roberta Pileggi

Named associate dean and director of SADS

Roberta Pileggi, D.D.S., M.S., has been named associate dean and director of the University of Florida School of Advanced Dental Sciences (SADS) and will continue in her role as the chair and graduate program director of the department of endodontics, a position she's held since January 2010. She has served as interim director for SADS since September 2012.



Carol Stewart

Named interim associate dean for clinical affairs

Carol Stewart, D.D.S., M.S., has accepted an appointment to serve as Interim clinical associate dean for the University of Florida College of Dentistry effective October 11, 2013. Stewart is a professor in the department of oral and maxillofacial diagnostic sciences and has been with the college since February 1985, serving in various positions including as associate dean for clinical affairs from 1999 to 2002.



Wendell Willis

Appointed interim chair of restorative dental sciences

Wendell Willis, D.D.S., has accepted an appointment to serve as interim chair of the University of Florida department of restorative dental sciences effective July 1, 2013. He will also continue serving in his current role as division director for pre-doctoral general dentistry in restorative dental sciences. He has been with the college since 1977 when he joined the department of operative dentistry as a visiting professor while continuing to work in private practice.



Staff

Leah Gibbs

Started as the new college chief of staff

On August 5 we welcomed Leah to the college as our new chief of staff. Leah spent 23 years working for Shands in the UF Physician's clinics where she was the director of service and quality. Prior to moving to Florida to work for UF Health, Leah worked for the Ochsner Health System in New Orleans for six years as the Manager for ambulatory patient services. Welcome, Leah!



Melissa Long

Joined the UF Foundation

Melissa Long left the college after eight years as the human resources director to take a promotion in an HR position at the University of Florida Foundation. Melissa's last day with the college was on September 26; a search committee is in the process of selecting a replacement with a goal of having someone in the position by December 1. We miss Melissa already and wish her well!



Mighty Molar Picnic



On Sept. 22, six teams gathered but only one could emerge victorious. They wore their team colors, brought their gear and battled it out in the rain for the championship title at the Annual Mighty Molar Picnic at UF's Lake Wauburg. More than 200 people attended the event, organized by the University of Florida American Student Dental Association (A.S.D.A.) to raise money for Smile Train, the world's largest cleft charity.

The faculty team, "Faculty Rules, Students Drool," when faced with a serious team of seniors in the tug-of-war, used the tried and true method of letting go of the rope at the same time, and enjoyed watching the seniors all fall into a heap on the muddy ground.

In the end congratulations go to our seniors, the University of Florida College of Dentistry Class of 2014, for winning this year's Mighty Molar Competition. But the real winners are the kids who will benefit from the \$2,400 raised for cleft palate treatment through Smile Train.



The faculty team lets go of the rope, the seniors fall.
Dr. Neel Bhattacharyya enjoys the faculty victory.



Where can you find photos?

Since 2008, we've tried to keep all photos of college events stored on the All UFCD shared drive in Public -- Photos. The folders are then listed by the year they were taken and what the event/subject is. So the Mighty Molar Picnic photos are in a folder called "13 Mighty Molar Picnic."

Some photos that were taken before 2008 are also there, but we can't promise that everything is. We'd appreciate it if everyone would move photos folders to that drive, so that they're available to everyone. If you need pics for presentations or posters or whatever, take a look through our inventory to see if something works for you.

Positive Feedback

We love it when we receive positive feedback from patients and others. Dr. Robinson was cc:ed on this letter to Dr. Christopher Spencer. Dr. Spencer works in the TEAMS program and is a clinical associate professor in the department of restorative dental sciences. He has been with the college since 2006 and also works in research and direct patient care.

Dear Doctor Spencer,

I was your two o'clock patient on October 7.* As we met I indicated that I came from Ocala to the College of Dentistry to receive an evaluation and recommendations regarding my dental health. As I indicated to you, I am 83 years old and, further, that I was receiving mixed messages from my provider. And, as a consequence, that I was not sure what choices I had regarding my future dental care. You listened patiently; you answered my questions directly; and you provided an excellent summary of my options. I just wanted you to know how much I appreciated your wisdom and terrific "bedside" manner. Thank you Dr. Spencer and if you ever start a private practice I will stand in line to be your first patient.

P.S. I also appreciated the assistance of the dental student who guided me through the labyrinths of the dental towers and who assisted in my evaluation. He was most helpful. Inasmuch as I did not get his name and cannot thank him directly, would you please thank him on my behalf.

Sincerely,
(A very eloquent patient)

* All identifying info has been changed to protect the privacy of this patient.

Mark Your Calendar



Research Seminar Pre and Post Operative Treatment of Dental Surgical Patients

October 14 in D3-3
Noon to 1 p.m.

Faculty Development Research Conversations about Collaboration with Clinical Sciences

October 18 in D8-46
8 to 9:30 a.m.

CE Course Nitrous Oxide Psychosedation: Certification

October 25-26, 2013
Seminole, FL

Faculty Assembly November 7 in D3-3

Dental Fall Weekend November 8 & 9

CE Course A Retrospective of Root Coverage: Where Have We Been and Where Are We Now? January 18, 2014

FNDC
June 12-14, 2014
Orlando

ADEA Annual Session
March 15-18, 2014

AADR Annual Meeting
March 19-22, 2014

Pediatric Health Fair

The residents, staff and faculty of pediatric dentistry attended a pediatric health fair hosted by UF Health Pediatrics. The college's attendees had a great time interacting with the kids and teaching them about the importance of oral health.



Researchers find potential link between gum disease and Alzheimer's



Kesavalu and some members of his research team.

Dr. Lakshmyya Kesavalu, B.V.Sc., M.Sc., S.C.C., an associate professor in the department of periodontology, and researchers from the University of Central Lancashire and The Blizzard Institute in the United Kingdom examined samples from the brains of patients with and without dementia. They found the presence of *p.gingivalis* in the brain tissue of patients who had dementia and none in the brain tissue of



Kesavalu and Fernanda Ponce, a health reporter for WUFT Channel 5.

patients who did not have dementia. It is new evidence that links oral disease with dementia. UF Health News & Communications and UF News sent out a national press release on the findings (you can [read the story here](#)) and Dr. Kesavalu did a few media interviews on the topic, including one that was documented with some photos, above.

100% of pediatric residents pass qualifying exam



Congratulations to the University of Florida College of Dentistry recently-graduated pediatric dental residents – all of whom passed the qualifying examination of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry (ABPD) in July 2013.

“We were very proud to learn of the 100 percent pass rate for our residents. It certainly speaks highly of both our educational program and of our residents,” said Marcio Guelmann, chair of the UF department of pediatric dentistry.

Five candidates completed their residency in the college’s Gainesville-based program: Drs. Michael Gooch, Kate Lambery, Michele Lau, Kathy Parsons and Patrick Weaver. Another three completed their residency at the NCEF Pediatric Dental Center in Naples, Fla.: Drs. Lafe Chaffee, Meggan Krause and Jennifer Senge.

UFCD Student National Dental Association hosts Oral Cancer Awareness 5K

On May 18, 2013, a beautiful morning, burgundy and white balloons lined Bo Diddley Community Plaza in Gainesville, Fla., leading to the starting line of the First Annual University of Florida College of Dentistry Oral Cancer Awareness 5K. Shelly Taylor, a third year dental student, organized the event.

Throughout downtown Gainesville, signs showcasing oral cancer facts marked the race route and more than 200 people gathered to raise awareness of oral cancer. Runners, walkers, and local citizens received free oral cancer screenings from local dentists and college faculty and students.

To read more on this event, [visit our website](#).



Shelly Taylor, left, and Dr. Henrietta Logan are dressed for success at the Oral Cancer Awareness 5K

From the college's photo archives

Do you recognize anyone?

