UF COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY LAUNCHES A NEW SCHOOL OF ADVANCED DENTAL SCIENCES

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As a national leader in advanced and graduate dental education, the University of Florida College of Dentistry officially launched the School of Advanced Dental Sciences on July 1, 2011. Included in the new school are the departments of Endodontics, Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontology, and the Prosthodontic Graduate Program, and the college’s Continuing Education Program.

During the last ten years, the number of dental students who continue in advanced education programs has grown: nationally, 60 percent of all dental students enter an advanced education program. The UF College of Dentistry currently enrolls 122 advanced education students; 66 of those are in programs that will be part of the new school.

The school will facilitate the integration of these advanced education programs, ultimately improving the education that residents receive and better preparing them for the future, while improving the patient experience involved in interdisciplinary care. The school also allows for better utilization of existing business personnel and other resources.

Timothy Wheeler, D.M.D., Ph.D., has been appointed senior associate dean and director of the school, and is also the chair of the Department of Orthodontics. He spearheaded our effort for developing the school and has a long history of advanced educational background and experience.

The School of Advanced Dental Sciences places our college at the forefront of educational change and positions us well to meet the emerging educational expectations of today’s dental students.

A New Home for the Perio & Pros Graduate Programs

For many years, Clinic 1A has been the clinical home to D.M.D. students and their patients. Starting in September 2011, a comprehensive renovation begins to transform that clinic into integrated clinical space for students in the Periodontology and Prosthodontic graduate programs. The renovation will take about nine months to complete, after which this innovative practice will facilitate a more patient-centered approach to combined diagnostic, surgical and restorative care for our patients.

At a cost of $583,000, the renovation will require significant investment. The department is hoping to engage several of our corporate partners as well as alumni and friends to support the project. Some alumni and friends have already made significant gifts to this effort—our thanks to all. Please consider making a gift to the Graduate Prosthodontics Renovation Fund. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated by today’s residents and the patients they treat. To make your gift today, please visit the college website at www.dental.ufl.edu and click “Make a Gift Online” at the left side of the page. Choose “Graduate Prosthodontics Renovation Fund #013075.” Thank you for your support.

For more information about making a gift to the college or to learn about other ways to give, please contact Thomas LaFleur, Senior Director of Development, at 352-273-5779 or tlafleur@dental.ufl.edu.
2011 Graduates Continue Winning Streak

Drs. Benjamin Tindal, Haya Alabhool, and Olin Tyler have successfully completed the Part 1 exam of the American Board of Prosthodontics. We are proud of our 100% pass rate on Part 1 since 2006!

TRANSITIONS IN GRADUATE PROSTHODONTICS

2011 Graduates

- Dr. Benjamin Tindal, 2010–2011 chief resident, is joining the Island Dental Spa in Anna Maria Island, Fla.
- Dr. Haya Alabhool will practice with the government of Kuwait.
- Dr. Olin Tyler is heading home to South Florida for private practice.

2011 New Residents

- Three residents join us this year: Drs. Nicholas Goetz, Luiz Gonzaga, and Adam Jones.
- Drs. Goetz and Jones are graduates of the UF College of Dentistry class of 2011.
- Dr. Gonzaga is a periodontist who did his training at the University of San Paolo, Brazil, and was an ITI Scholar in the UF Center for Implant Dentistry.

2010–2011 Implant Fellows

- Dr. Ada Brincefield (grad pros certificate from Nova Southeastern University) and Dr. Katie Ryan-Peterkin (grad pros certificate from Marquette University) have successfully completed a one-year implant fellowship in Graduate Prosthodontics.
- Dr. Brincefield is entering an advanced prosthodontic fellowship at UFCD.
- Dr. Peterkin will practice in Tallahassee.

New Chief Resident for 2011–2012

- Dr. Matthew Nawrocki will be the Chief Resident in Graduate Prosthodontics for the 2011–2012 year.

A Busy Schedule

- Dr. Vaughn Holland, a third year resident, will find that he has little free time in the upcoming year: he is the College of Dentistry’s first dual-enrolled resident. Dr. Holland will complete the first year of the Graduate Program in Orthodontics while also finishing his studies in graduate prosthodontics. At the end of his customized five-year program, he will be board-eligible in the specialties of prosthodontics and orthodontics.

Please keep in touch

The college is working to improve outreach efforts to program alumni and friends. In the interest of saving trees and money, we are shifting as much as possible to email and other electronic forms of communication.

If you would like to update your contact information, please email us at alumni-andfriends@dental.ufl.edu. And for more about news and events at the college, please visit our website at www.dental.ufl.edu.