



FAST FORWARD
December 2017

A college update from **A. Isabel Garcia, D.D.S., M.P.H.**
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Dear faculty, students, residents and staff,

As we approach the end of 2017, we have reason to celebrate another great year for the UF College of Dentistry. And 2017 has been an action-packed year!

We are poised to release a new college Strategic Plan in early 2018. The new plan will shape and guide our strategic priorities and key areas of opportunity through 2022. Thanks to the considerable effort of more than 60 UFCD faculty and staff participating in four strategic plan working groups, and to several hundred faculty, students, residents, staff, alumni and friends who provided input during the process.

This year we welcomed 25 new faculty and 52 TEAMS staff, added a Master of Science in Operative and Esthetic Dentistry, received countless awards from UF as well as state and national organizations for our faculty, students and residents, and, all the while, continued to provide excellent oral health care, predoctoral and advanced dental education. On the research front, UFCD was ranked #7 in NIH funding by the Blue Ridge Institute (FY'16) among U.S. dental institutions, keeping the school solidly among the top 10 dental schools in the country receiving funding from the NIDCR.

Another notable highlight was this year's Dental Fall Weekend, with more than 280 people registered for events that included DMD class reunions, a CE course, a spirited tailgate and the football game. We are working to increase our overall alumni engagement programs and activities and this was a wonderful move in the right direction.

The high turnout for reunions can be attributed to a strong effort from our development team and

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**DMD Class of 2021
Code of Conduct**



Clinical Associates Reveal

the class leaders for the reunion classes including Dr. Marvin Wells ('77), Jay Garlitz ('82), Rei and Martha Gonzalez ('87), Dan McSherry ('92), Peter Lemieux ('97), Meenal Patel ('07), and Brandon Greenwalt ('12). I want to give a special thank you to Dr. Dan McSherry for rallying 42 of his classmates to attend the 1992 reunion – that is 70 percent of the class!

To see our Facebook photo album from the weekend, [click here](#).

Clearly, this has been a notable year for our college. We have made significant strides in all areas of our mission and continued to do our part to enhance the efforts of UF Health and the university as a whole as we work, together, to ensure the rest of the country recognizes the preeminence that has long been embedded at UF.

I know that our college's educational, research and patient care enterprise are recognized for their excellence within the arena of dental education. Part of our strategic plan includes a renewed focus on sharing our success stories in those arenas with a broader audience to help bring well-deserved recognition to those of you who come to work and school each day with a passion to make a difference in care, knowledge and discovery.

In the spirit of this holiday season, I want to thank you for your dedication and commitment to the mission of our college and sincerely hope you enjoy the upcoming holiday break. I'll see you all back here on January 2 when we begin to learn what 2018 has in store for our UF College of Dentistry.

Regards,
Dean Isabel Garcia

Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology Graduation



Welcoming New Faculty



Robert Shields



Joy Wang



Panagiotis C. Zoidis

A number of new faculty have joined the college recently and you can learn more about each of them from our website, where we're posting their profiles one at a time. Read about [Robert Shields, Ph.D.](#), [Joy Wang, D.D.S., M.S.](#), and [Panagiotis C. Zoidis, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D.](#) by clicking on their names.

Watch the news slider for more faculty profiles and other interesting updates about our college.



Marketing Our Clinical Services

The college has a growing clinical enterprise that is responsible for about a third of the overall budget each year. Between general dentists and the wide array of specialists we have as faculty and residents, we literally “do it all” in terms of taking care of every oral health need a patient might have.

We also have access to an excellent vehicle for marketing our programs as part of the UF Health System. The UFHealth.org website includes provider profiles for all faculty who give direct patient care services, and also information about all our dental centers and services.

If you are a faculty member who provides care, and you need to add a profile to UFHealth.org, the information you need [is here](#) under “New clinical faculty.”

We need everyone’s help to ensure the information online is correct and current, and that all new clinical faculty have profiles and photos. Please take a few moments to look at UFHealth.org’s dental information that relates to your clinical area or to you. If changes are needed, email Karen Rhodenizer.

We also have brochures available, printed and online, that explain our different services and clinics, and how to become a patient, and are in the process of developing additional ones.

Our main college brochure is available in Shands clinics throughout the area and mailed to new residents in the area who would like more information about dental services.

Did You Know?

UF staff and faculty can pay for their dental services via [payroll deduction](#).

Our faculty practice will treat patients ages [14 and up](#).

We accept some dental insurances and will help patients [file for reimbursement](#) from their insurance providers.

College representatives attend multiple [health fairs](#) around the Alachua County area each year to help share the word about our excellent dental care.

Receiving care in our DMD centers generally costs about [50 percent](#) of standard practice fees.

Care in our resident centers generally costs about [80 percent](#) of standard practice fees.

Where to find info about our clinics and services

All dental services:
[UFHealth.org](#)

Dental providers:
[Click here](#) and search by name or specialty

Find a [location here](#)

[Brochures and other information](#)

UFCD Students Coordinate

First **U.S. Dental School Educational Service Trip** to Cuba



In July, a group of UFCD students, faculty and volunteers arrived in Cuba for the first educational service trip between a U.S. dental school and one in Cuba.

The trip was the first of what organizers Yandy Gonzalez-Marrero and Olga Saniukovich hope becomes an annual event.

You can read more about the trip [here](#) and you can view an excellent student-produced video [here](#).

Holiday Safety Reminders*

- ⇒ Be aware of your surroundings.
- ⇒ Avoid walking alone.
- ⇒ Park as close as possible to your destination and park in well-lit areas.
- ⇒ If you see anything suspicious, call 352-392-1111 immediately.
- ⇒ Register your property with the Gator Safe app or on the [UFPD website](#).
- ⇒ Photograph your valuables and record their serial numbers.
- ⇒ Do not leave valuables or packages unattended and in plain sight in your vehicle.
- ⇒ Lock and secure all windows and doors in your home and vehicle when you leave.

* *These are actually really great tips to remember all year long.*

Online publications

The most-recent edition of the college's alumni magazine [Gator Dentist Today](#) is available online and future editions will be added into the online resource, as well as being printed. Thank you to Kelly Sobers for handling the online formatting!

You can access other college publications online as well. Just visit [this link](#).

Mark Your Calendars

The college's [online calendar](#) includes lots of important dates and information for upcoming events, professional development opportunities and more. To add an event, email [Karen Rhodenizer](#).



December 18-January 1
SOS Closed

January 2
Classes & work begins!

February 3
DMD Class of 2020
Family & Friends Day

February 21
UFCD Faculty Retreat

March 17-20
ADEA in Orlando

March 21 - 24
AADR in Ft. Lauderdale

March 30
UFCD Spring Synergy

April 20
Last Senior Clinic Day

April 23-27
Semester Break (1-3DN)