



University of Florida College of Dentistry

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Professor & Dean

To: UF College of Dentistry,

Dr. Parker E. Mahan

On August 1, we lost another cherished member of the college's family – professor emeritus Dr. Parker E. Mahan. Dr. Mahan was highly respected and loved by many in our college and our profession. In 1971, he became the first chair of the college's Basic Dental Sciences Department and in the intervening years left his mark on our students, faculty and staff, and helped establish the college's reputation as one of the best dental schools in the country.



Below are some of the things that people have shared about Dr. Mahan.

I have been very affected by Dr. Mahan's passing as we all are. Even as a relatively new faculty, I was very impacted by Dr. Mahan. Certainly he had a great (vast might be a better word) breadth of knowledge. But his compassion and humility affected me to a greater depth. I was present during a lecture where (foolishly) a visiting dentist challenged Dr. Mahan with a question. I winced and wondered how Dr. Mahan might respond. He was such a gentleman and responded kindly and gave a thorough answer that benefitted the whole group (including myself). I will certainly miss him.

--Christopher Spencer, D.D.S.

Parker was my chairman, mentor, colleague and friend for many years. By my professional discipline, speech-language pathology, I didn't really fit the mould of a dental scientist. However, Parker was always as interested in the research and clinical teaching that I was involved in as much as I observed his interest to be in all topics of scientific/academic matters. He provided a strong supportive role in academic freedom and one's particular discipline never was part of the equation he used in judging scientific merit. Parker never gave anyone in our department the feeling that they were working "for" him, rather by personality he provided an environment in which you clearly understood that you were working "with" him. Some of the best years of my professional career were during his tenure as chairman.

--Bill Williams, Ph.D.

Parker Mahan was the cornerstone of my understanding of occlusion and was a giant in the field of dentistry. I value the contribution that he made to my life and career.

--Laurence Grayhills, Class of 1984, D.M.D.

Our impressive students

The college's chapter of the Student National Dental Association (SNDA) is making a name for itself at the national level. They were recognized as "Chapter of the Year" at their annual convention in Honolulu and also took first place in the Scrapbook Competition with a Gator-themed scrapbook. O. Osundolu Atanda, Class of 2011, who represented the chapter at the convention, was elected to the SNDA Executive Board for the 2010-2011 year and will serve as the National Recording Secretary.



Impressions Program



The SNDA organized the Third Annual Impressions Program on July 23 that welcomed 35 participants from under-represented minority groups in Florida who might be interested in pursuing dentistry after undergraduate studies.

The program helps students understand more about dental school, and career opportunities in dentistry. During the Impressions Program I was impressed by the energy level and enthusiasm of everyone in attendance. One of our college alums, Alubbi Aina, D.M.D., volunteered her time to share her dental school and professional experiences with the students.

I want to thank the SNDA for coordinating this important program and also the faculty, staff and other students who collaborated on this important outreach project.

For more photos of the program, visit the college's Facebook page (UF College of Dentistry) and click on photos.



A new address for the dental tower



For 30 years, this 12-story building has been comfortably situated at 1600 SW Archer Road and recently we learned that UF moved our building to 1395 Center Drive, without dislodging a file drawer or breaking a test tube.

There are buildings all over the UF campus that are inappropriately addressed and our building is one of them. The primary concern relates to emergency responders and their ability to find the right building quickly. That part of the project, making sure that rescue workers are dispatched properly, has been completed and they're now working on the finer points of mail delivery. Once the details are complete, UF will roll out a communications package to notify everyone of the changes and how to address mail properly. For now, don't change anything.

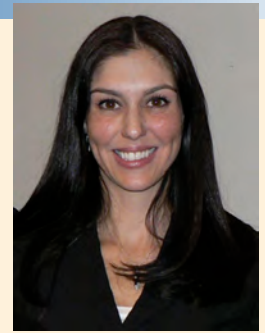
If you have a Florida license or a teaching permit, and you use the dental tower as the recorded address, the address registered with the state must change to the new one. We will coordinate changing the address of record for everyone centrally by the dean's office HR staff, rather than having each of you do it individually. So we'll take care of that change for you!



Welcoming eight new faculty

Department of Endodontics

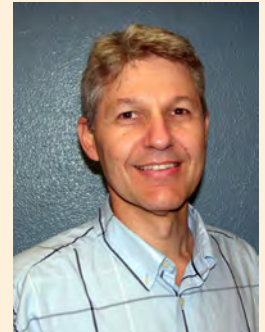
Kathleen Neiva, D.D.S., Ph.D., joined the Department of Endodontics on July 1 as a post-doctoral fellow and adjunct clinical assistant professor. She earned her D.D.S. in 1997 from Vale do Itajai University School of Dentistry in Itajai, Brazil, and her Ph.D. in oral health sciences from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in Ann Arbor. Neiva spent four years working in general dentistry in Brazil before moving to Michigan where she was an adjunct clinical lecturer in the Department of Cariology, Restorative Sciences and Endodontics until 2009, teaching DMD students in a clinical and classroom setting.



K. Neiva

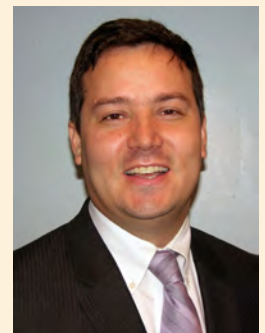
Department of Operative Dentistry

On August 17, **Saulo Geraldeli**, D.D.S., Ph.D., M.S., joined the Department of Operative Dentistry as a clinical assistant professor. Previously he was an assistant professor at the University of Iowa in Iowa City where he received the Junior Faculty Award in 2009. His primary research interests are in clinical behavior of dental biomaterials, dentin permeability, mechanical and morphological evaluation of dental biomaterials interfaces, and Cystein Proteases and Cytokines. He is an experienced mentor, lecturer and author.



Geraldeli

Luis Sensi, D.D.S, Ph.D., M.S., joined the college on August 24 as a clinical assistant professor, coming from the University of Maryland Dental School where he'd been since 2006 in the Department of Endodontics, Prosthodontics and Operative Dentistry. Sensi earned his D.D.S. from the Pontifical Catholic University of Parana in Curitiba, Brazil, in 1999, his master's (2003) and Ph.D. (2006) in operative dentistry from Federal University of Santa Catarina in Florianopolis, Brazil. He worked for six years in private practice in Brazil and for four years in the University of Maryland School of Dentistry's faculty practice.



Sensi

Department of Oral Biology

Jeffrey Mans, Ph.D., started as a research assistant professor in Oral Biology on August 8 and has been with the college since 2007 as a postdoctoral associate in the department. In 2001 he earned his bachelor's degree from the University of North Florida, Jacksonville, in biology and his Ph.D. at UF in 2007. His primary research focus is investigating host-microbe interactions that are likely to occur in the oral cavity and hopes to identify cause-and-effect crosstalk between host and microbe that follows a temporal progression.



Mans

Department of Orthodontics

Jian Zuo, M.D., M.S., rejoined the college as a research assistant professor on August 1 in the Department of Orthodontics, having been here in that capacity from 2006 to 2009. She received her M.D. in 1982 and her M.S. in Pathology from the Fujian Medical University, China. She has been with the University of Florida since 1997 working with the College of Medicine as a research assistant professor and with our college.

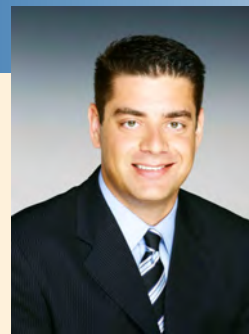


Zuo

Welcoming eight new faculty, cont.

Department of Periodontology

Rodrigo Neiva, D.D.S., M.S., was with the University of Michigan Department of Periodontics and Oral Medicine before joining our Department of Periodontics on July 1 as the graduate program director and clinical associate professor. An accomplished lecturer, author and researcher, Neiva earned his D.D.S. degree in 1997 from Vale do Itajai University, in Itajai, Brazil, and his M.S. in periodontics from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 2004.



R. Nieva

Peter Harrison, D.D.S., B.D.S., joined the college on July 1 as a visiting clinical assistant professor in the Department of Periodontology. He earned his Bachelor of Dental Science Degree and his D.D.S. from Trinity College's Dublin Dental School and Hospital in Dublin, Ireland.



Harrison

Department of Prosthodontics

Monica Fernandez, D.D.S., M.S., served as adjunct faculty at the Indiana University School of Dentistry in Indianapolis (IUSD) prior to coming to the college on July 6 as a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Prosthodontics. She earned her bachelor's degree in 1987 from Minas in Lavalleja, Uruguay; her D.D.S. in 1998 from Facultad de Odontologia de la Republica Oriental del Uruguay in Montevideo, Uruguay; and her certificate of post graduate in prosthodontics from IUSD.



Fernandez

Access to care in Gainesville expands



The college is collaborating with Rural Health Care, Inc., (d/b/a Eastside Family Dental Center) a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), who is now operating the space formerly occupied by Pediatric Dentistry at the Eastside Dental Clinic.

Our collective goal is to improve access to care for the underserved in the community. The clinic will see both pediatric and adult patients, including Medicaid patient, and is one of several in a group of clinics operated by a nonprofit organization based in Palatka.

Payroll deduction for UF faculty and staff

I want to thank everyone who played a role in developing and implementing our new payroll deduction program for UF faculty and staff. This program is a great step toward improving affordability of care for UF employees; I have already heard stories about new patients who had postponed necessary dental care that are now able to have their oral health issues addressed. To date we've had about 20 patients enroll in the program. This program will allow us to better serve our extended "Gator family" from within the UF community.

Clinics are implementing the program in different ways, depending on the system in their clinic and the upfront costs associated with becoming a patient. We will share some best practices and a Q&A list as we move forward with this process. If you have questions or would like to share some stories, please contact Jim Wold in the Business Office, at jwold@dental.ufl.edu.

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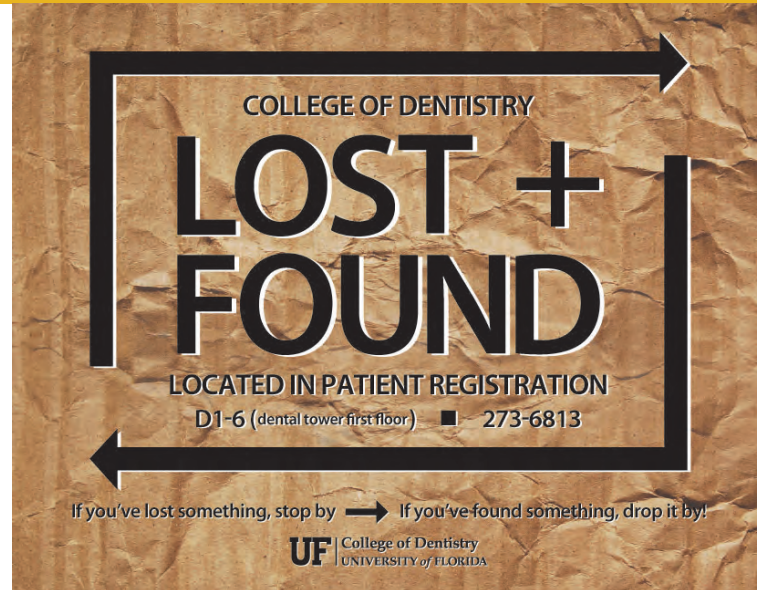
The clock is ticking ever closer to our AxiUm implementation date so a countdown clock has been added to our AxiUm page on the intranet. My alter ego, Captain Dolan of the U.S.S. Denterprise, will soon issue a new Captain's Log with details about an upcoming contest, designed to encourage all of us to sign on to the testing software and navigate through some of the functions.

Everyone who signs on and tests functions during the contest is entered to win some cool (iPod shuffles) and fun (Star Trek gear and toys) prizes. The goal is to learn how things work and make suggestions prior to implementation so we can ensure the software is configured ideally to support our college clinical operations. The more you test the software, the more chances you'll have to win.

Lost & Found

We've established a lost and found for the dental tower. If you find items or lose something, please check with the Patient Registration/Chart Room area in D1-6. We hope this will eliminate most of the DN-Everyone emails about lost or found items. We'll also be creating a group email list that will go to a limited number of people in different offices that can be used when you have items, like chair or binders, that are no longer needed in your area but still have some life left to them. The recycling impulse is great, but it will be nice to reduce our email traffic by limiting the the uses of DN-Everyone.

With any topic, please consider carefully before you send any message to that full list – is it really necessary to send to everyone? Is it an appropriate use of university email? And please remember it is not acceptable use to search for or sell football/event tickets via our email system.



Orange & Blue

On the Fridays before UF football games, I invite everyone to show their school spirit by wearing orange and blue (professionally and appropriately, of course). This is a busy and enjoyable time of the year for us and by donning our Gator colors we let everyone know that we're proud to be a part of the Gator Nation.



UF Campaign for Charities

The 2010 UF Campaign for Charities (formerly known as the UF Community Campaign) runs from October 4 through 22 and provides a convenient way for the faculty and staff to support many worthwhile agencies in the community that provide a wide variety of valuable services like child care, recreational opportunities for children and adults, counseling and legal assistance, disease prevention and medical assistance. For a complete listing of services, a pledge card and other resources, please visit: www.ufcc.ufl.edu/default.asp

Each year our college also organizes a campaign fundraiser. Our used media sale was so well-received and successful last year, it even spawned some copycats – which is the highest form of praise!

The college's **2010 UF Campaign for Charities Gator**

Bookworms Book and Media Sale is scheduled for Wednesday, October 6 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in our lobby on the first floor. You can help two ways, by donating gently used books and movies for the sale in care of Michelle Watson (D9-6 or 273-5830) or by stopping by the day of the sale. All items are \$1 and all money goes directly to the campaign.



Save these dates

*Exploring new virulence factors of the oral spirochete *Treponema denticola**

Thursday, September 2 at Noon in CI-7

Dr. Chunhao (Chris) Li, Ph.D.

Department of Oral Biology - School of Dental Medicine

Department of Microbiology and Immunology - School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

State University of New York at Buffalo

UF Benefits Fair

Friday, October 1

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the UF Touchdown Terrace

2010 UF Campaign for Charities Gator Bookworms Book and Media Sale

Wednesday, October 6 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

West Entrance Lobby, Dental Tower

ADA Meeting

October 9 – 13 in Orlando

Dental Fall Weekend & UF Homecoming

October 15 & 16

2010 Mighty Molar Picnic

Saturday, October 23 (tentative)

