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*The path forward*



FROM THE DEAN

Dear Alumni & Friends,

I am pleased to share with you some of our recent accomplishments in this issue of Gator Dentist Today. As you read the pages ahead, I hope you will agree that the future looks very bright, indeed, for our University of Florida College of Dentistry.

It has been over a year since I retired from the National Institutes of Health, and my family and I moved to Florida. One of the best parts of this transition has been learning more about this very impressive university and equally remarkable dental school, and I have realized that the strengths I saw that enticed me to become a Gator and a Gator Dentist, are even greater than what I perceived when I was invited to become dean.

When I joined the school, we were in the midst of preparing for a comprehensive Commission on Dental Accreditation site visit that included our predoctoral program and all but one of our advanced and graduate education programs. It was a challenging way to start! At the same time, the challenge provided a wonderful opportunity for an intense and complete immersion into the college, its programs and its people—faculty, staff, residents, students, alumni and friends—that make this such a wonderful school. At the end of the process, we emerged as a winning team. The strengths that we saw in ourselves as an institution and our education, research and patient care programs were recognized and validated by our site visitors.

As the University of Florida strives to be known as a preeminent university on a national level, the university launched a strategic development plan that focuses on the long-term future growth of the university and the Gainesville community in relation to housing, transportation, infrastructure, economic growth and development. Our college has contributed to a growing list of “top 10” programs that are part of UF’s education, research and public service missions and what is clear to me is that this university already is preeminent, as is this College of Dentistry.

We celebrated the 41st annual commencement of the college on May 20 and are quickly approaching a half-century of serving Florida’s oral health needs. Many of our alumni and friends have been with us since the beginning and helped lay the groundwork for a dental school to serve this state. I hope all of you who have passed through our doors as faculty, students, continuing education participants and volunteers are very proud of the part you played in making this one of the best dental schools in the United States and that you look forward, as I do, to what lies ahead. Go Gators!

Warm regards,

A. Isabel Garcia, D.D.S., M.P.H.  
Dean



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A NEW  
SIGN!

A new sign installed on the west side of the dental tower in June is 11 feet high and 78 feet long — making it hard to miss, and of course that’s the point. The sign is part of an overall strategy to increase the visibility of the college and raise awareness of the oral health services the college provides as part of its education and patient care missions.

D.M.D. CLASS OF 2018 PROFESSIONAL COATING CEREMONY



On Friday, June 24, the predoctoral class of 2018 donned crisp white coats during the UF College of Dentistry 17th Annual Professional Coating Ceremony at UF’s Curtis M. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts in Gainesville. Presiding was Dean Isabel Garcia, D.D.S., M.P.H.; and speakers included FDA President William D’Aiuto Jr., D.D.S.; Academy of Alumni & Friends President Craig Oldham, D.M.D.; President of the Class of 2018 William Baldock; and Casey Cameron, a member of the class of 2018.



# FIGHTING CAVITIES COULD ONE DAY BE AS EASY AS TAKING A PILL

By Morgan Sherburne

While developing an effective oral probiotic will require more research, a possible candidate organism has been identified: a previously unidentified strain of *Streptococcus*, currently called A12. Robert Burne, Ph.D., associate dean for research and chair of the department of oral biology, and Marcelle Nascimento, D.D.S., Ph.D., an associate professor in the department of restorative dental sciences, published the findings in late January in the journal of Applied and Environmental Microbiology.

To maintain a healthy mouth, the oral environment must have a relatively neutral chemical makeup, or a neutral pH. When the environment in the mouth becomes more acidic, dental cavities or other disorders can develop, according to Burne.

"At that point, bacteria on the teeth make acid, and acid dissolves the teeth," Burne said. "It's straightforward chemistry. We got interested in what activities keep the pH elevated."

**The researchers say the findings could lead to the development of a supplement that patients could take orally to prevent cavities.**

Previous research by Burne, Nascimento and others found two main compounds that are broken down into ammonia, which helps neutralize acid in the mouth. These compounds are urea, which everyone secretes in the mouth, and arginine, an amino acid. Burne and Nascimento had also previously found that both adults and children with few or no cavities were better at breaking down arginine than people with cavities. Researchers knew bacteria were responsible for breaking down these compounds but needed to investigate which bacteria do this best and how this inhibits cavities. Part of the answer is A12.

"Like a probiotic approach to the gut to promote health, what if a probiotic formulation could be developed from natural beneficial bacteria from humans who had a very high capacity to break down arginine?" Burne said. "You would implant

this probiotic in a healthy child or adult who might be at risk for developing cavities. However many times you have to do that — once in a lifetime or once a week, the idea is that you could prevent a decline in oral health by populating the patient with natural beneficial organisms."

A12 has a potent ability to battle a particularly harmful kind of streptococcal bacteria called *Streptococcus mutans*, which metabolizes sugar into lactic acid, contributing to acidic conditions in the mouth that form cavities. The UF researchers found that A12 not only helps neutralize acid by metabolizing arginine in the mouth, it also often kills *Streptococcus mutans*.

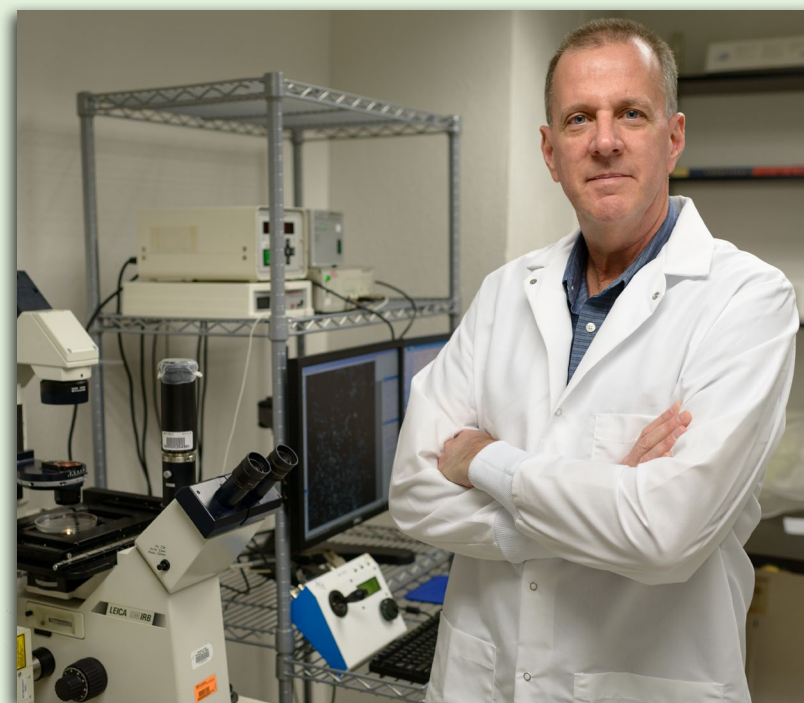
"Also, if A12 doesn't kill *Streptococcus mutans*, A12 interferes with *Streptococcus mutans*' ability to carry out its normal processes that it needs to cause disease," Burne said. "If you grow them together, *Streptococcus mutans* does not grow very well or make biofilms, also known as dental plaque, properly."

Nascimento, a clinician, collected plaque samples for the study. Dental plaque is a mass of bacteria that grows on the surface of teeth and can contribute to the formation of cavities. She isolated more than 2,000 bacteria that the researchers then screened to find bacteria that fit the bill.

"We then characterized 54 bacteria that metabolized arginine," Nascimento said. "Out of these, A12 stood out for having all of the properties we were looking for in a bacteria strain that could prevent cavities in a probiotic application."

The researchers sequenced the entire genome of A12 and plan to turn this discovery into a tool to screen for people who are at a higher risk for developing cavities, in combination with other factors such as a patient's diet and his or her oral hygiene habits.

"We may be able to use this as a risk assessment tool," Nascimento said. "If we get to the point where we can confirm that people who have more of this healthy type of bacteria in the mouth are at lower risk of cavities, compared to those who don't carry the beneficial bacteria and may be at high risk, this could be one of the factors that you measure for cavities risk."



Robert Burne, Ph.D., associate dean for research and chair of the UF College of Dentistry's department of oral biology.

Next, the researchers hope to find more instances of A12 in a larger sample of people and to test how prevalent bacteria with similar properties are in the human mouth. Burne and his research team of Nascimento, David Culp, Ph.D., in the department of oral biology, and Vincent Richards, Ph.D., an assistant professor at Clemson University, received a five-year, \$3 million grant from the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.

The grant, under award R01DE025832, will allow researchers to study the genomics and ecology of A12 and related bacteria in the oral cavity and examine the mechanisms used by beneficial bacteria to promote oral health.

## D.M.D./Ph.D. student selected for AADR Gert Quigley Fellowship



*"Advocating the importance of continuous funding for dental research is very important."*

KyuLim Lee

The American Association for Dental Research, or AADR, selected KyuLim Lee as the 2016-17 Gert Quigley Fellow. Lee is enrolled in the UF D.M.D./Ph.D. program and is president of the AADR Florida Chapter Student Research Group.

She was selected to compete at the 2014 AADR Meeting, Johnson & Johnson Hatton Competition where she was awarded first place. She also competed in the IADR Unilever Hatton Competition, in Cape Town, South Africa, and received second place.

"This is a wonderful achievement, both for KyuLim Lee and for our college, said A. Isabel Garcia, D.M.D., M.P.H., dean. "I believe this is the first time a UF dental student has been selected for this prestigious fellowship and we could not be more proud."

"My research experience has taught me an important aspect of research: A cure for a disease is not discovered overnight," Lee said. "The discoveries result from years of incremental research. Being actively involved in both dental research and organized dentistry, I realize participating in the process of how research gets funded is critical. Research is the future of dentistry and advocating the importance of continuous funding for dental research is very important."

The fellowship includes six weeks at the AADR headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia, and a year-long appointment to the AADR Government Affairs Committee. As a full-voting member of the committee, fellows assist with formulating association policy as it relates to the federal budget and other legislative and regulatory activities important to dental research.



# ADMISSIONS OUTREACH AMBASSADORS

The dental school's secret weapon

The UF College of Dentistry Office of Admissions has a secret weapon in the quest to attract the highest-quality applicants and students to become the next generation of Gator Dentists—the Admissions Outreach Ambassadors, or AOA. This group, started in 2012, is composed of 30 dental students who share information about the excellence of UF's dental education program and encourage the best and brightest future dentists to become Gator Dentists.

AOA members helped recruit prospective students and established nearly 5,000 connections with pre-dental students during the 2014-15 academic year by attending multiple outreach events including the college's Annual Pre-dental Fair, pre-dental forums, interview-day tours and recruiting events at UF and other Florida universities and colleges.

"The college would not be able to keep pace with other schools in attracting the best candidates without the assistance of these professional, passionate students who share their pride for UFCD," said Pamela Sandow, D.M.D., assistant dean for admissions and financial aid.

Sandow added that the AOA members demonstrate strong leadership skills and commitment to the college's mission and values, making them exceptional representatives to future dental students.

In May 2016, 12 of the AOA's original members graduated, but the mark they left on the college will persist after graduation in the work they did to help establish the AOA as well as helping shape the makeup of the D.M.D. classes who came after them. Graduating senior A.O.A. members were Nourhan Abdel-rahim, Melissa Dixon, Jacqueline Dorociak, Patrick Fitzgerald, Toni-Anne Gordon, Paul Martin, Suzanna McAninley, Alexis Meyers, Matthew Novak, Stephen Obeng, Yesha Patel and Jonathan Scott.

Jonathan Scott, president of the D.M.D. class of 2016 and co-chair of AOA, said his favorite part of being involved in AOA was seeing how excited applicants were to have a chance to become a Gator Dentist.

"I joined AOA because I remember how excited I was when I was interviewed and how influential the students were in my interview experience," said Suzanna McAninley, vice president of the class of 2016.

Kristen Dreyer, AOA co-chair and member of the D.M.D. class of 2018, enjoys reliving the excitement of her acceptance into UFCD by reaching out to accepted students and serving as a mentor in preparation for dental school. "I couldn't wait to call accepted students shortly after they received word of their acceptance into UFCD," she said.



By Rachel Donohue

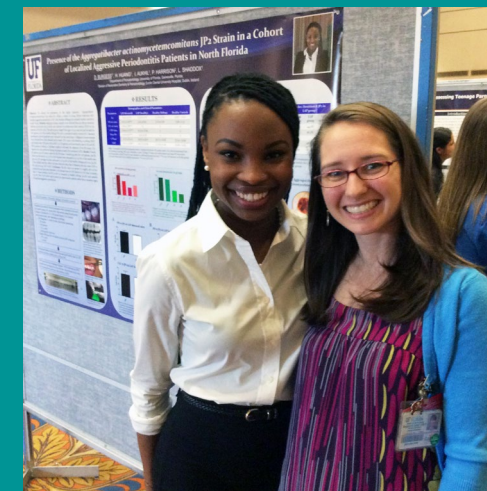
Every year, the UF College of Dentistry hosts Spring Synergy, a multiday event that includes research presentations, academic speakers and a vendor fair. The event allows dental students to connect with researchers, alumni and others in the dental profession. During the 2016 Spring Synergy, March 31 - April 1, more than 300 students attended along with faculty, staff and alumni.

The first two days of the event featured research speakers on a variety of topics including management of acute dental pain, and clinical studies on orofacial pain mechanisms. Friday included research poster presentations, a speech from keynote speaker Kenneth M. Hargreaves, D.D.S., Ph.D., and a vendor fair for dental students to interact with representatives from key companies in the industry.

"As incoming dental students, we want to know more about up and coming products," said Jenna Starkey, a current student and co-director for the ASDA vendor fair. "For the vendors, they get the opportunity to show us their products so that we remember them once we're practicing."

Ikramuddin Aukhil, B.D.S., M.S., a professor and chair of the department of periodontology, believes the event benefits more than just students.

"This event is a nice opportunity because professors are so busy throughout the year," he said. "This gives us time to view everybody's research while also interacting with the vendors that we are often working with."



*Congratulations to research competition winners. In addition to a cash prize, each received a special gold, Gator medallion.*

## Poster Presentation Winners

### Ph.D./Postdoc/Graduate

First place: Song Xue and Adrienne Williams (tie)  
Second place: Heran Getachew

### M.S./Resident Category

First place: Shawn Hanway  
Second place: Yehuda Benjamin and Jimmy Lapnawan Jr. (tie)

### D.M.D. Category

First place: Joshua Cline  
Second place: Eugene Rowell III and Luis Rodriguez (tie)

## Oral Presentation Winners

### Ph.D./Postdoc/Graduate

First place: Amani Harrandah  
Second place: Gavin Golas

### M.S./Resident Category

First place: Mark Mintline  
Second place: Molly Housley Smith and Christie Eastman (tie)

### D.M.D. Category

First place: Yandy Gonzalez Marrero

### 2016 ADA/DENTSPLY

#### Student Clinician Research Program Award

Yandy Gonzalez Marrero  
Yandy will travel to Denver, Colorado, to present at the International Association of Student Clinicians – American Dental Association annual meeting October 21-23, 2016.



*CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME to our newest alumni!*

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

## DMD Class of 2016



### Godet receives FDA leadership award

Yvette Godet, D.M.D., was the recipient of a 2016 Leadership Award from the Florida Dental Association. A member of the DMD class of 1997, Godet has a general dentistry practice in Gainesville and is very active in organized dentistry in Florida. She serves on the FDA Committee on Conventions and Continuing Education, the Alachua County Dental Association Board of Directors and the Santa Fe College Dental Program Board of Directors. She is also a member of the Santa Fe College Foundation Board of Directors and the Suwannee Valley Dental Study Club.

In 2009, Godet was named the Outstanding Alumna for the college in recognition of her community service, contributions to the dental profession and support of the college. She serves as a mentor for the UFCD Summer of Learning Program and volunteers for the We Care Network, ACORN Clinic, Give Kids a Smile and the Interfaith Hospitality Network. She and her husband, Eric, have two sons.



## FLORIDA DENTAL CONVENTION

GATOR DENTISTS WERE PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR DURING THE 2016 FLORIDA DENTAL CONVENTION IN ORLANDO



On Friday, June 17, alumni and friends of the college joined their colleagues and friends during a series of events including class reunions, the convention expo, Academy of Alumni & Friends meetings and the annual Gator Dentist Reception.

### Class Reunions



Members of the DMD class of 1986 celebrated their 30-year reunion.



It's been 15 years since the DMD class of 2001 became Gator Dentists, which is something to celebrate.



The DMD class of 2006 gathered to enjoy their 10-year reunion.



## ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

**Alex J. Delgado**, D.D.S., M.S., was appointed interim director of the operative dentistry division in the department of restorative dental sciences effective May 20. A clinical assistant professor, he came to UF after three years at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry in Chapel Hill, where he earned his certificate and master's in operative dentistry. He earned his dental degree in 2001 from Universidad Santa María, in Caracas. He teaches didactic, preclinical and clinical fundamentals in restorative dentistry, and also practices in the college's faculty practice and serves as the faculty advisor for the D.M.D. class of 2018.

**Deborah Dilbone**, D.M.D., became interim chair of the department of restorative dental sciences in May. Dilbone, a clinical associate professor, had served as the director of the department's operative division since January 2013. She earned her dental degree from UF in 1993 and became a visiting professor in the department of prosthodontics in 1994, a clinical instructor in the Internationally Educated Dentists Program, or IEDP, in 1997, and a clinical assistant professor in 2000. She has been on faculty in operative dentistry since 2008. Dilbone worked in private practice before joining the IEDP program in 1997. She teaches preclinical, clinical and didactic courses with dental students from their first through their fourth years. She is a member of local, state and national dental organizations and was inducted into Omicron Kappa Upsilon in 2014.

**Marcio Guelmann**, D.D.S., professor and chair of pediatric dentistry, was appointed interim associate dean for clinical affairs and quality beginning July 1. Guelmann replaced Carol Stewart, D.D.S., M.S., who stepped down on June 30. As associate dean Guelmann oversees all aspects of patient care and clinical operations within the college and he works closely with all academic departments to ensure that patient care is delivered in an effective, safe environment that promotes the highest-quality care for our patients and the highest-quality education for our predoctoral and graduate students. In addition, Guelmann is responsible for assuring that the college remains compliant with all federal and state regulations relating to health, safety, patient billing and patient privacy.

**W. Stephen Howard**, D.M.D., FAGD, a clinical associate professor in restorative dental sciences, was appointed the new director of the division of general dentistry effective April 22. He has been a team leader in the D.M.D. clinics since August 2012. He is responsible for providing overall leadership to the division and overseeing the aspects of the predoctoral curriculum that fall in the purview of the division and facilitate professional development opportunities for division faculty. Howard will also continue his role as director of digital dentistry, facilitating its growth in the D.M.D. clinics and pursuing training opportunities for digital dentistry for clinicians and staff. Howard joined the college in 2010, working part time as a visiting clinical assistant professor for the department of operative dentistry in the predoctoral clinics and in the preclinical area.

**Shannon Wallet**, Ph.D., an associate professor in oral biology, was appointed associate dean for faculty affairs for the College of Dentistry effective July 1. As associate dean Wallet has the responsibility of supporting college faculty through a variety of functions, including college-wide programs for career development, orientation, mentoring and recognition. She also oversees the college promotion and tenure process, assists in recruiting new faculty, provides guidance for faculty regarding university guidelines and processes, and represents UFCD at the university level in faculty development matters. Wallet also provides counsel to college leadership and individual faculty regarding governance matters.



Alex J. Delgado



Deborah Dilbone



Marcio Guelmann



W. Stephen Howard



Shannon Wallet

## PATIENT CARE

### UF Health Center for Implant Dentistry

## Quietly setting the standard

It has been 16 years since the UF Health Center for Implant Dentistry was established as the first of its kind in the world — an interdisciplinary center to coordinate research, educational programs, and diagnosis and treatment for patients who need dental implants. It was established with the help of Straumann AG, a Switzerland-based company that tested its first implant in 1974, and the International Team for Oral Implantology (ITI), a worldwide group of scientists and clinicians.

Tucked away in the Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Center on the first floor of the UF dental tower, the center hasn't moved since 1999 but it has kept pace with technological advances in the field and remains at the forefront of implant dentistry nationally and internationally. Over the past 10 years, center providers have completed 23,876 implant and related procedures, with 300 of those during the past year.

William Martin, D.M.D., M.S., FACP, is a clinical professor and the director of the center. Martin is internationally known as an expert in the field having helped create standards of care and risk protocols that are used in most dental schools today. He travels throughout the world lecturing, teaching and collaborating with dentists and other health care professionals.

Martin and Luiz Gonzaga, D.D.S., are the two major care providers in the center but, as a true interdisciplinary center, they work with a host of other surgeons and dentists from the departments of endodontics, oral surgery, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontology, and restorative dental sciences. The fact that all of these dental specialists are practicing in one location creates a very unique, valuable continuity of care for patients that isn't replicated anywhere else in the area.

"Patients tell us that they truly appreciate knowing that we work in such close collaboration with other providers who may be doing part of their treatment. So, during a patient's oral surgery, I will stop in and see how things are progressing and vice versa," Martin said.

While most patients treated at the center are from the southeastern United States, some travel much farther, including internationally, because of the unique



interdisciplinary setting and the reputation the center has earned for excellence.

When the center opened most patients needed implants placed, which represents a fairly simple procedure compared to the type of patient often treated today. Martin, who joined the center in 1999, says that during the past few years there's been a substantial increase in the number of patients who are suffering a variety of complications from previous implant treatments at other dental facilities.

"We see patients who need complete restorations and the treatment planning can be very complex and challenging, which is where 3-D technology can really play a huge role," Martin said.

Center providers integrated 3-D technology into their treatment planning and surgery, using 3-D printers to create surgical guides that are inserted into the patient's mouth while dental implants are placed. The guides help increase accuracy and decrease surgery time and healing time.

Predoctoral dental students, oral and maxillofacial surgical residents as well as residents from other UF health colleges benefit from having this world-class center located at UF. Since opening, the center has hosted 22 Fellows from all over the world. Martin and other center faculty also offer continuing dental education courses that are attended by dentists from the state, nation and internationally.

In addition, the center's research program remains vibrant. The newest research agreement highlights the ongoing relationship with Straumann USA, which funded a five-year study, "Immediate placement of the bone level tapered implant with early loading in single tooth gaps in the maxilla and mandible compared to delayed placement."

"As an academic institution, it is absolutely crucial that we remain on the forefront of oral health care and that includes technology. In order to teach our students and residents how to provide the care of the future, we have to be delivering that care in our dental centers. Our relationships with companies like Straumann make it possible to teach and deliver care, affordably, so that our graduates are prepared to deliver care to their patients," Martin said.





Bernadett Papp



Ana Ribeiro



Maria Silva



Zsolt Toth

## WELCOMING NEW FACULTY

**Bernadett Papp**, Ph.D., joined the college on June 1 as a research assistant professor in oral biology. Her area of expertise is in induced pluripotent stem cells. She will work closely with UFCD faculty to develop new externally funded projects in wound healing, diabetes and tissue regeneration.

Papp earned her master's from the University of Szeged in Szeged, Hungary, and completed her doctorate in Heidelberg, Germany, where she earned a joint degree from the University of Heidelberg and the European Molecular Biology Laboratory.

**Ana Ribeiro**, D.D.S., M.Sc., Ph.D., received her dental degree from the University of Brasilia, Brazil, in 2006. She earned her master's and Ph.D., and an oral rehabilitation certificate from São Paulo State University. She became a tenured professor in the University of Brasilia's department of dentistry in 2012 and joined the UF department of restorative dental sciences in August as a clinical assistant professor of operative dentistry.

Ribeiro is actively involved in dental materials research, caries management and minimally invasive dentistry. She has also published over 40 peer-reviewed journal articles and presented many continuing education courses.

**Maria M. Silva**, D.D.S., M.P.H., started as an adjunct clinical assistant professor in the department of restorative dental sciences operative division on July 1. She will be assisting in the predoctoral care clinics with operative and prosthodontic teaching.

Before joining the college, Silva was the director of The Hope Institute's Noll Dental Clinic in Springfield, Illinois, where she practiced as a general dentist. She earned her dental degree in 1998 from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Bogota, Colombia, where she also completed a periodontology fellowship. She earned her master's in public health from the University of Illinois School of Public Health in Chicago, and completed an advanced education in general dentistry program at Marquette University Dental School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 2012.

**Zsolt Toth**, Ph.D., joined the college on June 1 as an assistant professor in oral biology. Toth was hired as part of the UF Cancer Preeminence Initiative, and studies fundamental aspects of latency of herpesviruses and the role of Kaposi's sarcoma-associated herpesvirus, or KSHV, in the development of human cancers. He earned his master's from the University of Szeged in Szeged, Hungary, in 2002 and earned his doctorate from the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg in Erlangen, Germany, in 2006.

Toth was a postdoctoral fellow at the Salk Institute in La Jolla, California, from 2007 to 2008, and at the University of Southern California, or USC, in Los Angeles, from 2008 to 2013. In 2013, he was hired as an assistant professor at USC before joining the University of Florida.

Toth's groundbreaking research on the role of epigenetics in KSHV latency has received funding from the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, the American Cancer Society and other foundations. In addition, he has established an excellent publication record and is a skilled mentor and educator. When his expertise is combined with the extensive resources already at UF in the areas of virology and cancer, his knowledge base offers students excellent new opportunities to receive outstanding training and advance their careers.

## HONORS, AWARDS & APPOINTMENTS

**Indraneel Bhattacharyya**, D.D.S., has been appointed to serve as a Commission on Dental Accreditation site visitor for the pathology and radiology residency programs.

**Mauricio Castellanos**, D.D.S., was one of five U.S. university faculty who were selected to participate in the Dentsply Implants University Ambassador Program in Chicago in October 2015.

**Donald Cohen**, D.M.D., M.B.A., M.S., has been appointed to serve as a Commission on Dental Accreditation site visitor for the pathology and radiology residency programs.

**Alex Delgado**, D.D.S., is the recipient of the 2015 Judson C. Hickey Scientific Writing Award in the Research Article Category from the American Prosthodontics Society.

**Calogero Dolce**, D.D.S., Ph.D., a professor and chair of the department of orthodontics, was appointed a commission site visitor by the Commission on Dental Accreditation for the 2015-16 year. Dolce also was invited to become a board examiner by the American Board of Orthodontics, or A.B.O., a role he has served in the past for the A.B.O..

**Jaana Gold**, D.D.S., M.P.H., C.P.H., Ph.D., was recognized by the National Board of Public Health Examiners as Certified in Public Health.

**Nadim Islam**, D.D.S., B.D.S., has been appointed to serve as a Commission on Dental Accreditation site visitor for the pathology and radiology residency programs.

**Deeba Kashtwari**, B.D.S., a clinical assistant professor in the department of oral and maxillofacial diagnostic sciences earned Diplomate status of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology in 2015.

**Madhu Nair**, D.M.D., M.S., Lic. Odont., Ph.D., has been appointed to serve as a Commission on Dental Accreditation site visitor for the pathology and radiology residency programs.

**Rodrigo Neiva**, D.D.S., M.S., was appointed as a board examiner for the American Board of Periodontics and was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Dentists during their annual meeting.

**John Neubert**, D.M.D., Ph.D., an associate professor in the UF department of orthodontics, received an American Association of Orthodontics Foundation Award for Biomedical Research in recognition of his research, "Effects of genetics on the expectation and experience of orthodontic pain."

**Arthur Nimmo**, D.D.S., FACP, was appointed to the Commission on Dental Accreditation Review Committee on Prosthodontics Education for a three-year term. Nimmo also was honored by the State University of New York at Oneonta as an Alumni of Distinction.

**Edna Perez**, D.M.D., a clinical assistant professor in the department of pediatric dentistry, is one of the recipients of the Master Clinician Scholarship from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children.

**Roberta Pileggi**, D.D.S., M.S., was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Dentists during the November 2015 annual meeting. She also serves as a member of the American Association of Endodontists as the district III director, representing Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

**Ann Progulsk-Fox**, Ph.D., a distinguished professor in oral biology, was elected a Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She was also honored by the National Academy of Inventors when she was inducted as a 2015 Fellow on April 15 during their fifth annual conference at the United States Patent and Trademark Office in Washington, D.C. Progulsk-Fox was one of two new members from UF, joining nine UF members who were previously inducted.

**Wellington Rody**, Jr., D.D.S., M.S., became a member of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists in 2015 and received the 2015 B.F. Dewel Memorial Research Award for his research project, "Gene expression profile analysis of osteoclasts and odontoclasts."

**Pamela Sandow**, D.M.D., was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Dentists during their annual meeting in November 2015.

**Rodrigo Souza**, D.D.S., an assistant professor and program director for the Advanced Education in General Dentistry program in Hialeah, was appointed a site inspector for the Commission on Dental Accreditation beginning October 2015.

**Scott Tomar**, D.M.D., M.P.H., Dr.P.H., began a two-year term serving as chair of the Oral Health Section of the American Public Health Association.

**Bonita Wynkoop**, D.D.S., accepted an appointment as the new team leader for the predoctoral clinics in the division of general dentistry in the department of restorative dental sciences effective June 3.



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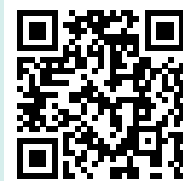
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