

Fast Forward

a college update from A. Isabel Garcia, D.D.S., M.P.H.
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To: UF College of Dentistry,

As we enter the final weeks of December there are many developments taking place across the college that I want to bring to your attention.

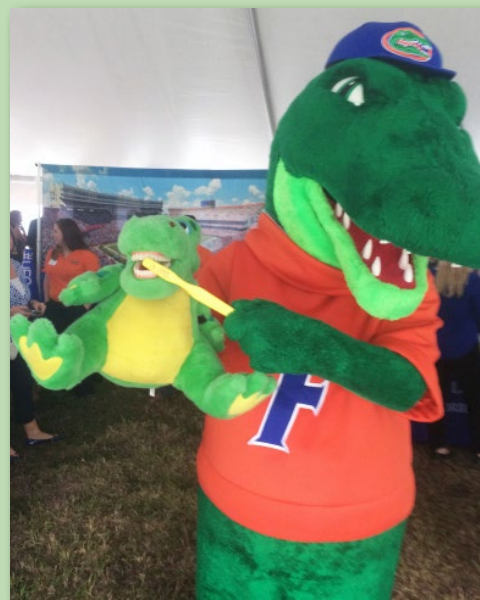
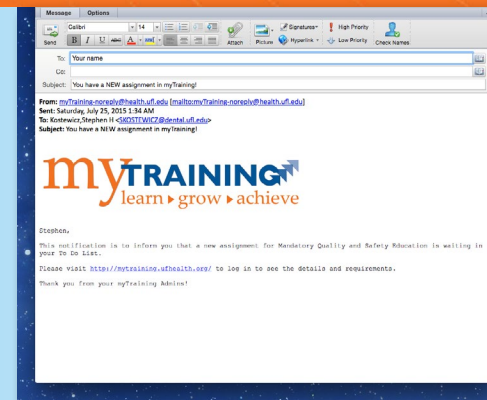
In support of our clinical enterprise, our very hard working Information Technology group is preparing to upgrade our axiUm software over the December break so that when we return to regular clinic operations on January 4, we will be using the most-current version. If you are a UFCD axiUm user, you have already received an email from Stephen Kostewicz with details about the upgrade. Please pay close attention to his email as it details that **axiUm users will need to complete online training between now and January 3 at 6 p.m.** Note that failure to complete this short training will result in revoked access to the system.

Within the next few days, emails will be sent from "myTraining-noreply@health.ufl.edu" to those of you who use axiUm, indicating which module(s) you need to complete and providing a link to the training site. The email may look a little like spam, so I've included a screenshot so you can easily recognize it.

Last week, axiUm consultants visited the college to meet with several groups involved in the software upgrade. The consultants helped improve business processes that will be further supported by the upgrade. Following the axiUm upgrade, the business office will automate the collection process to enhance collection efforts and reduce accounts receivable.

In addition, the axiUm treatment planning module has been rewritten and improved. Clinics are encouraged to explore the operatory monitoring capacity of axiUm to benefit such things as patient flow and procedure check-off for students. The upgrade also creates a foundation needed so our college is prepared to add further axiUm software improvements expected in 2016.

axiUm users will receive training notifications and reminders from myTraining. The trainings must be completed by January 3 or system access will be revoked.



Dr. Fuchs and other UF leaders visited the UF Showcase event at the Reitz Union on December 3 and 4, part of the celebration of Dr. Fuch's inauguration.

Albert also stopped by and took a moment to teach his little buddy how to maintain a healthy Gator chomp.

December has also been a busy month for the university. Dr. Kent Fuchs was installed as president on December 4 following an entire week of events and celebrations surrounding his investiture. It was very gratifying and rewarding for me to attend this unique event – as Dr. Fuchs is only the 12th president since the establishment of UF in 1904. The first president, Andrew Sledd, served five years

and oversaw UF's move from its original site in Lake City to Gainesville. If you would like to learn more about former UF presidents, you can find [their stories here](#). You can also view a [video of the ceremony](#) and see photos and videos from [various inauguration events here](#).

I was pleased to see a large turnout for the college's Annual Holiday Tea in the dean's office on December 8. Immediately after the tea, we honored members of our staff who reached five-year service anniversary milestones with the university, spanning from five to 30 years. As I mentioned during the ceremony, those being honored together represented 485 years of service with UF – an impressive number that speaks highly of the level of dedication of our staff, and underscores that UF is a great institution that respects and supports sustained service.

I hope that whether you have special plans, or travel, or simply plan to relax during the coming break you will have a joyful and peaceful holiday season. My family and I will enjoy our first holiday season in Gainesville and look forward to the probability that we could be wearing sandals and shorts instead of scarves and sweaters!

Kind regards,

Dean Isabel Garcia



Annual Holiday Tea



Congratulations

to these staff members who reached five-year service anniversaries with the University of Florida this year.



30 Years

Jacob Burks
Marta Miller
Sharon Pelfrey

25 Years

Beverly Davies
Jodi Geiger
Tracy Laird
Charles Lesch

20 Years

Brenda Brown
Terry Jax
Theresa Pendray
Rachel Pisano
Jean Sweitzer
Susan Tuten

15 Years

Tanya Gill
Lucinda Gismondi
Gregg Pelfrey

10 Years

Diana Mycoff
Rebekah Bush
Richelle Janiec
Deborah McEdward
Amy O'Neal
Bozena Shiralipour
Tina Stephens
Carrie Thurman
Denise Webb

Five Years

Tanisha Gillins
Thomas LaFleur
Cynthia Lawson
Johnna Lechler
Christina Perez
Cortney Smith
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