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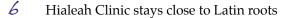
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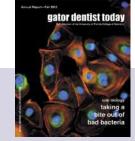
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Message from the dean

The University of Florida sesquicentennial year is drawing to a close and I feel our college in particular has so much for which to be thankful and proud.

On both a personal and professional note, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Robert Primosch, formerly chairman of pediatric dentistry, to the position of associate dean for education. Dr. Primosch is dedicated to the continued growth and improvement of the college's teaching mission. We feel the performance of our students on the National Dental Board Exams is concrete validation of the high caliber of our students, the faculty who educate them and the college's basic and behavioral

science curriculum implemented in Fall of 2000. The Class of 2003 enjoyed a 100 percent pass rate of the NB Part II this spring, and recently released NB Part I results rank the UFCD Class of 2005 No. 8 out of 50 dental classes taking the exam — moving up from No. 18 last year!

The college's research enterprise is robust and the research activities of our faculty and students are vigorous. We maintained our ranking as No. 6 of 55 dental schools in research award funding from the National Institutes of Health, and this fall the college received an NIH Research Infrastructure Planning Grant. This grant has facilitated an assessment and planning process that will assist the college in improving its research facilities and building its research faculty to assure continued success. We anticipate one result of this process will be to expand on our translational research efforts to build a bridge between basic science and clinical science for the benefit of our patients.

Initiatives during 2003 yielded new, exciting partnerships with Hillsborough Community College and St. Petersburg College in expanding dental education opportunities and access to care for Florida's underserved residents. The HCC dental clinic is an unprecedented partnership for the college, expanding dental residencies for our students and dental hygiene and assisting education in the Tampa area. We also are raising funds to build a new dental clinic on the St. Petersburg College Campus in Pinellas which will further increase dental education opportunities and indigent patient access to low-cost dental care. The college has made significant strides in upgrading and renovating its existing clinic and classroom facilities. I feel it is critical for our facilities to reflect the high quality of patient care delivered and they should be a great source of pride for our faculty, staff, students and patients.

My sincerest, personal thanks are extended to the college's alumni and friends who have been such great supporters. Without you, it would be impossible for the college to achieve its mission of excellence in education, research and service. Because we value your support and wish to keep you informed of college activities, we have prepared this edition of the *Gator Dentist Today* magazine to provide you with a year-end overview of college activities — in addition to the usual line-up of articles and sections. I hope you will enjoy reading the Annual Report Edition of the *Gator Dentist Today*, and I welcome your comments and feedback.

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Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year!

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Standing Tall

Teresa Dolan implements her vision as new dean of dentistry

By LINDY McCOLLUM-BROUNLEY

Don't let her 5-foot stature fool you. College of Dentistry Dean Teresa A. Dolan, D.D.S., M.P.H., has a big personality and a broad vision for the college. She also has a knack for finding the right answers to the important questions of life in academic and public service.

"One of my favorite faculty mentors during my fellowship with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation health services research program would write 'So what?' in big red letters at the top of my research idea submissions," Dolan laughed. "His point was, if you can't answer the 'so what' question, there's no point in doing the research."

Since joining the college in 1989 as an assistant professor, she's demonstrated her ability to answer the 'so what' questions to build collaboration through consensus. As dean, Dolan will now have the chance to put those skills to the test as she works with different constituencies to bring her vision for the college's future into reality.

"I think the reality is that the state is not going to increase support for dental schools, so we have to be entrepreneurial, creative, hardworking and productive," said Dolan, who envisions a five-year goal of fully implementing the college's strategic plan to assure the college stays on track to success. "We've already come a long way, especially in terms of physical plant improvements," she said.

Dolan believes expansion and renovation of physical plant will facilitate growth in research and expand educational opportunities. More than \$9 million has been spent over the past seven years on classroom, clinic and laboratory renovations. But the college's desire to expand classrooms and student clinics for a larger Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) class and increase lab space to accommodate its burgeoning research enterprise is stymied by space constraints.

As a professor and former associate dean for education, Dolan is dedicated to continuing the college's pursuit of excellence in education. In her role as the college's associate dean for education, Dolan helped enact curriculum revisions through a process of self-examination and renewal for the college that, while at times painful, has greatly

improved the quality of UF's D.M.D. educational program.

Dolan is proud of the continuing work of the college's curriculum committee to enhance academic programs and curriculum to achieve a sustained level of national excellence. She points to the high caliber of the college's entering and graduating students as valid indicators of progress.

The college is ranked No. 8 of 50 dental schools for the performance of its students on the National Dental Board Part I, and every member of the class of 2003 passed the NB Part II exam this spring.

This year 82 students were selected from 650 applications for admission into the college's D.M.D. program. They are among the top predental students in the nation, and admissions increasingly reflect the



Florida Secretary of Health, Dr. John Agwunobi (at left) and Dean Dolan at the state's capital in April. (Photo - Ray Carson)

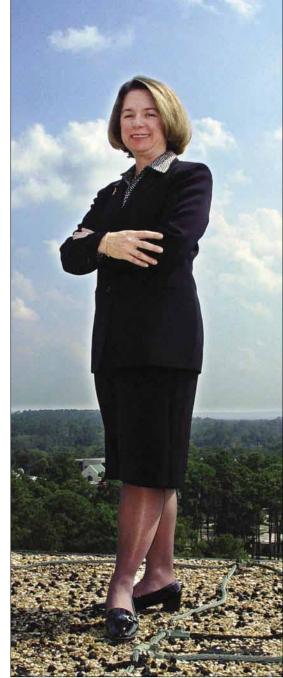


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".... my grandfathers had oral cancer, and that made a big impact on me. It really placed dentistry in the forefront of why oral health is so important," Dolan said.

multicultural diversity representative of Florida's population — 38 of the college's 2003 entering D.M.D. students are women, and more than one-third of the class lists themselves as ethnic minorities, Dolan said.

Dolan feels the key to growth in research is to recruit outstanding faculty to focus on core research initiatives, such as infectious diseases in dentistry, bone biology, pain and neurosciences, and translational research to improve approaches to clinical dentistry. Her challenge will be to find creative strategies to house new faculty and their labs. With the college ranked No. 6 out of all dental schools in National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research funding in 2001 and 2002, and with continued growth in research predicted, it seems likely finding new lab space will be a priority.

Advocate for Care

Service to Florida through dental care for indigent, underserved and medically compromised residents remains an important part of the college's strategic plan. One of the top providers of low-cost dental care to indigent residents through its Statewide Network for Community Oral Health, the college owns three clinics (in Jacksonville, St. Petersburg and Hialeah) and partners with 12 others to provide affordable dental care to 2.2 million indigent residents. The newest additions to the network are the Hillsborough Community College and St. Petersburg College dental clinics, which will provide dental care to low-income residents of the Tampa Bay area.

Dolan's career has focused on dental care for the elderly. Dolan earned diplomate status from the American Board of Dental Public Health in 1994 and is nationally known for her research in geriatric dentistry. She is also active in lobbying

Photos - Courtesy of Teresa Dolan

Dolan, husband, Stan Given, and daughter, Victoria, enjoy family time at their Longboat Key retreat and during family ski vacations. Of her daughter, Dolan said, "Tori is a blessing. She's a fun and spontaneous part of my life."

efforts on elder dental-care issues, most recently testifying as a representative of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry before the United States Senate Special Committee on Aging. She spoke about ageism in health care and the specific dental needs and issues facing the nation's elderly.

Advocacy for dental care and education is a big part of Dolan's professional ethic and a responsibility she feels very comfortable fulfilling at both the national and state levels.

"It's part of my job, helping people understand the 'so-what' questions. Really, it's being a teacher, educating people on why your issue is important and why they should invest their scarce resources in addressing the issue and why that will make a difference," Dolan said. "I view advocacy as a service, helping legislators make good decisions about how they allocate resources. As a taxpayer, I don't want them wasting money. I want them to make good investments."

With high hopes and a willingness to place her nose to the grindstone, Dolan acknowledges the fact that the college faces significant forces that will shape its future. These include coping with the national shortage of faculty, diminishing state funding and evolving educational technology. Focusing on the future with characteristic optimism, Dolan looks at change as a door to opportunity.

"There are so many opportunities we have yet to explore," Dolan said. "I think we've just touched on the surface of research, education and service collaborations with different schools, both here in the Health Science Center and elsewhere."

Family Influences

Opening doors to opportunities has been a way of life for Dolan, who, as a girl growing up in Jersey City, N.J., during the '60s and early '70s, never thought of herself as a future dentist, much less the dean of a dental college.

"At the Catholic high school I attended, you (as a woman) were either going to go on after graduation to become a nun, a teacher or a librarian. Those were the expectations," Dolan said. "It wasn't like I had a school career counselor to help direct me."

Fortunately, math and science always came easily to Dolan, and she had an inborn sense of her own potential coupled with a desire to do something with her life that would make a difference in the lives of others.

"I know this probably sounds clichéd, but I've always been attracted by the helping aspects of medicine and health professions," she said.

By her third year as an undergraduate, Dolan's career path decision came down to choosing between medicine and dentistry, but the illnesses of her paternal grandfather and her mother's stepfather tipped the scales.

"Two of my grandfathers had oral cancer, and that made a big impact on me. It really placed dentistry in the forefront of why oral health is so important," Dolan said. "Once I made my decision, I moved forward and have never regretted it."

Dolan earned her doctorate in dental surgery from the University of Texas and a master's degree in public health from the University of California at Los Angeles. She continued her education by earning certificates in general dentistry at Long

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UF's Hialeah Clinic

stays close to community's Latin roots

By LINDY McCOLLUM-BROUNLEY

"Cepillar y usar el hilo dental diariamente!"

This is the refrain commonly heard in the University of Florida College of Dentistry's Hialeah Clinic, and in whatever language you say it, brushing and flossing daily are the keys to good oral health.

With more than 85 percent of the clinic's patients speaking Spanish as their primary language, dentists at the clinic know the importance of bridging potential communication barriers to develop trust in the patient-doctor relationship.

"Our Spanish-speaking patients are much more comfortable with doctors who can converse with them in their native tongue. They appreciate the fact that our staff and most of our dentists are bilingual," said Clinic Director Roberta Diehl, D.D.S.

Dental faculty and students provide patients with low-cost comprehensive oral care — offering diagnostic services, preventative dentistry, operative dentistry, pediatrics, prosthodontics, endodontics, periodontics, orthodontics, and oral and maxillofacial surgery.

The clinic's presence in Hialeah — so far from UF's main campus in Gainesville — is the result of collaboration among state, university, the city of Hialeah and community partners. Hialeah Hospital donated property with a building to house the clinic — right across the street from the hospital on east 25th Street. Frederick H. Marinelli, the city's director of grants and human services, wrote a \$1 million federal grant proposal, which was awarded funding to renovate and expand the clinic building.

"Why did we work so hard to get this clinic in Hialeah? It just comes down to the state, city, private sector and academia coming together to achieve something good for our residents," said Marinelli. "It fulfills an important need in our community."



Dr. Gilberto Toledo, D.M.D. (L) and Rosario G. Molina, D.M.D. (R) treat a Hialeah Dental Clinic patient. Toledo and Molina are UF graduates and serve as courtesy faculty in the clinic. (Photo – Courtesy UFCD Hialeah Dental Clinic)



Hialeah Clinic Director Roberta Diehl, D.D.S., comforts a young patient from Camillus House. (Photo - Courtesy UFCD Hialeah Dental Clinic)

Opened in 1997, UF's Hialeah Dental Clinic serves the dual mission of providing reduced-fee dental care to Miami-Dade County's low to moderate income residents and serving as a training ground for dental students in the college's Advanced Education and Foreign Trained Dental programs.

For Miami's large Spanish-speaking population, many of whom are first or second generation immigrants, the Foreign Trained Dental Program is especially important. Each year, the program accepts 12 foreign-trained dentists, mostly from Latin American countries, into the college's two-year certificate program. After FTD students graduate with their certificates, they may apply for board licensure to practice dentistry in Florida.

Students spend the first year of the program immersed in didactic study at the college in Gainesville, but the second year is dedicated to hands-on patient care with faculty and courtesy faculty in the college's Hialeah, Jacksonville or St. Petersburg clinics. Each spring, UF's Hialeah Dental Clinic receives a new group of eight FTD residents.

Diehl acknowledges the importance of the support received from the clinic's courtesy faculty — 62 dentists with private practices in the community. These courtesy faculty play a critical role in helping the clinic accomplish its service and teaching missions; they donate time to caring for patients — often referring them to the clinic from their own practices — and mentoring dental students.

"I think it's one of the greatest experiences you can have in your life, to teach people from abroad and contribute to their education," said Aquiles Mas, D.D.S., one of the clinic's founding supporters, courtesy faculty and clinic advisory board member. "You are bonded with them for life." ■

Takin' it to the streets

Health Science Center students spread the word to prevent teen-age substance abuse

By TRACY BROWN

Sixty-four percent of youth ages 10 to 24 in the United States have tried cigarette smoking, and teens who have tried smoking are more likely to engage in other risky behaviors, such as alcohol and drug abuse and unprotected sex, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control.

Recognizing this grave problem, six years ago faculty from the UF colleges of Dentistry, Health Professions, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine developed a program linking UF Health Science Center students with middle schoolers to educate both groups about the dangers and consequences of tobacco and drug use.

"Health professionals communicate their values by the choices they make," said Venita Sposetti, D.M.D., program director of the Partners in Prevention of Substance Abuse, or PIPSA, project. "We felt this program was a great way to provide a valuable community service by educating middle school children while allowing our health-care students to examine their own habits and the effects of these choices on their careers as health professionals."

Along with Parker Small, M.D., and Mark Gold, M.D., of the College of Medicine; Joan Castleman, R.N., of the College of Nursing; Paul Doering, Pharm.D., of the College of Pharmacy; and James Thompson, D.V.M., of the College of Veterinary Medicine, Sposetti developed instructional modules on alcohol and tobacco to present to Health Science Center students, including homework packets with pretests, information, graphics and statistics.

Early in the semester, students in the colleges of Dentistry, Health Profession, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine attend a presentation and listen to informative speakers, including recovering addicts and experts on tobacco and drug use. They also are separated into interdisciplinary groups to complete related exercises.

Project leaders also developed a shoebox kit of materials for health center students to use to make the middle school presentations fun and engaging. These include paper money to illustrate the costs of tobacco and straws to demonstrate how tobacco use affects breathing. The presentations also include video clips with segments produced by the University of Miami's telecommunications department and by TRUTH, the nationwide public service campaign educating against tobacco use.

Since the inception of the program, PIPSA has grown and expanded to include institutions such as Florida State University, Nova Southeastern University, University of Miami and the University of South Florida. The Florida Statewide Area Health Education Centers, or AHEC, program now sponsors PIPSA programs at major health science centers around Florida.



First-year dental students Josh Belof (L), Glenn Cohen (C) and Manav Malik (R) talk to eighth-graders at Howard Bishop Middle School in Gainesville about tobacco use and the advertising ploys tobacco companies use to hook young people on smoking.

During the evolution of the program, project leaders have been able to see the effects of PIPSA through reflective papers written by the professional students about their experiences, Sposetti said.

Photos - Lindy Brounley

"Many of the students expressed that they were extremely skeptical about the program beforehand but once they went through the experience, many discovered that as health professionals, they are credible sources of health information for the community," Sposetti said.

Because so many of the participating college students are just beginning in their programs, one of the original goals of the program was to help students understand that their roles as health professionals do not stop at the hospitals, clinics and offices where they work but extend into the communities which they serve, Sposetti added.

Local schools have embraced the presentations as part of their annual Red Ribbon Week festivities. Since 1998, the presentations have expanded from Alachua County to school districts in more than nine surrounding counties.

The health center students provide middle school teachers with follow-up interventions for the students as the year progresses and informational posters, writing prompts and materials, which meet Sunshine State educational standards.

Because of the success of the PIPSA program, several of the program leaders have expanded efforts by securing a Program Mainstream interdisciplinary grant from the US Health Resources Services Administration, AMERSA, C-SAP, and SAMHSA for tobacco education programs for health professionals and children in the community.

"One of the major benefits of PIPSA is the resulting faculty collaborations," said Castleman, a clinical associate professor at the UF College of Nursing. "We all come from different health-care backgrounds, which has allowed us to share knowledge and resources and become more sensitized to each other's health-care issues regarding substance abuse."

UF, HCC Team Up For Dental Clinic

By GARY HABER

TAMPA — Surrounded by gleaming, state-of-the-art dental equipment, the patient reclined in the chair as a dentist and her assistant worked on her mouth.

Lara Thalji and her assistant Monica Zapata swiftly passed dental instruments and observations back and forth, displaying the kind of teamwork found in most any Tampa Bay area dentist office.

Fostering smooth communication between dental professionals is the goal of a new partnership of the University of Florida College of Dentistry and Hillsborough Community College.

At the dental clinic on HCC's Dale Mabry campus, which opened in October, eight dental residents from UF, 12 student dental assistants from HCC and 10 dental hygiene students from the community college train together.

They treat Medicaid patients and others who otherwise could not afford, or would not have access to, dental care. The need is critical in Hillsborough County, where more than 104,000 low-income people do not have access to dental treatment, according to the Florida Department of Health.

The \$1.8 million clinic is the newest of five that UF runs across the state. The others are in St. Petersburg, Hialeah, Jacksonville and Apopka.

The residents are graduates of U.S. dental schools receiving a year of post-graduate training, or foreign-trained dentists such as Thalji, a Palestinian graduate of dental school

in Jordan who is taking two years of additional training so she can become licensed in the United States. They divide their time between the clinics in Tampa and St. Petersburg.

The UF-HCC program is a novel attempt to bring coordination to a fractured education system, where practitioners from different disciplines are trained separately and often don't meet until they find themselves working side-by-side in a dentist's office.

"Most dental education in this country occurs within the footprint of the dental school," said Richard Valachovic, executive director of the American Dental Education Association in Washington.

``But if you look at how dentistry is practiced in the typical dental office," Valachovic said, ``it's a dentist and assistant at chairside and a hygienist doing much of the cleaning and preventive care."

Only a handful of dental schools train professionals



HCC Dental Assistant students Traci Fant (far left) Nikki Whitten (second from right) and Laura Peska (far right) get toothy with UFCD advanced education in general dentistry residents Dr. Majd Babik (second from left) and Dr. Bob Stevenson (in UFCD mascot costume) at the HCC Dental Clinic grand opening in October. (Photo – Lindy Brounley, UFCD)

jointly in a community setting away from schools, Valachovic said. But it is a model others, including the American Dental Hygienists Association, support, said Tammi Byrd, the group's president.

A program, such as that between UF and HCC, gives students a real-life view of dental practice, said Laura Neumann, associate executive director, division of education, for the American Dental Association in Chicago.

"If you want dentists, hygienists and dental assistants to work together, the most ideal way is to train them together," Neumann said.

The clinic affords dentists a year's worth of intense, advanced training. But it also helps alleviate a chronic shortage

of dental assistants in the Tampa Bay area, said Connie Gore, HCC's program manager for dental assisting.

The clinic also serves the needs of patients who otherwise might not have access to dental care.

Carolyn Ellis was in the dental chair recently, having her gums scaled. Ellis, 63, and her husband moved to Avon Park in Highlands County in August from Miamisburg, Ohio. A retired surgical technician, Ellis is on a fixed income and does not have dental insurance, or a local dentist.

"We didn't know who to go to, so we thought why not see about this," Ellis said.

The care she received turned out to be worth the nearly four-hour round trip from Avon Park, Ellis said. It has been

thorough and less expensive than a traditional dental office.

The clinic treats Medicaid patients for free and has a schedule of fees for other patients. ■

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(From left to right) UFCD Community Based Programs Director Boyd Robinson, UFCD Dean Teresa A. Dolan, FDA Immediate Past-President Al Bauknecht, HCC President Gwendolyn W. Stephenson and HCC Health, Wellness and Sports Technologies Dean William F. Clark. (Photo – Lindy Brounley, UFCD)

Cholera

UFCD scientists use new research technology to understand ancient human foe

By LINDY MCCOLLUM-BROUNLEY

University of Florida dental scientists have invented a way of teasing out the genes bacteria use to outwit their human hosts, a discovery that could prove to be a boon for researchers brewing new vaccines and designing drugs for many serious afflictions.

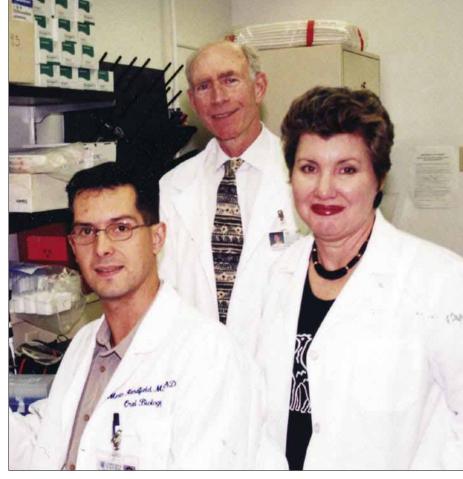
In one of the first studies to put the new technology to the test, UF experts, working closely with researchers from Harvard Medical School, have isolated the proteins uniquely expressed in people by the cholera pathogen, an ancient intestinal scourge now sweeping the globe on its seventh pandemic wave since 1817. The report of their findings, which showcase the importance of a group of previously discounted genes in the infection process, was published in the online edition of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The discovery could lead to a cheaper, more effective vaccine not only for the rampant deadly cholera bacteria, but also for anthrax and other potential bioterrorism agents for which there currently are no preventive treatments.

UF dental researchers, with major funding from the National Institutes of Health and the National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research, developed the study's screening tool, which allowed them to detect proteins expressed by bacterial genes during human infection. These proteins differed from those the bacteria produced when raised in laboratory cultures. The tool is patented by Gainesville-area iviGene Corp., founded by its UF inventors to patent and market the tool under the tradename IVIAT, for In Vivo-Induced Antigen Technology.

"Prior to IVIAT, we were able to study only those genes identified when the bacteria were growing in the laboratory or in animal models," said study investigator and IVIAT co-inventor Ann Progulske-Fox, a professor of oral biology at UF's College of Dentistry. Progulske-Fox also serves as the chairwoman for UF's bioterrorism task force and is a member of the iviGene board of directors. "We realize now that the shortcoming of laboratory study is that the repertoire of genes a bacterium uses to survive and reproduce in the living host environment are very different from those it uses to survive and reproduce in a laboratory environment."

The World Health Organization, which has called for development of an improved vaccine to combat cholera, estimates the ailment kills hundreds of thousands every year, plowing through unsanitary, crowded communities in poor, underdeveloped nations with deadly regularity. Health experts say outbreaks have been fueled by rapid population growth and the increasing popularity of international travel to developing countries. Oral vaccines aimed at preventing



The UFCD IVIAT research team consists of Martin Handfield, M.Sc., Ph.D. (left), Jeffrey Hillman, D.M.D., Ph.D. (center) and Ann Progulske-Fox, Ph.D. (right).

(Photo - Sam Brill)

cholera are available, but they are expensive, provide only short-term immunity and do little to protect children under 2 years of age.

Developing an improved vaccine has proved arduous, however, because humans are the only known host for the cholera bacterium, making laboratory and animal studies problematic.

"IVIAT technology takes advantage of the antibodies made by humans when they become infected with the cholera bacterium," said Jeffrey D. Hillman, a professor of oral biology at UF's College of Dentistry and chief scientific officer of iviGene Corp. "After first subtracting out the uninteresting antibodies, the remaining ones serve as probes to identify the best potential targets for development of new vaccine and diagnostic strategies."

In the reported study, researchers collected blood samples from 10 patients who were recovering from cholera at the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The samples were screened to identify proteins uniquely expressed by the cholera bacterium when it is growing in the human host.

Researchers found the cholera bacterium produces a toxin that is not significantly expressed in laboratory cultures, but is prominently expressed during human infection.

Identifying good diagnostic targets using IVIAT is a critical step before researchers can conduct additional studies to validate the findings and justify the cost and time involved in developing a new cholera vaccine.

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profile in leadership

Oral Biology

Chair Robert Burne takes a bite out of bad bacteria

By LINDY McCOLLUM-BROUNLEY

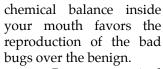
Eew! That sticky goo growing on your teeth is plaque. But to Robert A. Burne, Ph.D., chairman of oral biology at the UF College of Dentistry, it's biofilm and it's beautiful.

A microscopic view of biofilm reveals surrealistic strands of bacteria draped in graceful loops and serpentines, forming great, clustered colonies on the porous tooth surface that can erode tooth enamel and invade gingival tissues and cells to cause periodontal disease.

The typical human mouth supports a whole host of bacteria — all living, reproducing and dying by the millions inside our mouths, for the most part without our knowledge. Most of these bacterial strains have lived in harmony with our species for hundreds of thousands of years, coexisting inside our mouths with a minimum of fuss.

That was until our diets changed, and we began feeding the bacteria too much sugar.

Now some strains of sugar-pumped bacteria, most notably *Streptococcus mutans*, reproduce helter-skelter inside our mouths, gobbling up the glucose from the foods we chew and excreting corrosive lactic acid onto our tooth enamel. Before you know it, you've got a full-blown case of dental caries, and the



Burne, recruited the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in 2001, is working to develop a genetically engineered strain of bacteria that will defeat the bad bugs such as S. mutans. His research has shown a certain strain of common oral bacteria produces ammonia and it beats the bad bugs by changing the pH balance inside the mouth. There evidence that the

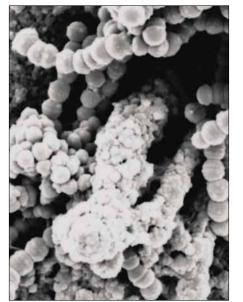


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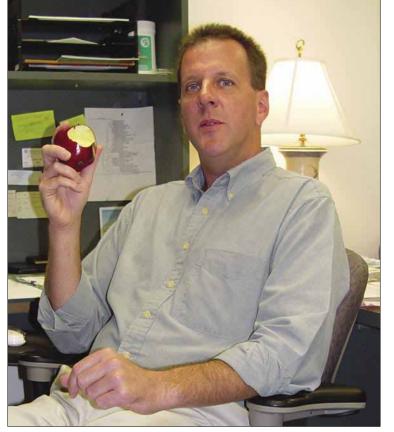


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elevated pH balance may even encourage remineralization of the tooth enamel. Burne's idea is to develop a super strain of this ammonia-producing bacteria that could be introduced into a person's mouth very early, providing a lifetime of protection against tooth decay.

Burne is not alone in the battle against bad bacteria. He leads a department of talented researchers dedicated to exploring the molecular biology of oral diseases. The department's research focuses on microbiology and immunology, and its research faculty is, per capita, among the most productive in the nation in garnering National Institutes of Health research award funding — increasing from \$3 million in NIH funding in 2000-01 to more than \$9 million today, a meteoric increase of more than 200 percent.

Planning for the Future

To help the college establish a blueprint for further expansion, Burne penned a winning NIH Research Infrastructure Planning Grant proposal, funded this fall. The Research Infrastructure Planning Grant will facilitate a comprehensive inventory of all research under way in the college, the amount of square footage devoted to research activities, research equipment and personnel, as well as multidisciplinary partnerships and collaborative opportunities for college researchers within the university and the UF Health Science Center.

"I think this college is extremely strong in basic science research, and it has been very successful over the last few years," Burne said. "Yet there is a tremendous amount of untapped potential, especially in periodontal research, pain research and clinical translational research. The infrastructure planning grant will enable us to identify our strengths and weaknesses in terms of potential."

This introspective process will demand the college make some hard decisions about where future investments in research should be made. So far, everyone seems to agree that clinical translational research would enable greater alignment with National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research goals of continuing the "struggle" against two of the most common infectious diseases — dental caries and periodontal diseases — and the elimination of oral and pharyngeal malignancies, craniofacial birth defects and developmental disorders, acute and chronic orofacial pain, and other conditions that threaten oral health.

"Clinical translational research and periodontal research are areas in which we are not as strong as some other institutions, but there's a good foundation in place here on which to build," Burne said.

That foundation includes the college's broad patient base to support both areas of research. Burne believes a

few key recruitments of faculty to write the program grants and do the research would be a big step in the right direction.

Burne said another of the college's greatest strengths is its ability to establish relationships with collaborative disciplinary researchers at the health center. "I think it's easy to recruit people to Florida when you recruit in areas where people can see immediate linkages," Burne said. "For instance, there are a lot of logical applications in dentistry for areas like biomemetics (tissue engineering), involving everything from implants to stem cell biology. We have a great stem cell group conducting research in the Health Science Center and a brand new biomedical engineering program." research.... Yet there

Building on Success

amount of untapped Collaborative efforts among dental potential...." scientists and researchers in other areas of the Health Science Center have already proven fruitful. Several important patents have resulted from these research partnerships, including a technology called IVIAT, which identifies proteins expressed by disease-causing bacteria during the infection process. IVIAT was initially developed to study infections of Actinobacillus actinomycetemcomitans in juvenile periodontitis patients. It is also licensed to researchers outside the university for use in the study of a wider array of viral, fungal, parasitic and other bacterial infections, including that of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* in cystic fibrosis patients.

The department of oral biology's Center for Molecular Microbiology supports collaboration among infectious disease researchers and clinicians from the colleges of Dentistry, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine. The focus of the center is to explore the mechanisms of microbial pathogenesis and invent novel technologies for the discovery of new antimicrobial targets, vaccines and diagnostics.

One of the Center for Molecular Microbiology's exciting developments is the recently patented technology for the treatment of malignant tumors, based on the findings of UF dental researchers Ann Progulske-Fox, Ph.D., and Emil Kozarov, Ph.D. They discovered that enzymes produced by the oral bacterium Porphyromonas gingivalis have the ability to degrade the bonds that hold certain types of human cells together. The patented technology using the enzyme can be applied to selectively destroy newly formed blood vessels that feed tumors, while at the same time loosening the cellular structure of the tumor to allow greater access for current therapeutics. They also are investigating the potential of applying the technology to other diseases that require the growth of new blood vessels, such as macular degeneration, psoriasis and rheumatoid arthritis.

Other research partnerships exist between the college faculty and researchers at the university's McKnight Brain Institute, medicine's department of rheumotology, the Center for Orphaned Autoimmune Disorders, and the Shands Hospital Cancer Center.

> Another strength of the college's research is its diversity and quality. State-of-the-art techniques are used to study the molecular genetics and physiology of bacterial pathogenesis; the physiology, pharmacology and genetics of exocrine secretion; basic function and modulation of the mucosal immune system; autoimmunity; and the interaction of pathogenic organisms with host cells.

Burne predicts the research infrastructure planning assessment will also identify molecular and cellular immunology as areas in need of recruitment,

but he defers final judgment to the internal and external advisory committees that will be formed as part of the assessment.

"The internal and external advisory committees are going to have a lot of work to do. But one of the things that surprised me was that, when you tally up all of the numbers, early feedback is not out of proportion to what is realistic," Burne said.

It is very realistic to expect the college will continue its expansion of research activities,

building on the synergy created by collaborations with other Health Science Center researchers and the scientific community's growing arsenal of hi-tech tools. These research efforts will lead to improved clinical treatments for a broad spectrum of patient

maladies in both dentistry and medicine.

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"We have been successful largely because of a small number of highly productive people. We now have a golden opportunity to go to the next level and become the type of institution that is conducting state-of-the-art research of the type that the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research wants done in dental schools," Burne said. ■



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Roger Fillingim, Ph.D.

Spousal Attention

Too much of a good thing for those with chronic pain?

By LINDY McCOLLUM-BROUNLEY

"Honey, let me help you with that" is music to the ears of most spouses, especially when it comes to unpleasant tasks, such as washing dishes or taking out the trash.

But for the 86 million Americans living with chronic pain — caused by maladies

such as back injury, migraines and arthritis — the attention of overly solicitous spouses actually may be more harmful than helpful, University of Florida dental researchers reported in the July/August issue of the Clinical Journal of Pain.

"We were interested in understanding the relationship between spousal responses and pain and disability, and whether those relationships might be different for men and women," said Roger Fillingim, Ph.D., an associate professor of public health services and research at UF's College of Dentistry.

Although previous studies have demonstrated higher levels of pain and disabilities among patients who report more solicitous or overly supportive spousal responses, what has not been examined until now is whether men and women differ in how they respond to spousal solicitousness, pain and disability and other pain-related variables, he said.

To answer that question, UF researchers evaluated the responses of 203 men and 114 women with chronic-pain on several surveys, pain-tolerance assessments and measures of physical function. In one questionnaire, patients were asked to rate the responsiveness of their spouses, who were then grouped into two categories — those who exhibited high solicitousness and those who displayed low solicitousness.

Other questionnaires asked patients to rate the severity of their pain, disability and depression. Scientists rated the severity of each patient's disability after they completed tests of physical function gauging how fast they could walk around a 100-yard track, and assessed their ability to lift and carry weighted boxes, push and pull against a device that measures strength and withstand pain induced by temporarily cutting off blood flow to the arm.

"Overall, what we see is that for self-reported pain and disability, spousal responses were related to those two factors in male patients but not female patients," Fillingim said.

Men with highly solicitous spouses were more likely to rate the severity of their pain and disability higher than men with spouses who were less solicitous. But despite their differing perceptions, men in both groups performed the same on the functional tasks — indicating little to no difference in physical performance.

Women who reported having highly solicitous spouses had lower pain tolerance and poorer performance on functional tasks than women who said their spouses were not solicitous. They also were twice as likely to use narcotic pain medications.

"What it looks like is that the spousal responses are

related to how men say they're doing, while with the women patients, spousal responses seem to be related to how they actually are doing," Fillingim said.

According to Fillingim, patients may be predisposed to a certain physiological response to pain depending on the type of attention their spouses give them.

"The idea is if you are a chronic-pain patient and your spouse babies you, essentially you are being rewarded for being in pain. And the more reinforcement you get for engaging in pain behaviors, the more pain behaviors you will show," Fillingim said. "Many physiological responses can be behaviorally conditioned, and I believe that pain is no exception to that rule," he said.

This idea is consistent with research conducted by Herta Flor, Ph.D., at the Central Institute of Mental Health in Mannheim, Germany. Flor's study also categorized chronic pain patients on the basis of spousal solicitousness during administration of harmless but unpleasant shocks, both in the presence of their spouses and without them. When patients with highly solicitous spouses were shocked in the presence of their spouses, they rated the pain as being more severe, and EKGs of brain activity showed a larger response to the painful stimulus than when their spouses were not present. For those patients whose spouses were not described as solicitous, the presence of their spouses did not affect their brain responses or their perception of the pain.

"So this suggests that a social variable, the presence of a solicitous spouse, may actually alter how our brain responds to pain and how we perceive pain," Fillingim said. "It may not just be behaviors we're conditioning here, it may be physiological responses that can either help us or hurt us, depending on how the conditioning occurs."

Pain patients have a chronic condition they have to learn to manage, very much like diabetes, Fillingim said. Incorporating patient and spousal training as part of their treatment plans may help couples manage chronic pain conditions more effectively. Spouses can be taught to give other supportive responses that are not solicitous, such as distraction techniques, for example, or encouraging their spouses to use proven relaxation and strategies to soothe themselves.

"The whole goal here is to increase the patient's control, function and independence, rather than making the patient less functional and dependent on the spouse," he said.

"Our study addresses a very complicated issue, the variables of which need further study to explain," he said. "But it does suggest that the interaction between clinical pain and interpersonal relationships may very well be different for men and women, and we should probably try to take that into account as we're evaluating patients, designing treatments and training spouses on how to be most appropriately supportive of their spouses who are in pain."

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Island Jewish Medical Center, in geriatric dentistry at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Sepulveda, Calif., and in dental public health at UF.

While in California, Dolan met her husband, Stan Given. "Stan and I met at UCLA while I was a fellow in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation program and Stan was finishing his M.B.A.," Dolan said.

They met in March 1986 and were married the following December. Of their whirlwind courtship, Dolan said with a beaming smile, "Well, when you meet the right guy, you know it!" They became parents to daughter Victoria in April 1995.

Family is important to Dolan, and she credits her professional success with the support she receives from her family. "Without the strong support of my husband and daughter, I simply would not be able to do this job," Dolan said.

"Stan and I work a lot, but we make an effort to find time away that's

not work. One of the best things we've done was to buy a house four years ago on Longboat Key," she said. "Whenever we need



Dolan — known for her fun-loving sense of humor — holds Halloween court with UFCD 'pretty-in-pink' tooth fairies (from I to r) Johnny Martin, Butch Dees, Charles Lesch, Lee Mintz, Leonard Dees, Sr. and Sam Brill. (Photo - Lindy Brounley)

quiet family time, we pack up the car and we go down there. It's such a peaceful environment, and the rule is we don't take work with us." Boating, beaching and kayaking are the agenda items during weekends at the family's retreat, but they also enjoy snow skiing every February in Utah with friends.

Dolan keeps a busy schedule. As dean, she is a central presence for nearly every college initiative, and her attendance and attention are in great demand. She manages her schedule like a military strategist, yet always takes time to genuinely listen, no matter how pressed she may be.

Dolan's long-time colleague, Marc Gale, D.M.D., director of student affairs, said Dolan is a "woman for all seasons."

"Terri has the vision and understands the college's research, curriculum and clinical missions," Gale said. "She is approachable, decisive and as gentle as she can be tough. She solves

problems by getting people to work together, and when she says something, she says it from the heart." ■

By LINDY McCOLLUM-BROUNLEY

Take a stroll through the dental tower on any given day, and you'll see folks wearing

'Terri Rocks!' buttons in honor of Dean Teresa Dolan. The button is the concept of comic mastermind Dr. Marc Gale, director of student affairs and an infamous (to students, anyway) faculty member of the operative dentistry department.

Gale says he came up with the idea of the button while talking to alumni during the UFCD alumni reception at the 2002 FNDC.

"Terri had just been appointed interim dean, and many of the alumni had just met her and were asking questions. They really liked her," said Gale. "I was talking to the alumni about how the college will have to rely on them in the future for support, and I said, 'maybe if you give us some money, we'll give you a button that says 'Terri Rocks.' And, if you give us enough money, we'll have it encrusted with semi-precious stones!"

None of the buttons so far have been rimmed with jewels, but they are in hot demand. Designed by teaching lab specialist Renato 'Sal' Salazar and originally intended as a fun thank-you to donors, the buttons are now seen as morale boosters for students, faculty and staff.

How did Dolan feel about the button? "Terri liked it," said Gale. "She doesn't take herself so seriously that she can't laugh at herself."

That's why Terri rocks! ■



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Gordon Mattison, D.M.D.

Legacy of a Man

Gordon Mattison Health Fair keeps the light alive

By LAUREN BERNAT

Toothpaste, dental floss, and school supplies were served to needy kids in Aug. — just in time for back to school — at the Martin Luther King Center in Gainesville as part of the sixth annual Gordon Mattison Health Fair hosted

by the UF chapter of the Student National Dental Association.

Many families cannot afford even routine health screenings, so the association, whose goal for the fair is to promote oral health in minorities, offered the services for free.

"Our main goal was to raise parental awareness on children's dental health and to provide dental education," said Olubisi Aina, chair of the event.

An estimated 200 people received free dental screenings and health information at the health fair. Also offered were hearing and blood pressure tests, as well as legal advice and services. SNDA alumni, university student government, college departments and various individuals contributed to raise the \$2,500 that helped host the free event.

The donations helped secure the venue, hamburgers and hotdogs, a moonwalk and school supplies.

"Most of the families surrounding the MLK neighborhood are in need of the school supplies we provided," Aina said. "They may not have otherwise been able to afford them."

The school supplies ranged from pencils, pens, paper, crayons and rulers, Aina said. Supplies all students need for school.

"Families had a great time, received school supplies and were informed about maintaining healthy teeth," Aina said.

Before his death from cancer in 1993 at the age of 44, Dr. Gordon Mattison, a professor of endodontics at UF's College of Dentistry, organized dental fairs for the community. Mattison created an annual community dental screening program in the late 1980s to provide much-needed



UFCD dental students, Josette Vo (L) and Anabel Natali (R) examine the teeth of fair attendee, Rani Buchanan (8). (Photo – Sam Brill)

preventive health screening to people who had little access to medical health care.

March 21, 1998 marked the first Dr. Gordon Mattison Health Fair in honor of the man who strived to provide care for at-risk youth. The association, in hopes of keeping Mattison's dream alive, has organized the free event every year since. ■

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The technology also could be used in the study of an array of other diseases and pathogens, including anthrax and *E. coli*, Progulske-Fox said. Hamburger-loving Americans are especially at risk for contracting *E. coli*, a bad bug identified in 1982 after an outbreak of acute bloody diarrhea was traced to contaminated ground beef. *E. coli* is an emerging pathogen estimated by the Centers for Disease Control to sicken more than 70,000 U.S. citizens, killing dozens, every year.

"IVIAT is perfect for the study of the infectious biological agents used in bioterrorism, about which very little is known," said Progulske-Fox. "The same is true for emerging pathogens, about which even less is known. With IVIAT, you can get right to work on identifying important genes of the infectious agent with no previous knowledge of its pathogenesis (origin) or genetic system. It's universally applicable."

In addition to their research on cholera, researchers are developing ways to identify the body's genetic response to a host of cancerous, infectious and autoimmune diseases, such as diabetes and multiple sclerosis, which are good research candidates for a related iviGene-designed, patent-pending technology named ISIAT, for In Situ-Induced Antigen Technology, said Progulske-Fox. ISIAT could potentially enable

researchers to identify genes the body switches on to fight illness, or those that abnormally turn on, thereby causing disease, as in the case of cancer, where cells begin to reproduce helter-skelter. Drugs then could be developed to suppress malfunctioning genes or to boost the efficiency of genes the body activates to attack an illness.

The technology also could have agricultural applications, and preliminary studies are under way in plants at UF and iviGene. Ultimately, the research could help scientists develop crops with inherent resistance to plant pathogens, increasing crop yield and reducing dependence on insecticides and fungicides, Progulske-Fox said.

"Although antibiotics and various other technological breakthroughs over the past 50 years have had an enormous impact on human health and well-being, infectious diseases, cancer and autoimmune diseases are still extremely prevalent, accounting for a vast amount of human deaths and suffering worldwide," Hillman said.

Yet useful vaccines only exist for a handful of the dozens of infectious diseases scientists have identified, Hillman said.

"IVIAT technology is the fastest, simplest and most comprehensive method available for identifying good targets that may lead to new treatments and diagnostic tools," he said.

Expanding Residencies

UF College of Dentistry awarded \$1.3 million in training grants to expand access to dental care for Florida's residents

By LINDY McCOLLUM-BROUNLEY

The University of Florida College of Dentistry is the recipient of \$1.3 million in grants from the federal Health Resources and Service Administration to expand training of dentists to care for low-income and minority groups.

The three-year grants will support expanding residencies to train more dentists in pediatric dentistry, community-based primary dental care and public dental health.

"Access to care is a serious problem in this state, and, indeed, in this country," said Frank Catalanotto, D.M.D., professor of pediatric dentistry and program director for the

Advanced Education in General Dentistry resident, Dr. Amira Djuric, treats Annie Gbikpi (17) at the HCC dental clinic. Djuric's residency is funded through the HRSA grant, enabling the college to increase residencies from two to five funded positions. Residents rotate through the St. Petersburg, HCC and J.R. Clarke clinics in the Tampa Bay area. (Photo – Lindy Brounley)

pediatric training grant. "The patients who represent the largest segment of the access-to-care issue are members of ethnic and racial minorities — but they are also the poor, regardless of ethnicity," he said.

In Florida, nearly 80 percent of the state's low-income residents do not have access to oral health care, either because they have no insurance and cannot afford the treatment or because no dentists are available in their communities.

"The purpose of the grants is to increase services in underserved communities," stated Professor Nereyda Clark, D.M.D., who authored the grant proposal for the community-based primary dental care training grant. "The funding factors for our

HRSA grant proposals are that the services and clinics should be located in federally designated manpower shortage areas where there are disadvantaged neighborhoods and no dentists," said Clark.

Residents in UFCD's community-based primary dental care program will rotate between three clinics in Hillsborough and Pinellas counties, serving indigent and low-income families.

In Alachua County, which has one of the lowest accessto-care rates in the state, the training grants mean more children can be treated at Shands/UF Eastside Family Practice Clinic in Gainesville. The Eastside Clinic is owned by Shands HealthCare and houses pediatric and family medicine, as well as the dental program managed by the College of Dentistry's pediatric dentistry department.

"This grant will fund the resident stipends, equipment purchases — including another dental operatory, which will bring us up to eight chairs — and clinic renovations to accommodate the additional chair," said Catalanotto.

According to Oral Health America, an organization that grades states based on their oral health policy and access to care, oral diseases, such as tooth



Claudine Gbikpi (8) shows off her beautiful smile after a visit to the HCC Dental Clinic.

(Photo - Lindy Brounley)

decay, cancers, gum disease, tooth loss, and oral-craniofacial injuries and birth defects, affect more Americans than any other group of health problems. Florida earned a grade of C- in Oral Health America's 2003 grading project, a below-average grade influenced by the lack of state funding and infrastructure to facilitate access to dental care for Floridians.

Scott Tomar, D.M.D., associate professor of public health and program director for the public health training grant, said the infrastructure of state and county dental health programs can be effective only when adequate numbers of trained dental public health administrators are available to staff them.



HRSA funding increased pediatric dentistry residencies at UF's Eastside Clinic in Gainesville to 12 residents, up from six, as well as installation of one additional completely equipped operatory. The Eastside Clinic serves a predominantly minority and low-income patient base. (Photo – Courtesy Health Science Center News and Communications)

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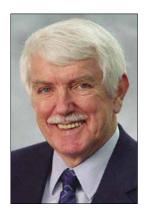
Dentist, Dr. James Bernard Machen, named University of Florida president-elect

The University of Florida Board of Trustees unanimously elected Dr. James Bernard Machen as the university's 11th president. Dr. Machen, who currently serves as president of the University of Utah, will assume his new position on Jan. 5.

Prior to his tenure at Utah, Dr. Machen was the provost and vice president for academic affairs and



dean of the School of Dentistry at the University of Michigan. He served as an assistant and an associate dean in the School of Dentistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He held faculty appointments as associate professor and professor at UNC-Chapel Hill. He attended Vanderbilt University and received his doctor of dental surgery degree from St. Louis University. He also has a master's and doctorate in educational psychology from the University of Iowa. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and was president of the American Association of Dental Schools. He also served on the Board of Trustees of the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Committee. He has academic interests in national health policy. Dr. Machen and his wife, Chris, are the parents of two children.



Bates now senior associate dean

Robert E. Bates, D.D.S., M.S., associate professor of prosthodontics and former executive associate dean at the University of Florida College of Dentistry, was appointed senior associate dean for clinical affairs and operations.

A 19-year veteran of clinical affairs at the college, Bates came to Gainesville in 1984 from the University of Nebraska to serve as director of the Parker E. Mahan Facial Pain Center.

He was promoted to director of clinical affairs in 1987, and has served the college over the years in the roles of assistant dean for clinical affairs, associate dean for clinical affairs, and executive associate dean. Bates also was, for an overlapping period between 1997 and 1999, the acting chair for the departments of periodontology and prosthodontics.

As the senior associate dean for clinical affairs and operations, Bates is responsible for overseeing the college's complex clinical enterprise consisting of student, resident and faculty practice clinics with patient visits nearing 75,000 and billing exceeding \$13 million annually.

Under Bates' leadership, the college has been successful in implementing several innovative clinical and educational improvements, most notably the patient simulation laboratory in 1998, several extensive clinic renovations, and the computerized chair-side patient charting and billing system known as Quick Recovery in 2003. His challenge as senior associate dean will be to work with the college's deans and department chairs to broaden clinical efficiencies through renovations or new construction to support the college's need to expand educational opportunities for its dental students and residents.

Bates earned his bachelor's in secondary education at Central Missouri State University in 1960, his dental degree from University of Nebraska College of Dentistry in 1970, and a master's in prosthodontics in 1977. He is a fellow of the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists. He has been the recipient of the Senior Class Clinician of the Year Award, the College of Dentistry Alumni Association Outstanding Teaching Award, and has served on numerous campus, college and professional organization committees and councils.



Primosch appointed associate dean for education

Professor Robert E. Primosch, D.D.S., M.S., M.Ed. and chair of pediatric dentistry at the College of Dentistry, was appointed associate dean for education effective September 5.

Primosch has served as an educator and patient care provider at the college for 17 years, and brings a great amount of personal integrity and academic credentials to his position as associate dean for education, said

Dean Teresa Dolan.

"I am confident Dr. Primosch will prove a capable and competent hand at the helm for our college's continued academic success," said Dolan.

Primosch assumes the position from Dolan, who served as associate dean for education from 1996 until her appointment as permanent dean of the college in May 2003.

As the senior educational officer, Primosch is charged with serving as an advocate for student learning through advancing the educational needs of the college, developing institutional and curricular multicultural initiatives, as well as faculty development and instructional support. Primosch will be responsible for direct oversight of all major functions of the office of education, and will oversee the activities of the office of admissions and financial aid.

Primosch earned his doctorate in dental science from the Medical College of Virginia in 1975, a master's in pediatric dentistry from University of Minnesota in 1977 and a master's in educational psychology from University of Oklahoma in 1982. He also earned certification in pediatric dentistry from the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry in 1982.

Carroll Bennett, D.D.S., M.S., who served as the department's inaugural chair from 1973 to 1986, has postponed his retirement to serve as interim chair for the department of pediatric dentistry as the college conducts a national search for a pediatric chair. Additionally, Primosch will lead this search for a new chair and will serve half time in the department during the transition until a new chair is appointed.



Tomlinson appointed to associate deanship

Kenneth A. Tomlinson was appointed associate dean for finance and administration at the UF College of Dentistry.

Initiated by Dean Teresa Dolan, and approved by university Provost David Colburn, the position is newly instituted in recognition of the college's unprecedented financial expansion over the past 10 years. Tomlinson has served as the college's director

of medical/health administration since 1983.

Under the leadership of three deans, Tomlinson has been instrumental in guiding the college through enormous growth. When he arrived in 1983, college revenues from state, clinical, tuition, research and development totaled a modest \$10.6 million, increasing to \$22.9 million by 1993. The period of most dramatic growth occurred between 1993 and 2003, when college revenues, boosted by the college's growing clinical and research enterprises, expanded to \$43 million.

"As the College of Dentistry's operations have increased dramatically in terms of both size and complexity, I believe the college will be well served by having an associate dean for finance and administration," said Dolan. "Ken brings great experience to the table, and I am very pleased he has agreed to assume the new position."

Tomlinson earned his bachelor's in banking and finance from the University of Florida College of Business Administration in 1970. He is known nationally as a leader in dental education finance and administration, and has served as the section chair and councilor of the section on business and financial administration of the American Dental Association, financial consultant to the Commission on Dental Accreditation and the scholarship screening committee to the American Dental Association and Minority Dental Student Scholarship Program.

Faculty Arrivals

New faculty join division of community based programs

Micaela Bareiss Gibbs, D.D.S., has joined the department of operative dentistry, division of community based programs as assistant clinical professor. Gibbs works as faculty in the Brooker, Fla. ACORN clinic. She earned her doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of Colorado School of Dentistry in



1994, and certificates in general practice dentistry and oral oncology from Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Il. Gibbs comes to the college from University of Colorado School of Dentistry, where she served as clinical faculty since 1997. Her area of expertise is dental management of HIV disease, and she has lectured extensively on the oral manifestations, implications and dental management of HIV/AIDS.

Shannon Johnson, D.M.D., joins the department of operative

dentistry, division of community based programs as clinical assistant professor at the St. Petersburg Clinic. Johnson will serve as assistant program manager for the St. Petersburg, Hillsborough Community College and J.R. Clarke dental clinics, overseeing AEGD residents and students in the Foreign Trained Dentist Program. Johnson earned her dental degree from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry in 2002, and her certificate in general practice dentistry from UF in 2003.

Krista Schobert, D.M.D., is appointed program manager and assistant clinical professor at the St. Petersburg Clinic. Schobert will serve as program manager for the St. Petersburg, Hillsborough Community College and J.R. Clarke dental clinics, overseeing AEGD residents and students in the Foreign Trained Dentist Program. Schobert graduated with her dental degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2002 and her certificate in general practice dentistry from UF in 2003.

Roger Dale Wray, D.D.S. is appointed dental director for UFCD operations at the Apopka Clinic. Wray comes to UF with extensive clinical operations experience from the United States Navy. Most recently, Wray served as director of the Helicopter Squadron Dental Annex in Jacksonville, Fla. Wray earned his doctor of dental surgery in 1981 from University of Missouri, and a certificate from the Naval Dental Center advanced clinical program in general dentistry in 1993.





Hastie brings palliative perspective to pain research

Barbara A. Hastie, Ph.D., joins the department of operative dentistry, division of public health services and research as research assistant professor. Previously, Hastie served as the executive director of the Southern California Cancer Pain Initiative, and her areas of research interest are ethnic differences in pain and quality of life in cancer pain and palliative care. Hastie

earned her Ph.D. in clinical neuropsychology from Alliant International University in 2000.

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Horning new director of graduate periodontics program at UF

Gregory M. Horning, A.B., D.D.S., M.S., is the newly appointed director of the UF graduate periodontics program and associate professor of periodontics. Horning comes to UF from the Naval Dental Center Mid-Atlantic in Norfolk, Va. where he worked as head of periodontics and from Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry, where he served as part-

time collateral faculty. Horning earned his doctor of dental surgery degree (with distinction) from Indiana University School of Dentistry in 1977. He earned his certificate in general practice dentistry from Naval Regional Medical Center in 1978, and a certificate in periodontics from University of Missouri in 1984. Horning went on to earn a master's in oral biology from University of Missouri in 1984, and is a diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology.

Department of prosthodontics appoints new faculty

Luisa Fernanda Medina, D.D.S., M.S., is appointed clinical assistant professor in the department of prosthodontics. Medina comes to UF from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill where she taught during her clinical fellowship. Medina earned her doctor of dental surgery degree in 1991 from the Universidad Central de Venezuela in Caracas, her certificate in prosthodontics in 2001 from UNC-Chapel Hill, and a master's in prosthodontics from UNC-Chapel Hill in 2002.



Also joining the department of prosthodontics as clinical assistant professor is **Ajay K. Ojha, B.D.S., M.S.** Ojha graduated with his doctorate in dental surgery in 1992 from the University of Calcutta Dental Collage in Calcutta, India. He earned a master's in oral biology from University of Nebraska at Lincoln Medical Center Graduate College in 2002, and a certificate in prosthodontics from UNL in 2003. He is a member of the Society of Biomaterials, the Academy of Dental Materials, the American College of Prosthodontics and the Academy of Osseointegration.

Faculty Farewells

Bob and Diane Lockhart

Robert L. Lockhart, D.D.S., M.S., and wife Diane have departed from UF for new and exciting grounds. Lockhart accepted a position at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas in the new school of dentistry, leaving his position of clinical assistant professor of periodontics at UF.

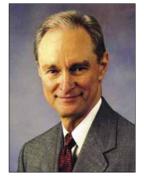


Lockhart and Diane say they miss their Florida friends, but are enjoying the beauty of the surrounding desert and mountain environment. They are also having fun settling into a new home and jobs.

Faculty Honors and Awards

Dentistry faculty recognized by Florida Dental Association

Sam Low, D.D.S., associate dean for continuing education and faculty practice and professor of periodontology at the University of Florida College of Dentistry, was installed as president-elect of the Florida Dental Association. FDA officers were sworn in during the association's annual meeting, the Florida National Dental Congress.



A graduate of the University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston and the University of Florida, Low is an associate faculty member of the L.D. Pankey Institute in Key Biscayne. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology, a trustee to the American Academy of Periodontology and a fellow of the American College of Dentists. He is a past president of the Central District Dental Association and the Florida Association of Periodontists.

Also recognized at the Florida National Dental Congress were **James E. Haddix, D.M.D.**, associate professor and director of pre-doctoral endodontics, and **Kimberly Jones-Rudolph, D.M.D.**, **M.P.H.**, assistant clinical professor at the University of Florida College of Dentistry.



Haddix received the Florida Dental Association's Dental Educator of the Year Award. Haddix was named University of Florida Alumnus of the Year in 2002 and Clinical Teacher of the Year in 2003, and is a member of the American Association of Endodontists, the Academy of General Dentistry and a fellow of the American College of Dentists. Jones-Rudolph was honored with a Special Recognition Award from the Florida Dental Association for her role in organizing an immensely successful Give Kids A Smile event at the college. The event provided free dental care for more than 120 children from Alachua and Gadsden counties and foster children



from Florida's Department of Children and Families.

Give Kids a Smile Day is recognized during Children's Dental Health Month, a national event celebrated annually in February to teach children about good dental health. Give Kids a Smile is a dental-care access day aimed at enhancing the oral health of thousands of needy children.

Benn earns silver in Code Blue Now health care reform competition



Professor Douglas Benn, B.D.S., Ph.D., earned second place and \$5,000 from the Code Blue Now "Build an American Health System" competition for his innovative health care reform proposal. A panel of nine judges chose Benn's proposal from a pool of 10 plans in the competition. Benn's proposal outlines a blueprint to combine vocational training with health education in a "village" attached to a nursing home. Single mothers participating in the

program would be provided with housing, food and daycare while gaining training towards becoming a licensed practical nurse while filling a critical health care staffing shortage in nursing homes. Benn labels his plan "pragmatic capitalism," and estimates that if only 500 out of the nation's 17,000 nursing homes established these training villages, they could train 50,000 single mothers over a five-year period, thereby bringing 150,000 children into a healthy environment.

Grimaudo honored by the Fla. Section of American College of Dentists

Nicholas J. Grimaudo, D.M.D., M.S., received the 2003 Ethics Award from the Florida Section of the American College of Dentists for outstanding ethical performance while on the faculty of the University of Florida College of Dentistry. The award was presented at the Florida National Dental Congress.



Grimaudo is an associate professor in the college's department of operative dentistry and director of quality assurance. In addition to his dental medicine degree, Grimaudo has master's degrees in materials science and engineering and oral biology. Grimaudo is currently completing a Ph.D. in educational leadership, curriculum and instruction.

Yezierski recognized in medical book competition



A book written by Professor Robert P. Yezierski, Ph.D., was recognized by the prestigious 2003 Medical Book Awards Competition sponsored by the American Medical Writers Association. The book, entitled Spinal Cord Injury Pain: Assessment, Mechanisms, and Management, won honorable mention in the physicians category, and was the culmination of a three-year international task force related to the topic of spinal cord injury pain.

In Memory of Dr. Susan Foy



Susan P. Foy, D.M.D., a resident in the department of oral and maxillofacial surgery and diagnostic sciences was killed July 11, at the age of 33, in an automobile accident outside Gainesville. Foy joined the oral surgery department as a clinical fellow only 10 days earlier.

Foy graduated from Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario in 1992 and earned her D.M.D. certificate from

the University of British Columbia, Vancouver in 1998. She fulfilled an internship in oral and maxillofacial surgery at the University of Florida in Jacksonville and completed her oral and maxillofacial surgery training at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill in June 2003.

Foy was a member of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons since 1998, the Canadian Association of Pediatric Dentistry since 1998 and a member of the American Association of Dental Research since 2001.

Always athletic, Foy competed as a member of the Canadian National Championship University Basketball Team, the Canadian National Basketball Team Program, and the Ontario Championship Basketball Team.

Survived by her father, Gordon Foy, and three siblings, Foy was buried in Alliston, Ontario, Canada during services on July 18.

Class of 2007 Code of Ethics



The Class of 2007, after having formulated code of ethics, placed their signatures to the formal document, signifying acceptance of and commitment to the tenants therein. The document has since been framed and presented to Dean Dolan. It will be placed on permanent display near the pediatric clinic on the first floor of the dental tower.

WHEREAS, the students comprising the University of Florida College of Dentistry Class of 2007 fully recognize and appreciate the privileges and responsibilities bestowed upon us as we embark on our formal academic and clinical training in the field of dentistry; and,

WHEREAS, we further recognize that, as nascent health care professionals, the potential consequences of our words and actions have become significantly amplified; and,

WHEREAS, we therefore acknowledge that our individual and collective conduct in academic, clinical, and other public affairs must exceed generally accepted standards of business and personal conduct; and,

WHEREAS, we accordingly intend, in promulgating this Code of Ethics, to identify, solemnize, and communicate specific ethical standards to which we will adhere as we proceed toward our shared objective of becoming full-fledged members of the dental profession;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Academics: We the Class of 2007, strive to achieve and obtain the excellence in the education provided to us by the University of Florida College of Dentistry. As professionals it is of utmost importance to act toward each other with respect and consideration working with one another to achieve total success and promote unity. As a whole we will continue to practice honesty and a high level of integrity in our performance as future dentists, whether in our classroom, clinics, or community. We pledge to apply what we learn in our future practice and seek the importance of continuing education.

Patient Treatment: We acknowledge that patient treatment is a complex process influenced by many factors, including general health, patient opinion, provider recommendation, patient financial ability, and other considerations. We shall strive to provide such treatment that takes all of these factors into account and which places primary importance on the systemic health and subsequently the oral health of our patients.

We shall treat our patients with respect, forging a relationship based on truth, directness, mutual consent and undivided attention. We pledge to strive for excellence in treating every patient and to provide as much care to as many patients as our capabilities allow.

Professionalism: As students of the University of Florida College of Dentistry, we will strive to reach the highest standards of professionalism. The ability to retain our leadership role in society depends largely on our willingness to abide by consensually recognized standards of conduct. Consequently, each of us must make a solemn commitment to observe certain professional ethics and high standards of moral and ethical behavior. We are obligated to set an example for both the College of Dentistry and the dental profession as a whole. The principles that we must adhere to include altruism, accountability, excellence, duty, service, honor, integrity, and respect for others. In recognizing that the dental profession intrinsically involves service to others, we will seek to advance the cause of social justice within the College of Dentistry and in the profession. These qualities must apply to all aspects of our lives, and include the relationships we have with fellow students, faculty members, patients, and the communities in which we live.

Statement of Support: As the class of 2007 at the University of Florida College of Dentistry, we avidly embrace the responsibilities that come with upholding the ethics of the dental profession. We, therefore, commit ourselves to the above statements and principles in order to best represent our class, alma mater, and profession.



Code of ethics statement committee, (top row, L to R) Professor Scott Tomar, Joe Richardson, Tony Mutchler, Professor Henrietta Logan, Jashleen Bedi, Meenal Patel, Baokhuyen Vu. (Bottom row, L to R) Kelly Newnum, Jennifer Cameron, Bobby Ivanov and Esmeralda Chiang. (Photos - Daniela Aquilera)

We are proud to introduce the University of Florida College of Dentistry Class of 2007



White Coat Ceremony July 19, 2003



Dr. Irwin Becker of the Pankey Institute emphasized the importance of safeguarding the doctor-patient relationship.



FDA President Teri-Ross Icyda's speech focused on organized dentistry's role in developing professional collegiality.



Dr. Greg Smith (bottom-center above) served as faculty marshal for the ceremony.



".... professionalism is also defined by our actions outside our own office, and partly by how much we contribute to the community.... Nowhere is it written that we are obligated to give a certain amount of hours in a month to help and/or educate people about oral health, but it is a responsibility that we accept as professionals. We should not cop out to the Charles Barkley excuse that we did not ask to be "role models," but rather welcome the added responsibilities because we realize that they are part of a package deal."

- Brandon Alegre, 3DN

2003 White Coat Ceremony proudly sponsored by the





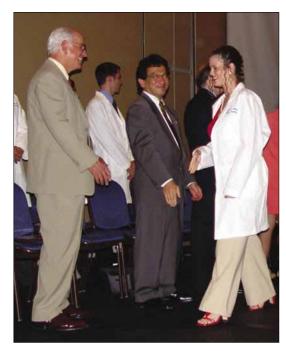


Cindy Fulenwider settles into her white coat and assumes her new role as a patient care provider.





Family members of Carmen Briceno Casas cheer as their student steps up to receive her white coat.





Left: Jessica A. Stilley
(R) is congratulated
by Dr. Irwin Becker (L)
and Dr. Teri-Ross Icyda
(C). At right: Victor
Lowell (center left) and
Maria Lauzan-Madruga
(center right) pose with
loved ones.



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Shreena Patel (L), Katherine Hill (C), and Kawveh Nofallah (R).



Eric Claussen, Jeffrey Fleigel III, Brandon Alegre, and Shadi Krecht share a moment of laughter.

"These past two years have really allowed us to grow and mature as individuals and as a group. I feel that we have really come together as a class and realized our common goal of becoming future health care professionals."

— Shreena Patel, 3DN



Rashard Pittman and son, Jermond, proudly support wife and mother, Deirdre Pittman.

Dental Fall Weekend

November 7 - 8, 2003



Dean Teresa Dolan greets guestspeaker, Dr. Avishai Sadan, a professor of prosthodontics at Louisiana State University.



Jenny ('97) and Ryan ('98) Askeland introduce daughter Lauren (18 months) to Professor Henry Gremillion and Laurence Grayhills ('85) during the CE portion of Dental Fall Weekend.



Esteban Mulkay is recognized as immediate pastpresident of the Academy of Alumni and Friends by President Ron Askeland.



Just when you thought you'd seen it all, the UFCD Homecoming Parade float cruises past with a giant molar and a tooth fairy in attendance.



Members of the Theta Class (1983) enjoyed dinner at the Paramount Resort and Conference Center.



Members of the Gamma Class (1978) held their reunion dinner at Porter's Dining on the Avenue.



UFCD faculty, Dr. Marc Gale (L), breaks bread during game day's BBQ party with alumni Laurence Grayhills ('85, white shirt) and Craig Oldham ('92, blue cap).



Albert and Alberta get friendly with the Zelin Family of Tampa before heading out to the Big Game.



The Grosso Family, from Orlando, poses with the UFCD mascot during the BBQ.

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Charter Class of 1976

D. Alan Hays has authored a chapter in the book, *Inside the Minds: The Art & Science of Being a Dentist*, published by Aspatore Books. Hays was tapped to be included in the book by the Aspatore editorial board, and his contribution joins that of a group of the nation's leading dentists. These individuals share their experiences and advice on developing patient relationships, balancing professional and personal lives, increasing worth, continuing research and education, time management, compensation and other relevant topics.

Tau Class of 1994

Congratulations are in order for **Lino Suarez**. He and wife Debra are expecting their first child in February. Lino has a solo practice in Miami.

The rods and reels have been working overtime for **Cindy Grinstead Skigen** and husband **Andrew** (1995). In April they landed a pair of 45lb dolphin off Key West! Son Jackson is awaiting a sibling, due around the time of his third birthday in October.

Parenting is just the best for **Lisa Ely Wadsworth** and husband **Rusty** (1995). They adopted 2 year old John in 2002. Lisa is a partner in a three-dentist general practice in Lady Lake, Fla. and Rusty is still practicing in Ocala. Lisa says, "We are all doing GREAT!"

Ray Della Porta is putting out feelers for potty training tips! His oldest son Trace is three and Grayson is two months (little early for potty training there). Ray says he is looking forward to seeing everyone at the 10-year reunion at the Florida National Dental Congress next year.

Tracie Starling loves having her own practice. It opened in January 2003 in Keystone Heights.

It's a boy! **Mo Goodarzi** and Nadja had their first child in October. He's also getting ready to start building an office in Brandon. Mo adds, "I can't believe it's almost 10 years since we've graduated! Hope to see everyone at FNDC next year!"

Laura McLoud Rogers sends news from Rocky Mount, North Carolina. She and husband Winslow have a daughter, Vivian, now 19 months old and keeping them busy! The family moved into a new home in June, and Winslow's busy renovating his prosthodontic office. Guess who's practicing in her neck of the woods. Dr. Frank Courts (you may have heard of him!) opened a peds practice there. Laura invites us to come for a visit if we're in eastern North Carolina.

Stephanie Mapp and **Gary Scarlett** were married in Las Vegas in July 1999. Gary and Stephanie opened their practice in Orange Park 18 months ago and it is going well, they're both

working there. Stephanie says she is looking forward to the 10-year reunion.

Curtis Barnes started his year off skiing in Aspen and then wore out his passport on a great vacation to Spain last September, and a Mediterranean cruise to the French Riviera and Italy. Curtis is working at three locations (for the Broward County Health Department) seeing medically compromised children and adults, and must get great satisfaction from his commitment to help.

It's up in the air for **Jean Kopecky**. She and fiancé, Stan, are taking flying lessons and bought a Piper Dakota in St. Louis. They flew out commercially, along with their flight instructor, and Jean and Stan took turns in the pilot seat all the back. It was fun stopping to change seats throughout the southwest. Life is good, she says! Living and practicing in California, Jean would love to hear from old friends.

Sydney, Buenos Aires, Istanbul, London, Brussels, and Gothenberg are just some of the fantastic places **Maria Chatani** and husband, Per Ericson, have traveled! After three years of marriage, Maria and Per are expecting their first child, a baby girl, in November. With a new baby, she says it looks like they'll be staying put in South Florida for awhile. Maria has her own peds practice in Boca Raton.

Greg and Wanda Goodreau are having way too much fun cutting grass in the panhandle. Wanda says she can nearly finish the three acres in two hours - on the riding mower that Greg bought her for Mothers Day! The old estate on the water they bought has a 1953 home that they are remodeling. With all that and dentistry, Greg doesn't have as much time to fish! He's looking for an associate (give him a call if you know someone). Wanda's practice is busy, as well. Seven-year-old Hunter keeps them involved in his activities and Wanda says that 21- year-old Kristen is now legal, and in college in Pensacola!

Chuck Helms writes that he and his partner (and slave driver!) Christine Tran, class of 1995, have expanded the office to six operatories, moved to Clermont (closer to Gainesville, he adds), have no kids yet, and just got back from a wedding in France (Christine's cousin).

Darlenn Sierra Ayan sold her Miami practice last year and relocated to Naples where she opened a new practice. Husband Rudy was the builder and the doors opened two months ago. They have 5-year-old Nicholas and 4-year-old Jonathan and invited us to stop by if we are in the area.

Mike Sofianos has been working for the last 4½ years as Dental Program Director for three offices - Seminole Tribe of Florida. His third grader, Milti, and his kindergartner, Adoney had a busy summer. The family went to Montreal and Cleveland for two weddings, as well as vacationing in Arizona, Nevada and California.

John Andrew Tringas was born July 28 and **Andy Tringas** and Niki welcomed the 8lb 5oz. guy with surprise at his full head of hair. Andy says: "He pretty much needs a haircut and styling already!" Andy has a solo, ortho practice in Windermere, Fla.

David Stein feels a good day is a golf day. He gets out whenever he can, often with his brother-in-law, Jim Jenkins. **Jos** (1997) is busy with her endo practice but they are enjoying their beautiful home and travel when they can.

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Mahtab Sadrameli is enjoying life in San Francisco and invites everyone to keep in touch.

"Less stress," says **Hopeton Williams**. He sold an office a couple of years ago and says having just one office is much better! Hopeton and Julie moved to a new house last year along with 4 year old Samantha and 3 year old Ryan.

Not much else is new, says Mary Jo McGuire. Just the birth of a new baby girl - joining Mary Jo's other three kids! Sisters Devan 6½, Keira 5, and brother Andrew 15 months, welcomed their new sister, Isabel. Congratulations everyone! Along with being mom to four, Mary Jo is practicing as an associate at a peds practice in Somerville, New Jersey.

Jaime Zambrano is keeping busy with three private ortho practices in Miami, and was just honored as one of Invisalign's Top 100 Providers ("Century Club"). A second daughter, Peri now five months, joined big sister, Delaney 3.

As for **Monica Scheurer**, the smell of chocolate was in the air! She loved the chocolate spa at the Hershey Hotel and the boys loved the Hershey Amusement Park. Monica and husband, **Jim** (1996) vacationed in Pennsylvania with Camden 5, and Trenton, nearly 3, and enjoyed the beautiful northern weather in August. Monica said it was great to take a break but it was great to return home to their new house. Monica is practicing full time at their practice in Sarasota and Jim has an associates office in Sun City. Monica says she is looking forward to seeing everyone at FNDC!

Upsilon Class of 1995

Alumnus John Gammichia writes nationally published articles offering advice to young dentists



John Gammichia graduated from the University of Florida College of Dentistry with his dental degree in 1995. Although he joined his father's general dentistry practice in Orlando, Fla., Gammichia soon found himself feeling alone in facing the realities of building his own practice. He learned, through trial and error, the answers to those vexing questions not taught in dental school — like how difficult it is to find a good dental assistant, or what qualities one should seek when

choosing a laboratory technician who complements, rather than criticizes, one's practice.

Now, Gammichia is helping other young dentists by offering advice on how to survive the perils of those first years in practice after graduation from dental school. His articles have



Future Dentists of America!

Craig Oldham ('92) spent his time during the UFCD reception at FNDC recruiting young, up-and-coming dental students. These children represent three UFCD families and are, from left to right, Olivia Oldham (5), Joey Zucknick (6), Julie Zucknick (4) Grace and Ellen Oldham (3), Evelyn Oldham (5), Evelyn Harrison (1.5) and Anne Margaret Harrison (4). Already, young Evelyn Oldham demonstrates the masterful manual dexterity necessary to becoming a great oral surgeon.

(Photo - Lindy Brounley)

been published in several national dental magazines including *Dental Practice Report, Dental Entrepreneur* and *New Dentist* — and one in *Dental Money Digest* to be printed in early 2004. He's also taken his experiences on the road and is scheduled to lecture during 11 speaking engagements next year. His lecture, entitled, "What you need to know about the first five years of practice," is slated for the 2004 Chicago Mid-Winter Meeting, the Miami Mid-Winter Meeting and the Academy of General Dentistry Annual Meeting.

Gammichia holds a part-time faculty position with the UFCD Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program at the college's Apopka partner clinic, contributing to low-cost patient treatment and the education of UFCD residents. Married and the father of three children, Gammichia takes pride in the family atmosphere he has fostered in his staff and practice, and states, "I strive to create a family environment full of trust and confidence while practicing excellence in dental care."

Don't see your name in Class Notes? Feeling left out?

Take a moment to send us an update...

Go to our alumni Web site, located at

www.dental.ufl.edu/alumni,

to fill out a "Stay in Touch" form, or e-mail

tsiler@dental.ufl.edu

We want to hear from you!



Associate Matching Mixer January 30, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Gainesville, Fla.

Seeking an associate? Have a practice opportunity available? Take advantage of this special opportunity to connect with UF senior dental students and residents in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. It's a chance to show off your practice to potential associates, partners and those interested in a buy-in/buy-out opportunity. Registration due by January 9 and limited to the first 30 practices. For more information, call Cindy Pritchett at 352-339-5326.

Tampa Alumni Reception

February 13, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tampa, Fla.

Tampa Bay Area UFCD alumni are welcome to join Dean Teresa Dolan and other notables during the Tampa Alumni Reception. The reception will be held in conjunction with the West Coast District Dental Association meeting. For more information or to RSVP, call Tara Siler at 352-392-4384 or e-mail tsiler@dental.ufl.edu.

Endodontics Alumni Reception May 6, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Anaheim, Cal.

Join your favorite UFCD Endo faculty and friends at the UFCD Endodontics Reception to be held in association with the American Association of Endodontics at the beautiful Anaheim Hilton. For more information or to RSVP, call Tara Siler at 352-392-4384 or e-mail tsiler@dental.ufl.edu.

Florida National Dental Congress June 17-19, Orlando, Florida

Stop by the UFCD exhibit booth at FNDC to visit some of your favorite faculty and gather information about upcoming continuing education and alumni programs.

UFCD White Coat Ceremony July 17, Gainesville, Fla.

Thank you to our alumni and friends for sponsoring this professional coating ceremony for our rising junior class signifying the students' transition into patient care.

Need event info? Contact the alumni office at (352) 392-4384, e-mail tsiler@dental.ufl.edu or visit www.dental.ufl.edu/alumni

Radiology for Dental Auxiliaries

Jan. 9-10, or Feb. 6-7, or March 26-27 This course is approved for certification for dental radiographers.

Expanded Functions for Dental Auxiliaries as Permitted by Fla. Law

Jan. 23-25 AND Feb. 7-8

This course is approved for certification and training in Expanded Functions for dental auxiliaries in Fla. and Ga.

Day of Required Courses

Jan. 31

Laws-2hrs., Prevention of Medical Errors-2hrs., Domestic Violence-1hr., HIV-1hr.

Nitrous Oxide and Psychosedation

Feb. 6-7

This course is approved for certification and training for dental auxiliaries in Fla. and Ga.

First Soft Tissue Oral Pathology Symposium (Orlando)

Feb. 27-28

Current cutting-edge concepts of diagnosis and treatment of various oral soft tissue lesions.

Craniofacial Pain and Pathofunction: Head and Neck Anatomy with Dissection

Jan. 9-10, or Feb. 6-7, or March 26-27 *Lecture, discussion and in-depth dissection of the head and neck.*

Comprehensive Dentistry Program, Class 23 (application deadline March 1)

First session June 11-13 24-month postgraduate course.

Selected Topics in Esthetic Dentistry: Presented with OralArts Dental Laboratories (Miami)

March 19

NOW AVAILABLE! Online Required Courses

Laws-2hrs., Prevention of Medical Errors-2hrs., Domestic Violence-1hr., HIV-1hr.

For more info and complete course descriptions, visit www.dental.ufl.edu/CE

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Education Mission

The University of Florida College of Dentistry educates the state's future dentists and dental specialists through its 15 degree and certificate programs. Each year the college admits a new class of about 80 D.M.D. students consisting of individuals who are among the top predental students in the nation. This year, 82 students were selected for admission from a pool of more than 650 applicants.

As Florida's only state-supported dental college and one of the top dental institutions in the nation, the college chooses admissions from a pool of only the very best students, yet we also strive to achieve multicultural diversity representative of Florida's population—38 of this year's entering D.M.D. students are women, and more than one-third of the class list themselves as ethnic minorities.

We feel our students' performance on standardized examinations is an excellent benchmark of the college's success in effectively training young dentists who will graduate from our programs ready to become skillful private practitioners. We are thrilled to report the Class of 2003 achieved a 100 percent

pass rate on the National Board Dental Examination (NBDE) – Part II and was ranked 18th out of the 52 dental schools graduating classes. *The performance of the Class of 2005 on the NBDE – Part I was ranked 8th out of the 50 participating dental school classes.* These performance indicators demonstrate the trend of continuing improvements on overall scores for our students.

These outstanding achievements are evidence of exemplary outcomes achieved following our recent curriculum review and revision implemented in 2001. This process is ongoing and adaptive; to assure the UF College of Dentistry continues to deliver excellence in education.

For our 14 Advanced Dental Education Programs, the current enrollment this year is 87 students, including 39 residents in certificate programs, 27 graduate students in Master of Science degree programs, 10 residents in Medical Doctorate degree programs, and 11 fellows. There has been spectacular enrollment growth in our advanced education programs fueled by federal funding during the past decade. Last year's graduating class received 36 certificates in general and advanced specialty education, five certificate and Master of Science degrees, and two medical degrees. Additionally, 24 students are enrolled in the college's two-year Foreign Trained Dentist Program, and 12 FTD students earned certificates this spring, making them eligible to take the Florida Licensure Exam.

Robert Primosch, D.D.S., M.S., M.Ed. Associate Dean for Education

Academic Credentials of Students Applying to and Enrolling in the D.M.D. Pr	rogram
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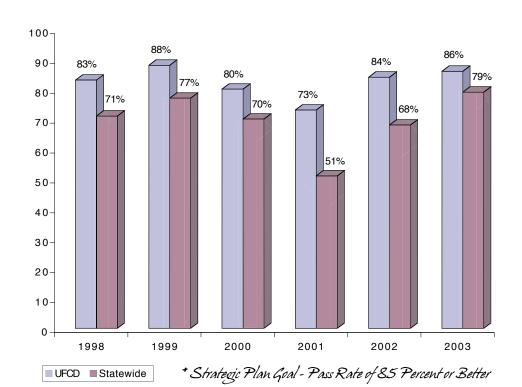
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	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Applicant Pool					
Avg Total GPA	3.19	3.18	3.22	3.23	3.21
Avg Science GPA	3.07	3.67	3.08	3.10	3.07
DAT Academic Avg	17.25	17.9	14.5	16.7	15.5
DAT Psychomotor	16.55	17.2	13.8	16.2	14.6
No. of Applicants	788	663	585	634	656
Applicants Enrolled					
Avg Total GPA	3.55	3.48	3.58	3.51	3.44
Avg Science GPA	3.49	3.41	3.52	3.42	3.32
DAT Academic Avg	18.75	19.0	19.4	19.7	19.2
DAT Psychomotor	17.64	18.4	18.1	18.5	17.8

Comparison of UFCD National Board Exam Scores to National Average

National Board Part I	Class	of 2003	Class	of 2004	Class	of 2005
National Board Part I	Florida	Nation	Florida	Nation	Florida	Nation
Anatomic Sciences	83.4	82.5	85.7	84.5	86.0	83.8
Biochemistry/Physiology	86.6	85.5	85.5	84.9	87.4	85.1
Microbiology/Pathology	83.1	82.1	86.6	86.0	86.7	84.8
Dental Anatomy	87.1	85.8	87.4	85.7	91.3	88.6
Overall Average	85.2	84.1	86.4	85.5	88.0	85.7
School Rank	N/	'A	17 (of 49	8 of	f 50

National Board Part II	Class	of 2001	Class of	of 2002	Class of	of 2003
	Florida	Nation	Florida	Nation	Florida	Nation
	83.1	82.2	82.7	82.1	83.0	82.0
School Rank	18 o	f 54	21 0	of 52	18 c	of 52

Florida Licensure Exam, First-time Pass Rate, UFCD as Compared to State Average *



"Mock Board" Preparatory Experience

The department of operative dentistry provides two courses designed to teach students how to successfully complete examinations in a simulated dental licensure/state board atmosphere. These two independent performance and evaluation courses are comprised of lectures, simulated laboratory and clinical examinations to teach students fundamentals of patient selection, time management, supply support assimilation of text material in preparation for taking licensure examinations. simulated examination occurs during a three-day period in the winter of the student's senior year. We attribute the success of our students on the Florida State Board of Dentistry examination, in great part, to their "Mock Board" experience.



Research Mission

The University of Florida College of Dentistry is part of a major research-intensive university and research is an essential component of our mission. Our faculty, staff and students are dedicated to participating in research and scholarly activity focused on the creation of new knowledge that will enhance our teaching and service missions.

UF College of Dentistry currently ranks No. 6 among the 55 dental schools in the United States in federal funding for research. In addition we are committed to seeking support for our research and training activities through industry and state funding.

The college is nationally recognized for its oral health research enterprise, emphasizing infectious diseases in dentistry, bone biology, pain and neurosciences, and translational research to improve clinical and dental care. We anticipate building on this reputation by recruitment of mid-career, top-notch basic scientists to achieve excellence in areas of established strength in the college while more closely aligning

the college with key initiatives within the university and Health Science Center. These initiatives include genomics of infectious diseases, immunology, autoimmunity, biostatistics, cancer epidemiology and prevention, cell biology/cell signaling, and pain and neurosciences. We will also strive to recruit magnet investigators and junior investigators to provide a nucleus of clinical and translational researchers in areas where we presently have complementary strengths.

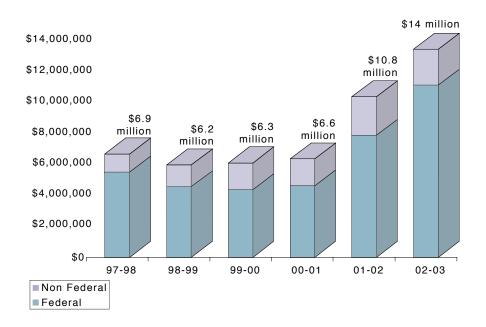
The collaborative research efforts of our faculty, staff and students to explore new scientific concepts and critically assess contemporary treatment modalities have led to new knowledge that will be translated into clinical practice to support our standards of teaching and patient care, which is the ultimate goal of our profession.

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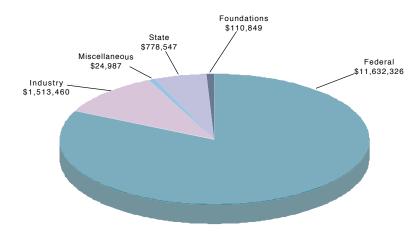
Ken Anusavice, D.M.D., Ph.D. Associate Dean for Research

Research Awards - Fiscal Years 1997 to 2003

Since the mid-1990s the college has sustained sponsored research funding exceeding \$6 million annually. However, the amount of sponsored funding received through the college's office of research experienced a remarkable overall increase of more than 200 percent during the fiscal years of 2001/2002 and 2002/2003. The growth in our research activity is primarily due to the recruitment of new research faculty and the continuing efforts of our established researchers.



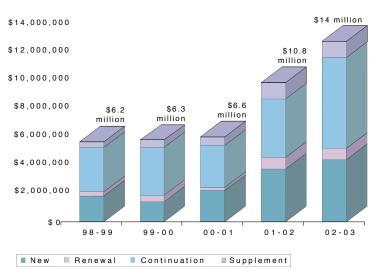
Research Award Funding Sources - Fiscal Year 2003



The college's primary source of sponsored research funding is received from the National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR). This federal agency provided \$7 million — or 50 percent — of FY 02-03 funding for research. Other contributing federal agencies include the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA), the U.S. Department of Defense, and the National Institutes for Neurological Disorders and Strokes. The college's Craniofacial Center also received continued support from the State of Florida Division of Children's Medical Services. Significant industry partnerships include ongoing relationships between the college and Procter and Gamble, as well as Align Technology, Inc.

Research Awards by Status Fiscal Years 1998 to 2003

Of the \$14 million in awards received during the 02-03 fiscal year, 40 percent represented new or renewed awards. Some of the first-time awards for the college include a National Science Foundation grant for Jiango Gu, Ph.D. (oral and maxillofacial surgery), three new training grants from the Health Resources and Services Administration (community based programs, public health and pediatrics) and a NIDCR planning award for the improvement of the college's research infrastructure (Robert Burne, Ph.D., oral biology). Newly recruited faculty, Richard Lamont, Ph.D. and Edward Chan, Ph.D., of oral biology, brought with them NIH/NIDCR funding and federal subcontracts from other universities.



Sponsored Research and Other Funding-Fiscal Year 2003 Other*, \$2,550,324 Cancer, \$109,926 Micro/Molecular Biomaterials, \$563,267 Biology & Infectious Training, \$262,825 \$6,758,214 Clinical, \$1,057,312 Pain & Neuroscience \$1,365,092 Craniofacial, \$1,393,209

The majority of the college's research activity is in the department of oral biology, which generated 61 percent of the college's sponsored research funding. department's research involves studies in molecular genetics, bacterial pathogenesis, physiology, pharmacology and infectious diseases. The college also has received awards for research in pain and neuroscience, craniofacial studies, biomaterials, cancer and clinical studies. Funding for training (both practice-based and research) continues to grow and proposals for these types of grants are a priority. In addition, the office of research receives many "nonresearch" awards, such as a \$1 million grant from HRSA to install new computers throughout the clinic areas.

Faculty Research Awards 2002-03

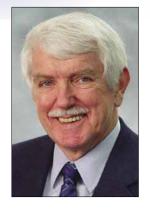
Anusavice, Kenneth, D.M.D., Ph.D.	Professor and Associate Dean for Research, Office of Research	Award Date
\$ 7,256	Clinical Performance of Three Unit Fixed Partial Dentures	07/26/02
	made for a Hot Pressed Ceramic	
25,456	Controlled Release Sealant to Prevent Secondary Caries	01/02/03
252,248	Controlled Release Sealant to Prevent Secondary Caries	09/10/02
283,064	Optimized Stress States in Ceramic Based Restorations	04/15/03
Brady, L. Janine, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor, Department of Oral Biology	
272,021	Immunomodulation by Exogenous Streptococcal Antibody	03/20/03
Britto, Leandro, B.D.S., M.S.	Assistant Professor, Department of Endodontics	
8,312	Induction of Periradicular Healing in Dogs by OP-1	12/31/02
Brown, Thomas A., Ph.D.	Professor, Department of Oral Biology	
243,319	Oral Immunization with P. gingivalis Virulence Antigens	06/10/03
243,530	Oral Immunization with P. gingivalis Virulence Antigens	07/11/02
Burne, Robert A., Ph.D.	Professor and Chairman, Department of Oral Biology	
16,200	Genetics and Physiology of Oral Biofilms	07/17/02
251,290	Molecular Biology of Oral Alkali Production	06/20/03
251,335	Molecular Biology of Oral Alkali Production	09/18/02
320,369	Genetics and Physiology of Oral Biofilms	07/02/02
329,405	Genetics and Physiology of Oral Biofilms	06/20/03
359,313	Gene Regulation and Physiology of Streptococcus mutans	04/21/03
Caudle, Robert M., Ph.D.	Associate Professor, Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and	d Diagnostic
	Sciences, Neuroscience Division	
145,000	Target Cholera Toxin for Treatment of Hyperalgesia	04/08/03
Chan, Edward, Ph.D.	Professor, Department of Oral Biology	
30,520	Maternal Autoantibodies: Pathogenesis of Neonatal Lupus	06/30/03
66,819	Maternal Autoantibodies: Pathogenesis of Neonatal Lupus	06/30/03
109,349	Golgi Complex Antibodies and Autoantigens	06/12/03
177,648	Golgi Complex Antibodies and Autoantigens	03/14/03
217,201	Novel Proteins Associated with SS-A/RO in Target Organs	01/23/03
253,750	Novel Proteins Associated with SS-A/RO in Target Organs	02/24/03
253,823	Golgi Complex Antibodies and Autoantigens	03/28/03
Clark, A.E. "Buddy", D.M.D., Ph.D.	Professor and Associate Chairman, Department of Prosthodontics	
2,499	Bioactive Materials Research	01/27/03
Dolce, Calogero, D.D.S., Ph.D.	Assistant Professor, Department of Orthodontics	
36,250	Intergrins and Orthodontic Tooth Movement	7/17/02
Fillingim, Roger B., Ph.D.	Associate Professor, Department of Operative Dentistry	
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41,216	Ethnic Differences in Response to Painful Stimuli -	04/04/03
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71,565	Sex and Menstrual Cycle Effects on Pain and Analgesia	10/21/02
252,875	Sex and Menstrual Cycle Effects on Pain and Analgesia	10/02/02
323,254	Ethnic Differences in Response to Painful Stimuli	07/30/02
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Gray, Johnathan L., D.D.S.	Professor, Department of Periodontology Prospective Eval of Hybrid vs. Non-Hybrid Designed	Award Date
\$ 3,120		12/17/02
2.100	Osseotite Implants in Short Span Fixed Bridge Cases	04/11/02
3,120	Prospective Evaluation of Hybrid vs. Non-Hybrid	04/11/03
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6,032	Prospective Eval of Hybrid vs Non-Hybrid Designed	01/08/03
	Osseotite Implants in Short Span Fixed Bridge Cases	
Green, James G., M.D., D.D.S.	Clinical Associate Professor and Director, Residency Program,	1
	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinic, Department of Oral & Maxillo	ofacial .
4= 040	Surgery and Diagnostic Sciences	00/10/00
15,819	A Pivotal RNDMZD PRL EVAL of RHBMP-2/Absorbable	03/19/03
	Collagen Sponge (ACS) & Standard Bone Grafting Materials	
	for Maxillary	
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Gu, Jianguo G., Ph.D.	Assistant Professor, Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and	Diagnostic
(()()	Sciences, Neuroscience Division	01 /07 /00
66,262	ATP Mediated Release of Neurokinins from the	01/06/03
((2/2	Nervous System	02/12/02
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	Nervous System	
Handfield, Martin, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor, Department of Oral Biology, Center for Molecula	r Riology
239,126	In-Vivo Induced Antigen Technology AA IN LJP	05/05/03
237,120	II-VIVO Iliduced Aldigeri Technology AATIV EJI	03/03/03
Heft, Marc W., Ph.D.	Professor and Associate Chair, Department of Oral & Maxillofacial	
	Surgery and Diagnostic Sciences	
8,203	Advanced Postgraduate Program in Clinical Investigation	07/17/02
8,794	Advanced Postgraduate Program in Clinical Investigation	06/12/03
87,338	Longitudinal Oral Health Outcomes in High Risk Adults:	08/05/02
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Holliday, Lexie Shannon, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor, Department of Orthodontics	
7,500	Phosphatidylinositol 3 Kinase Regulation of Osteoclasts	09/11/02
7,500	Phosphatidylinositol 3 Kinase Regulation of Osteoclasts	02/13/03
240,231	Osteoclast Activation in Uremic Bone Disease	07/18/02
Kozarov, E.V., Ph.D.	Department of Oral Biology	
-	Periodontal Pathogen Isolation from Atheromatous Plaques	10/15/02
75,000	Cultivation and Characterization of P. gingivalis from	07/02/02
	A Theromatous Plaques in Atherosclerotic Patients	
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Lamont, Richard, Ph.D.	Professor, Department of Oral Biology	
14,096	Molecular Aspects of Oral Plaque Formation	12/11/02
76,251	DNA Microchips: Detecting Microbes in Oral Cavity Fluids	12/24/02
89,000	Intra- and Interspecies Communications in Oral Bacteria	04/11/03
212,959	P. gingivalis Interactions with Gingival Epithelial Cells	09/10/02
273,931	P. gingivalis Interactions with Gingival Epithelial Cells	04/02/03
319,426	Molecular Aspects of Oral Plaque Formation	10/02/02
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38,320	Pre Existing Affect and Pain Recall: Mediating Factors,	03/21/03
	Post Doctoral, Jeff Gedney	

Magnusson, Ingvar, D.D.S., Ph.D.	Professor, Department of Oral Biology	Award Date
\$ 6,250	A Clinical Trial to Evaluate the Safety & Efficacy of an	04/29/03
12.750	Experimental Combination Tooth Whitening System	08/23/02
13,750 16,300	A Experimental Stain Removal Study Study to Demonstrate the Effectiveness of Two Different	06/04/03
10,500	Battery-Powered Toothbrushes on Removal of Stain	00/04/03
21,250	Evaluation of Systemically Delivered Doxycycline Hyclate	01/09/03
28,250	A Clinical Trial to Evaluate the Safety And Efficacy of Two	01/07/03
,	Marked Tooth Whitening Products	
31,350	A Clinical Trial to Evaluate the Comparative Efficacy and	02/14/03
	Tolerability of an Experimental Tooth Bleaching	
31,350	A Clinical Trial to Evaluate the Comparative Efficacy and	04/01/03
22.222	Tolerability of an Experimental Tooth Bleaching	0 < 100 100
32,033	A Clinical Trial to Evaluate the Safety of an Experimental	06/02/03
22.024	Tooth Whitening Strip Compared to a Marketed Tooth Bleaching	05/16/02
32,034	A Clinical Trial to Evaluate the Safety of an Experimental	05/16/03
32,300	Tooth Whitening Strip Compared to a Marketed Tooth Bleaching A Clinical Trial to Evaluate the Comparative Efficacy and	01/22/03
32,300	Tolerability of an Experimental Tooth Bleaching	01/22/03
33,150	A Clinical Trial to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of Two	01/27/03
55,150	Marked Tooth Whitening Products	01/2//00
69,000	A Study to Evaluate the Safety & Efficacy of an Experimental	08/20/02
,	Combination Tooth Whitening System Compared	
69,688	A Study to Evaluate the Safety & Efficacy of an	07/01/02
	Experimental Tooth Whitening Product	
250,000	A Experimental Stain Removal Study	07/01/02
Mauderli, Andre, D.M.D., Ph.D.	Professor, Department of Prosthodontics	
165 217	Opatial and Temporal Characteristics of Central Pain	05/30/03
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100,317	Sensitization in Chronic Pain Diseases	00700700
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Walker, Clay B., Ph.D.	Professor, Department of Oral Biology	Award Date
\$15,424	A Multi-Center, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo Controlled	12/06/02
	Trial to Determine the Effects of Doxycyclene Hyclate 20 MG Tablets	
19,280	A Multi-Center, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo Controlled	09/30/02
24.000	Trial to Determine the Effects of Doxycyclene Hyclate 20 MG Tablet	44 /07 /00
24,890	Bactericidal Efficacy of an Antiseptic Containing Essential	11/27/02
25.025	Oils Against Antibiotic Resistant Pathogenic Oral Microrg	00 / 22 / 02
25,025	A Single Center Randomized Double-blind Placebo Controlled Escalating Multiple Dose Crossover Pharmacokinetic Study	09/23/02
28,125	Evaluation of Systemically Delivered Doxycycline Hyclate-	03/10/03
20,123	Plus Locally Doxycycline Hyclate 8.5%	03/10/03
30,849	A Multi-Center, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo Controlled	03/25/03
30,615	Trial to Determine the Effects of Doxycyclene Hyclate 20 MG Tablets	007 =07 00
40,000	Multiple Species Biofilm Model of Supragingival/	07/22/02
	Subgingival Plaque	
81,371	Low Dose Doxycline Effects on Osteopenic Bone Loss	07/29/02
Wen, Zezhang T., D.V.M., Ph.D.	Assistant Scientist, Department of Oral Biology	24/44/25
72,500	LUXS-Mediated Quorum Sensing in Streptococcus mutans	06/16/03
Wheeler, Timothy T., D.M.D., Ph.D.	Professor and Chairman, Department of Orthodontics	
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Service Mission

The University of Florida College of Dentistry has a multi-faceted service mission encompassing patient care, community outreach and education, and clinical efficiencies.

Through its Statewide Network for Community Oral Health, the college improves access to dental care for Florida's residents, focusing on vulnerable and indigent populations and special needs patients. The college has become one of the largest providers of low-cost dental care in Florida, providing nearly 10 percent of all indigent care to Florida's residents through state-of-the-art clinical services. Our students and faculty also give of themselves in providing free dental treatment to underserved populations during service missions abroad and at home.

We are a top-tier dental school in terms of the quality of our academic programs and clinical service, however, our greatest service challenge is the college's aging physical plant and outdated equipment. Since 1994, the college's dean's office has funded \$4,242,009 in renovations and clinic or

audiovisual equipment. Departments have funded an additional \$772,368 for a total of \$5,014,377. The university recently allocated \$700,000 to support the renovation of the college's D3-3 classroom and the Craniofacial Center. We estimate that it would cost \$4.5 million to complete the renovation of the Dental Sciences Building's clinical facilities. Of immediate need is \$600,000 to complete the equipment replacement in our student teaching clinics.

By January 1, the college will have renovated and equipped more than 90 operatories in four clinics at the Gainesville location. Another 92 operatories are scheduled to be renovated and re-equipped over the next few years, at a cost of roughly \$1.5 million. The college also plans to invest in digital radiography in the next three to five years, at a total cost for Gainesville and remote clinic sites estimated at \$350,000. Digital radiography will substantially reduce the radiographic exposure to patients, and will also allow for the quick and easy sharing of radiographic data and images via computer and the Internet.

Robert Bates, D.D.S., M.S.

Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and Operations

Quick Recovery Chairside Computerized Patient Charting and Billing System



Dr. Glenn Turner enters patient charting information into his chairside Quick Recovery station. (Photo - Sam Brill)

In mid-June 2003, the college purchased and installed the Quick Recovery computerized clinic management system from General Systems Design. Quick Recovery is a software package designed specifically for dental schools, and it is in use at 18 other U.S. dental schools. In addition to the software package, more than 300 computers were purchased and installed in the Gainesville and remote-site clinic operatories.

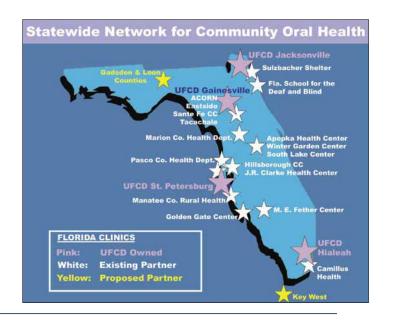
This new management system is the first step toward an "electronic patient chart." All active patient treatment plans and student schedules are in the system, and more modules will soon be added to facilitate electronic tooth and perio charting; medical and physical histories; competency and grade forms; sterilization tracking; and digital radiography. Also, in addition to accessing the Quick Recovery system, the clinic computers will soon be used for student and patient teaching aids (such as educational video tapes).

Quick Recovery computer system is a major investment in the future of the college's clinical management, and it will be continuously expanded to meet the goal of the complete "electronic patient chart."

Patient Care and Clinical Services

The UFCD Statewide Network for Community Oral Health was created in 1997 to accomplish three main goals: 1. To provide community-based learning experiences to pre-doctoral (D.M.D.) and post-doctoral students; 2. Provide oral health services to low-income residents who have poor access to dental care; 3. Encourage the practice of dentistry in underserved communities

The college owns clinics in Jacksonville, St. Petersburg and Hialeah and partners with 15 public and private not-for-profit organizations throughout the state. Dental students and residents provide care at clinic locations under the supervision of full-time paid and courtesy faculty. Newest additions to the network include the Hillsborough Community College Dental Clinic on HCC's Dale Mabry campus, and a new St. Petersburg Clinic — now in the planning stages — on the campus of St. Petersburg College in Pinellas County.





A student in the Foreign Trained Dentist Program prepares to apply a fluoride prophy to a young patient during the Give Kids a Smile event at the Hialeah Dental Clinic. (Photo - Courtesy of Hialeah Dental Clinic)

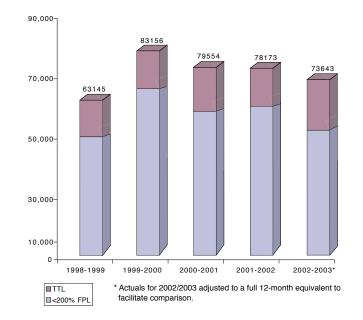
Community Service and Educational Outreach

Dedication to serving others is a value we are especially proud to report as one frequently demonstrated by UFCD faculty and students. This service ethic can be seen in the efforts of our students and faculty during national events such as Give Kids a Smile, in the operatories of mobile dental vans parked in remote locations scattered across the state, or during foreign mission trips to far away lands such as Southern Russia, the Ukraine, Ecuador, Mexico and the Dominican Republic.

Total Patient Visits to UFCD-Owned Clinics

One of the underpinning principles of the college's service mission is to provide low-cost dental care to Florida's underserved residents. This treatment is delivered by dental students, residents, courtesy faculty and faculty through college-owned clinics and partner clinics in the Statewide Network for Community Oral Health. Although any patient in need will be treated in the clinics, the emphasis is placed on providing treatment to patients at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.

The college's community-based initiatives are funded through a variety of mechanisms including contracts, grants, clinical fees, donations, and support from the UF AHEC. In addition, the college received approximately \$800,000 from the Florida Department of Health (DOH) fiscal year 2002-2003. Although DOH requested a \$1.3 million appropriation for the Statewide Network for Community Oral Health, only \$785,000 was appropriated due to shortfalls in the state budget.





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Office of the Dean

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As the holidays approach, I would like to take this time to thank all of the College of Dentistry Alumni and Friend for your tremendous support of me and the college during the past year and a half. We are enjoying the spirit of success and we are excited about challenges in the future! success and we are excited about challenges in the future!

Challenge #1 – Building our General Dentistry Endowment Fund

Our first endowment fund solicitation in December 2002, coupled with the Charter Class lead gift of \$103,000, has of the first of five \$50,000 matches bringing the total to generated \$375,000 in gifts and pledges. We have applied for the first of five \$50,000 matches bringing the total to generated \$375,000 in gifts and pledges. Our first endowment fund solicitation in December 2002, coupled with the Charter Class lead gift of \$103,000, has generated \$375,000 in gifts and pledges. We have applied for the first of five \$50,000 in gifts and pledges. We have applied for the first of the first Challenge #1 - Building our General Dentistry Endowment Fund date to \$425,000. **My goal: Keach our tirst MILLION by December 31, 2004!** To date, almost all of our donations are restricted for specific purposes. The endowment fund was established to provide annual endounce and an example. My an example of the dean and reported to you in our annual report. As an example of the dean and reported to you in our annual report. donations are restricted for specific purposes. The endowment fund was established to provide annual unrestricted income to be disbursed by the dean and reported to you in our annual report. As an example, many areas in our soldere have not been refurbished or redecorated since the college opened. State funding continues to be income to be disbursed by the dean and reported to you in our annual report. As an example, many areas to be college have not been refurbished or redecorated since the college opened. State funding continues to the college have not been refurbished or redecorated since the college opened. Therefore we must look for growth of our endowment fund to help meet the needs of the upperdictable. Therefore we must look for growth of our endowment fund to help meet the needs of the upperdictable. college have not been refurbished or redecorated since the college opened. State funding continues to be unpredictable. Therefore, we must look for growth of our endowment fund to help meet the needs of the for a night orday in pernetuity. I challenge each of you to make a commitment for an outright of the production unpredictable. Therefore, we must look for growth of our endowment fund to help meet the needs of the college today in perpetuity. I challenge each of you to make a commitment for an outright gift or a pledge in your estate planning?

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Challenge #2 – Building memberships in the Academy of Alumni and Friends

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December 31, 2004 fiscal year!

My best wishes to you and your family for a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season and New Year! Your past generosity and support are greatly appreciated and I look forward to another year of leading the college as your My best wishes to you and your family for a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season and New Year! Your past generosity and support are greatly appreciated and I look forward to another year of leading the college as your deap-December 31, 2004 fiscal year!

Best regards,

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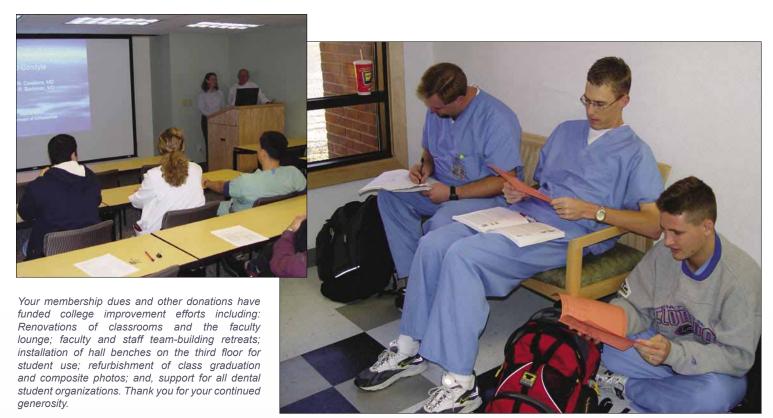
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Dr. Paul Benjamin (L) receives his Alumnus of the Year award from Dr. Esteban Mulkay, 2002-2003 president of the Academy of Alumni and Friends. The presentation took place during the November 7 Dental Fall Weekend activities. (Photo - Lindy Brounley)

Paul Benjamin, D.M.D.

Charter Class of 1976

The University of Florida College of Dentistry has always had a good friend in Dr. Paul Benjamin. His kindness, perennial good humor and dedication to the college and its students are just a few of his many endearing traits.

Benjamin's special brand of humor brings levity to even the stuffiest of occasions, yet his message is always relevant and meaningful. Who will forget his address to student's during White Coat ceremonies this year? With the help of a blaring P.A. system, he explored the idea of a dentistry theme song — playing several possibilities for his audience, including scores from the old television show, Ponderosa, and the movies Star Wars and Psycho before settling on the score from the ADA's 100th Anniversary. His presentation left everyone laughing and the students feeling inspired by the dignity and responsibility of their chosen profession.

"Paul Benjamin has a way of leaving the people he meets feeling good," said Cathy Jenkins, UFCD director of development. "For nearly three decades, Dr. Benjamin has been an involved and caring class leader, dental activist and college friend. We are proud to recognize him in this way."

Congratulations, Dr. Paul Benjamin, 2003 Alumnus of the Year!

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