



*Dear Alumni & Friends,*

In October 2017, the University of Florida launched the public phase of its ambitious capital campaign, Go Greater. The campaign is a significant fundraising effort to support strategic priorities across the entire Gator Nation for the next eight years. The university's goal of \$3 billion was established so UF can go greater in our communities, our state, our nation and across the globe.

The college's portion of that goal is to raise \$28 million in gifts through the campaign that spans 2014-2022 to fund important initiatives, including endowed professorships, scholarships, centers focused on excellence in digital dentistry and children's oral health, and an opportunity for naming of the college.

We often refer to the three missions of our college — education, research and patient care. In this issue of Gator Dentist Today, you will learn more about what is happening in each of these missions and also in our philanthropy and alumni affairs efforts. Our three missions are not separate from one another, however. Rather, they work in concert with one another for the benefit of patients. Our programs are strengthened by increasing interaction and synergy — this issue highlights several unique collaborative efforts.

Our interactions extend outside the college and reflect the added value of being part of a large and comprehensive academic health center at UF. With all health professions represented on one campus, we enjoy the unique ability to train together, to discover together and to treat our patients together with multiple other disciplines. This capital campaign symbolizes the way we are all working together for the greater good, and capitalizing on the collective strength of a cohesive health center family.

When we stand as one with the rest of UF, the magnitude and power of The Gator Nation truly shines, as does the excellence that is embodied in all Gator Dentists.

*Warm regards,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Isabel".

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





# GO GREATER

UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

## WHAT IS GO GREATER?

IN OCTOBER 2017, THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED GO GREATER — THE LARGEST FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE IN ITS STORIED HISTORY. The \$3 billion campaign, concluding in 2022, will build upon the university's call to enlighten, to lead and to serve citizens and society at large.

With UF's recent ranking as a Top 10 public university, the time is right to build upon our momentum and further establish UF as a preeminent public research university.

## UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

AT THE CORE OF THE CAMPAIGN IS THE BELIEF THAT THE MOST PRESSING AND COMPLEX ISSUES OF THE DAY REQUIRE AN INTERDISCIPLINARY FOCUS. The *Go Greater* campaign emphasizes projects and programs that encourage collaboration across all of UF's colleges, units and partners.

Five themes draw on the great strengths of multiple academic units:



**YOUR LEADERSHIP** — Leading Those Who Lead the Way



**YOUR HEALTH** — Finding the Cure Is Only Half the Story



**YOUR ENVIRONMENT** — Making Our Planet Our Priority



**YOUR IDEAS** (Innovation) — Generating the Ideas That Will Change Tomorrow



**YOUR WORLD** (Globalization) — Looking Beyond Our Backyard

## COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

### COLLEGE NAMING

### CENTERS NAMING

CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH  
CENTER FOR DIGITAL AND ASTHETIC DENTISTRY

### SCHOLARSHIPS VS ENDOWMENT FUND

### ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS

COMMUNITY DENTISTRY  
DIGITAL & AESTHETIC DENTISTRY  
OPERATIVE DENTISTRY  
ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY  
PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

## TOGETHER EXTRAORDINARY

Our journey is just beginning. Through the GO GREATER campaign we will chart a course to excellence that is built on passion and driven by a desire to serve.

We will drive discovery, foster innovation and empower difference-makers. We will establish the college as a guidepost that our state, nation and world will look to for leadership and innovation.

PLEASE JOIN US.  
TOGETHER, WE GO GREATER.



## UF PAIN RESEARCH AND INTERVENTION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

# What will be done to control patients' pain?

*Established in 2013, the University of Florida Pain Research and Intervention Center of Excellence, or UF PRICE, is an interdisciplinary center with scientists, clinicians and trainees working together to improve understanding and treatment of pain. Part of the UF Clinical and Translational Science Institute, it has never been more relevant than it is today — with opioid addiction and deaths having reached a crisis point in the United States. Government regulators, medical professionals and law enforcement are struggling to gain control of the problem, while experts on pain management worry about the effects that increased regulations will have on patients who suffer from chronic pain.*

Experts like Roger Fillingim, Ph.D., a professor in the UF Department of Community Dentistry and Behavioral Science, and the director of UF PRICE, are concerned that the national conversation focuses only on controlling access to pain medicine without addressing what will be done to control patients' pain once access to medicine has been cut off.

Fillingim has studied pain for 30 years, trying to understand the psychological and physical triggers that create and relieve pain. As the director of UF PRICE, he collaborates with 28 UF researchers representing all six UF Health colleges, the UF College of Health and Human Performance, and the UF Institute on Aging. His goal is to "insinuate" pain research into more areas of research, ultimately leading to a greater understanding of pain.

## How did you become a pain researcher?

It was kind of by accident. I was studying clinical psychology in graduate school at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in the mid-1980s at a time the field was becoming newly aware of the effects that psychological and behavioral factors have on medical outcomes.

I was wondering how I could translate my field of study into a job after graduation. I read a book about symptom perception in patients. It showed that manipulating what people were paying attention to could change their perception of various physical symptoms. It was intriguing and prompted me to seek clinical training in pain management. After a few years in clinical work, I returned to school to pursue postdoctoral training in pain research.



## How have you seen the pain research field change over the years?

When I started, behavioral and clinical psychology for pain treatment was in its heyday. There was some great scientific and clinical work being done, with excellent results for patients, using interventions like relaxation, behavioral activation and distraction to treat pain. But this kind of treatment, to be effective, takes time and needs to be delivered in the context of a multidisciplinary care approach. Today's more fragmented health care treats pain like a symptom of a problem: If you identify the problem and treat it, the pain will go away. But that isn't true, especially in the case of chronic pain.

## Are opioids a good treatment for chronic pain?

We don't always know what causes chronic pain. Regardless of its etiology, chronic pain can have disruptive and devastating effects on the people who suffer from it. The use of opioids for pain control has certainly increased but, in truth, there remains very little evidence that long-term use of opioids is effective for chronic pain, despite this being one of the primary treatments used today. Opioids may be effective for pain in the short-term, but we need more effective long-term treatments for those who suffer from chronic pain. When we take opioids away, not only could the original pain return, but patients could also experience withdrawal, which in turn creates more pain.

Roger Fillingim, Ph.D.

## Is there a light at the end of the tunnel?

Currently the National Institutes of Health awards about \$400 million for pain research. Stop Pain is a bill that has been introduced in Congress that calls for a \$5 billion investment to address the opioid crisis in support of pain treatment and research. If approved, that kind of funding will be transformative. It will allow for the development of more tools in our toolbox to treat pain, and make it possible for the existing tools to be readily accessible to more patients.

## What do you see as the future for treating pain?

One approach is learning how to harness the ability that our brains have to control pain. UF researcher Mike Robinson, Ph.D., is looking at how our expectations about pain affect our brain's response to pain. His work is showing that we can engage our brain's pain control centers to alleviate pain.

We have also somewhat stumbled into new medications that were developed for other reasons that turn out to be effective

pain treatments. For instance, duloxetine was developed as an antidepressant but has shown to be a good weapon against pain as well. While this is encouraging from a treatment perspective, it also tells us that we need to better understand the mechanisms of pain and to use the knowledge to develop more effective pain therapies.

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## College Receives Geis Vision Award

The University of Florida College of Dentistry received a 2018 ADEAGies Foundation® Award for Vision – Academic Dental Institution as part of the 10 Trailblazers in Academic Dentistry and Oral Health Education Awards for the Comprehensive Training Program in Oral Biology.

The Gies Awards, named after legendary dentist and biochemist William J. Gies, Ph.D., honor individuals and organizations that exemplify the highest standards in oral health and dental education, research and leadership.

"Our distinguished 2018 Gies Awards winners are transforming academic dentistry and oral health and advancing my grandfather's legacy," said William J. Gies II, who serves as a trustee of the ADEAGies Foundation. "It is critical to recognize the tireless efforts of dental educators and institutions who 'move the needle' in oral health."

The Comprehensive Training Program, or CTP, was founded in 1990 to train the next generation of outstanding researchers, academics and leaders. The field of oral biology blends many scientific disciplines in unique ways, with the goal of developing new and effective approaches to manage, cure or prevent diseases and developmental disorders. The program is highly integrated into the college's research and education enterprise, as well as that of the UF academic health center and the entire university.

"We could not be more proud that this program has been recognized for academic vision by the ADEAGies Foundation. For 28

years, many individuals in this college have believed in, supported and fostered the growth of future leaders in academic research through the CPT and have truly made a difference in discoveries that have been made, and more to come," said A. Isabel Garcia, D.D.S., M.P.H., dean of the college.

Supporting about 14 fellowships per year, the CTP in Oral Biology is the largest NIH research training award at UF. Since 2005, over 45 individuals have earned Ph.D. degrees and department faculty have trained over 50 postdoctoral fellows. In the program director's laboratory alone, of the 12 postdoctoral fellows completing their training prior to 2008, all remain in science, 11 hold academic positions, six are in tenure-accruing positions, and six have secured independent funding from the NIH.

Today the CTP continues to strengthen and provides cutting-

edge training for basic and clinician scientists in oral health research. A team of experienced and well-funded researchers provide extensive training experiences in scientific areas, including oral infectious diseases, mechanisms for integration of oral and overall health, auto-immunity, bone biology, gene therapy and stem cell biology, oral cancers, salivary gland biology, and neuroscience and pain, among others.





NATHAN PISCO'S STORY

# Oral Health Impacts Overall Health

It was an ordinary fall morning for Calogero Dolce, D.D.S., Ph.D., chair of the department of orthodontics, who practices in UF Health's Faculty and Resident Orthodontic Clinics. Dolce took a quick trip to Starbucks for a daily dose of caffeine, but he got more than expected from the crowd favorite: boisterous, happy and energetic Starbucks manager, Bob Pisco.

"I think you're treating my son," Pisco said in passing as he jotted Dolce's coffee order on a cup. It didn't take but a minute of conversation for Dolce to identify Pisco's son, Nathan, as a frequent patient of the college.

At the College of Dentistry, the belief is oral health is the gateway to overall health. It's especially true for nine-year-old Nathan.

It took Bob, a Navy veteran, and Melissa, senior pastor at Celebration United Methodist Church in Gainesville, nearly seven years of struggling through various behavioral issues at school and sleepless nights at home for Nathan to finally get the help he needed.

Nathan's pediatrician recommended him for a sleep study at age seven in 2016. From there it was a domino effect, followed by a whirlwind of doctor appointments.

Autism, seizures, sleep apnea, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD, microcephaly, lissencephaly, and a chromosome duplication — several of the battles Nathan was fighting.

"Prior to Nathan's diagnoses just two

years ago, we were having an incredible amount of difficulty," Melissa said, "and we were not on a good track in school. Nathan's school believed that his challenges were all behavioral. We felt there was more to it but were unable to get answers; now, we are really able to understand the concerns."

Following Nathan's sleep study, pediatric neurologist Paul Carney, M.D., conducted an electroencephalogram, or EEG, and a magnetic resonance imaging, or MRI. Nathan registered an irregular EEG, and his MRI revealed an underdeveloped brain, small skull and narrow airway; he was diagnosed with central and obstructive sleep apnea.

The interdisciplinary team was assembled, and a rapid-fire treatment plan devised.

Cynthia Johnson, Ph.D, pediatric clinical psychologist, Richard D'Alli, M.D., pediatric psychiatrist, William Collins, M.D., FACS, FAAP, pediatric otolaryngologist, Henry Rohrs, M.D., pediatric endocrinologist, Daniel Driscoll, M.D., pediatric geneticist, Regino Gonzalez, M.D., pediatric

gastroenterologist, and in the College of Dentistry: Abi Adewumi, B.D.S., FDSR, pediatric dentist and Dolce, orthodontics.

Collins removed his adenoids and shaved his tonsils to help open the airway. Then, enter dentistry. Adewumi gave Nathan his first deep cleaning, extracted teeth and put on several crowns. Next, Dolce got to work expanding Nathan's upper jaw.

"The literature supports expanding the upper jaw to help resolve sleep apnea," Dolce said. "When you sleep better, you function better and are able to perform in school. While Nathan isn't completely off his medication, he is getting good sleep, he's a much happier kid and a lot of the social problems he had are gone now."

First Nathan's doctor took his adenoids out, shaved his tonsils and after a two-month recovery, Dolce started Nathan's upper jaw expansion which took a month.

"We got it!" Melissa said. "The first couple of days after Nathan's procedures, I thought he was sleeping so well because of the anesthesia. A week later, I still didn't want to jinx myself. If you would have asked me if teeth affect sleep, I don't know that I would have put this all together. We had his seizures under control; he was eating better, breathing through his nose and sleeping through the night. Those things were critical."

Today, Nathan attends the Einstein School, and pals around with his service dog, Blitz. He loves Disney, and keeps a regimented schedule. He's delayed, Melissa said, but with ongoing therapy and treatment he's in a mainstream classroom, receives exceptional student education, or ESE, services, he's made friends and is much improved; a huge weight has been lifted.

"I can't begin to think about where we would be today based on where we were at in kindergarten," she said. "They embrace him, they support him, they love him and are so good in working with him. If our path helps another child and family not have to wait until seven years old to be diagnosed and treated, I would be thrilled."



Calogero Dolce, D.D.S., Ph.D., and Nathan Pisco.

# Bridging The Gap

SIX YEARS AGO, YANDY GONZALEZ-MARRERO LEFT HIS HOME IN CUBA FOR AMERICA, BUT CUBA NEVER LEFT HIS HEART.

He had studied at the Medical University of Villa Clara, but he did not graduate. Instead, he decided to restart his education in the United States to provide a better future for himself and his family.

After graduating from the University of South Florida, he was accepted at seven dental schools, and he chose UF. Gonzalez-Marrero, 31, now a third-year dental student, said studying in both countries show him the clear gaps between dentistry in Cuba and the U.S. He wanted to find a way to bridge that gap.

Last year, he and fellow third-year student Olga Saniukovich, 21, from Trinity, Florida, began working on a way to make that dream a reality. They planned a trip to provide dental services to Cuban people and help form a bond between the two dental schools.

"This was the first time something like this was done," Gonzales-Marrero said, "a dental school in the U.S. going to a dental school in Cuba."

"There are certain ideas of what Cuba is about and what to expect," Gonzalez-Marrero said. "But this is not a political trip, it is an educational effort to link two schools."

As a student-led trip, all participants paid their own way and, because it was an educational service trip, all



UFCD's contingent of dentists visited Cuba for the educational service trip in July 2017.

activities were authorized under the appropriate provisions of the U.S. government.

The UF contingent arrived in Cuba in July. The team consisted of Gonzalez-Marrero, Saniukovich and dental students Cindy Castillo, Dana DeLosa, Galia Fakhri-Medrano, Monica Freifeld, Jeremiah Patrick, Heather Perez and Tina Vo, who also was a trip leader. UF dentistry faculty members

Larry Cook, D.M.D.; Annelise Driscoll, Ph.D.; Bruce Manne, D.M.D.; Marc Ottenga, D.D.S.; and Luis Rueda, D.D.S., also made the trip. Volunteer dentists who accompanied the group were Louis Cerillo, D.D.S.; Jessica Fernandez, D.D.S.; and Julio Sanchez, D.D.S.

Each day started at 6:30 a.m. The UF group ate breakfast and then traveled by horse-drawn carriages to the University of Medical Sciences of Villa Clara. They huddled alongside their Cuban counterparts to discuss the day's patients.

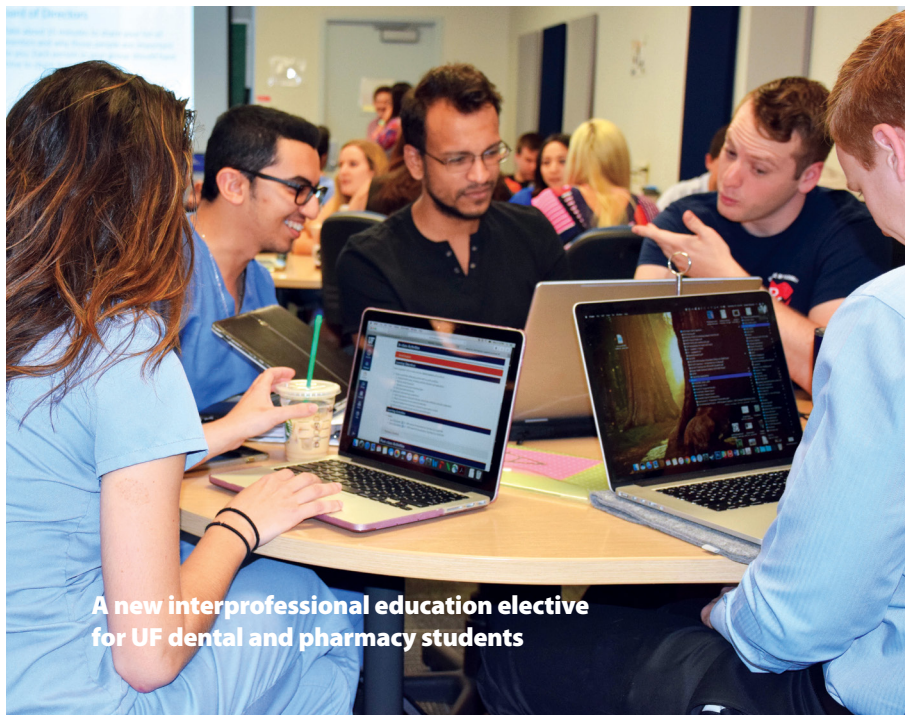
Third- or fourth-year dental students from Villa Clara worked with UF students, while UF faculty members oversaw their interactions.

Saniukovich said she brought home from Cuba a new sense of confidence and some heartwarming memories.

This trip was the first of what the two friends hope will be an annual expedition.



# “DOC, MY TOOTH HURTS”



A new interprofessional education elective for UF dental and pharmacy students

Collaboration between health care providers leads to better health outcomes for patients. This is one of the reasons the focus on interdisciplinary health care has heightened over the past four decades. The very best care results when different disciplines understand one another's challenges, goals, intent and language as they work together.

In the case of dentists and pharmacists, they may be managing the same patients but are rarely in the same room or facility. Bridging this gulf can be difficult and it is why today's health professions educational programs are moving to interdisciplinary educational models — a tactic that has proven effective for ensuring long-term understanding between multiple health professions.

“One of the greatest strengths of the University of Florida academic health center is that all health professions are co-located on our campus. It facilitates our ability to create and implement programs with medicine, nursing, pharmacy, public health and health profession, and veterinary medicine,” said Nini Sposetti, D.M.D., associate dean for education at the UF College of Dentistry.

Sposetti says that UF predoctoral dental students have many courses with other colleges at the UF academic health center over the course of the four-year D.M.D. curriculum. The newest is a collaboration with the College of Pharmacy that launched in May 2017, “Doc, My Tooth Hurts.” Two shifts of 93 dental and 240 pharmacy students gathered to learn how to care for their respective patients, simulating what happens in the real world, where multiple disciplines affect the health of each patient.

The dental students learned about drug interactions, prescription writing and acute pain management for patients with a history of opioid addiction. The pharmacy students learned about fundamentals of dental disease and treatment.

The students divided into teams that included a mix of dental and pharmacy

students and worked together to “treat” Larry, a standardized patient, who had a toothache and a complicated medical history. They learned Larry's history and interviewed him to diagnose and establish an acute care treatment plan.

The students jointly developed a treatment plan for the patient, specifically addressing the etiology and management of his acute dental pain.

The goals, says Sposetti, are that both groups learn the scope of their own professional practice, the roles and responsibilities of the other profession, and also the information that is needed to properly evaluate a patient.

“All the students were learning how to determine the patient's dental needs and his medication-related problems from their profession's perspective and that of another discipline,” Sposetti said.

Sposetti says that interdisciplinary education creates a rich learning experience that emphasizes creative, team-based problem solving, integrative learning and critical thinking.

“It really strengthens our ability to communicate with, and understand, other medical professionals which can only be for the benefit of all patients,” she said.

## HONORS, AWARDS & APPOINTMENTS

**Abi Adewumi**, B.D.S., FDSR, was inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Dentists, or ACD, at a ceremony in October 2017, in Atlanta. She was honored as part of the ACD Annual Meeting and Convocation at the Atlanta Marriot Marquis Hotel.

**Indraneel Bhattacharyya**, B.D.S., D.D.S., M.S., was appointed interim division director of oral & maxillofacial pathology in September 2017. He also received two teaching awards at the UFCD Spotlight on Dental Education Day: Sustained Excellence in Teaching, voted on by a selection committee, and Basic Sciences Teacher of the Year, determined by D.M.D. student ballot.

**L. Jeannine Brady**, Ph.D., a professor and director of graduate and postdoctoral research training and career development, was one of 34 UF faculty members named a UF Research Foundation Professor for 2017-2020. The award recognizes a distinguished record of research and a strong research agenda that is likely to lead to continuing distinction in their fields.

**Luisa F. Echeto**, D.D.S., M.S., FACP, recently earned board certification from the American Board of Prosthodontics and became a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists. She is the director of the prosthodontics division and for the predoctoral prosthodontics program.

**Josephine Esquivel-Upshaw**, D.D.S., M.S., was inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Dentists, or ACD, at a ceremony in October 2017, in Atlanta. She was honored as part of the ACD Annual Meeting and Convocation at the Atlanta Marriot Marquis Hotel.

**Roger B. Fillingim**, Ph.D., received a Distinguished Service Award from the American Pain Society during their annual meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in May. The award recognizes outstanding and dedicated service to the APS.

**Jaana Gold**, D.D.S., M.P.H., C.P.H., Ph.D., received the 2017 Evidence-Based Dentistry Mid-Career Faculty Award for her accomplishments in teaching and promoting evidence-based dental practice as an advocate for improving the oral health of citizens in Florida and beyond.

**Nadim Islam**, B.D.S., D.D.S., was appointed Interim Residency Program Director of oral & maxillofacial pathology in September 2017. Islam completed his oral pathology training at UFCD in 2007.

**Scott Tomar**, D.M.D., M.P.H., a professor and interim department chair, received the Florida Dental Hygienists' Association, or FDHA, Presidential Oral Health Hero Award. The award recognizes dedication and support to advancing

the mission and goals of the FDHA by increasing the awareness of oral health in Florida, and advocating for the public's access to quality oral health care.

**Shannon Wallet**, Ph.D., was featured in the October 2017 American Association for Dental Research, or AADR, publication Strides in Science. In her Strides in Science interview, Wallet discusses first hearing about the AADR, and its promotion of research in the fields of immunology and oral inflammation.

**Bonita A. Wynkoop**, D.D.S., received a scholarship from the Council on Dental Education and Licensure. The scholarship will pay for her tuition for the 2017 Academy for Academic Leadership Institute for Teaching and Learning, or AAL/ITL.

## SIX FACULTY RECEIVE UF TERM PROFESSORSHIP AWARDS

Six UFCD faculty received UF Term Professorship Awards from the UF Provost's Office:

- | Indraneel Bhattacharyya, B.D.S., D.D.S., M.S.
- | Robert Caudle, Ph.D.
- | Valeria Gordan, D.D.S., M.S.
- | Marc Heft, D.M.D., Ph.D.
- | Marcelle Nascimento, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D.
- | Scott Tomar, D.M.D., M.P.H., Dr.PH.

Awardees have displayed a distinguished career that places them among the leaders in their discipline.

Each of the UF Term Professorship Awards lasts three years. Recipients receive an annual salary supplement of \$5,000 during the course of the award. Eligible faculty include tenure track assistant, associate and full professors, and assistant, associate and full curators in the fifth year (or more) of service at UF.

The awards are based on an assessment of academic accomplishment.



## WELCOMING NEW FACULTY

**Eleonora Bakiri**, D.D.S., joined the college as a visiting clinical assistant professor in endodontics in April 2017. In February 2018, she became a clinical assistant professor. She sees patients in the UF Health Endodontics Faculty Practice and provides didactic and clinical teaching of predoctoral students and endodontics residents.

Bakiri earned her dental degree in 2000 from the University of Athens in Athens, Greece. In 2002, she completed two years of training in endodontics at the University of Texas in Houston. She has 15 years of experience in private practice and is a member of the International College of Dentists and a founding member of the Hellenic Association of Endodontists. Bakiri has also delivered a number of scientific presentations in the U.S. and internationally.

**Luisa Schertel Cassiano**, D.D.S., M.S., joined restorative dental sciences as a clinical assistant professor in the operative division in July 2017. Cassiano is primarily focused on didactic, preclinical and clinical teaching for the predoctoral and the master's in operative dentistry programs. In addition, she works in the UF Health Faculty Dental Practice providing patient care.

She earned her dental degree in 2009 from the Federal University Rio Grande do Sul in Brazil; completed a certificate in periodontics and implant dentistry in 2012 at the Instituto de Ensino Pesquisa e Pos-Graduacao in Brasilia, Brazil; and her master's in health sciences with a focus on periodontology in 2014 from the University of Brasilia. She began interning at UF for the department of restorative dental sciences in 2016 before joining the faculty.

**Sasanka Chukkapalli**, Ph.D., joined UF in July 2017 as a research assistant scientist in oral biology in Ann Progulsk-Fox's laboratory. Chukkapalli earned his bachelor's in microbiology and biochemistry from Nagarjuna University in Guntur, India; his master's in medical microbiology from Manipal University in Manipal, India; and his doctorate in microbiology from the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research in Chandigarh, India.

Before joining UF's faculty, he worked as a postdoctoral associate in the UF Department of Periodontology beginning in 2011. Chukkapalli's work in periodontology included investigating the association between periodontal disease and systemic diseases like atherosclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, diabetes, Alzheimer's disease and stroke. Specifically, he was working to demonstrate a causal relationship between the disparate diseases due to infection of the vascular tissues with four species of periodontopathogenic bacteria, as well as to develop a new mouse model for studying the association between periodontal disease and systemic diseases.

In the Progulsk-Fox laboratory, Chukkapalli will focus on his research project, "P. gingivalis mediated disruption of autophagy in endothelial dysfunction," which is funded by a grant from the National Institutes of Health.

**Christopher Connell**, D.M.D., joined pediatric dentistry as a clinical assistant professor in July 2017. Prior to joining UF, Connell served as the chief resident in the department of pediatric dentistry for the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. He earned his bachelor's in nutritional sciences at UF in 2010 and then attended the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, where he earned his dental degree in 2015 before completing a pediatric dental residency in 2017.

During his undergraduate, graduate and residencies, he worked as a teaching assistant at the universities he attended, which helped prepare him for a career in higher education. His major focus at the college is teaching in predoctoral and graduate education, providing patient care in the Pediatric Dentistry Faculty Practice, and also helping cover operating room after-hours faculty supervision. In addition, he performs clinical research and assists with mentoring residents who are pursuing research projects.



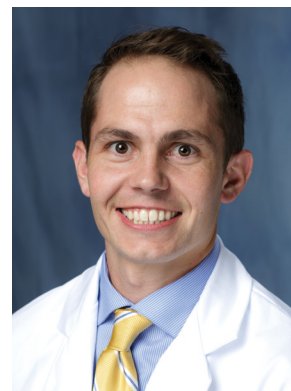
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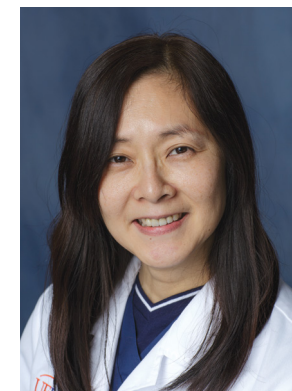
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## WELCOMING NEW FACULTY

**Carlo Guevara**, M.D., D.D.S., joined the college's oral & maxillofacial surgery department in July 2017 as a clinical assistant professor. He is focused on working with predoctoral and graduate education in the department, as well as working in the residency care center.

Guevara earned his dental degree from the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine in New York in 2010 and his medical degree in 2014 from UF. He completed an oral & maxillofacial surgery residency at the UF College of Medicine in Jacksonville in 2016 and a fellowship in Pediatric Cleft-Craniofacial Surgery at Wolfson Children's Hospital, also in Jacksonville.

He received the Resident Teaching Award in 2016 from the UF College of Medicine Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery in Jacksonville.

**Danielle Freburg-Hoffmeister**, D.D.S., M.D., started in July as a visiting clinical assistant professor in oral & maxillofacial surgery and became a clinical assistant professor in March. She is playing a major role in clinical teaching for the department's residency program. She is working in the resident clinic and the implant center and overseeing the predoctoral students who provide patient care in the UF Health Student Oral Surgery Center.

Freburg-Hoffmeister earned her dental degree in 2011 from the University of Nebraska College of Dentistry in Omaha, and her medical degree from UF in 2014. She completed the UF Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program in 2017. She has also completed five oral and maxillofacial surgery externships with four different dental schools.

**Fernando Haddock**, D.D.S., joined restorative dental sciences in the the operative dentistry division as a clinical assistant professor in November 2017. In addition to providing patient care in the UF Health Faculty Dental Practice, he delivers didactic and preclinical instruction to predoctoral dental students and to residents in the master's in operative dentistry program.

Before joining UF, Haddock served as an assistant professor in the Dental College of Georgia's Department of Restorative Dental Science, which he joined in 2014. From 1991 to 2014, he served on faculty at the University of Puerto Rico School of Dental Medicine in the restorative sciences department. Haddock graduated from Sacred Heart University in San Juan, Puerto Rico, with a bachelor's in biology in 1984. He earned his dental degree in 1991 from the Marquette University School of Dentistry in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**Satoko Matsumura**, D.D.S., Ph.D., joined oral & maxillofacial diagnostic sciences in the radiology division in January as a clinical assistant professor. Matsumura's time is balanced between teaching predoctoral students and residents in radiology graduate education, and providing diagnostic readings for internal and external patient cases.

In 1993, Matsumura earned her dental degree from the Hiroshima University School of Dentistry in Hiroshima, Japan. She went on to earn a doctorate in radiation oncology from the Osaka University School of Dentistry in Osaka, Japan, in 1997. She completed a master's in forensic science in 2011 at Pace University in New York, and earned her master's in dental science from the University of Connecticut in 2017.

During her career, she has worked in research, clinical care and in academia, including at the New York University College of Dentistry, where she spent three years in the department of basic science and craniofacial biology as an associate research scientist. Prior to joining UF, she served on faculty at the University of Connecticut in oral radiology.



WELCOMING NEW FACULTY

**Marianella Natera-Fernandez**, D.M.D., M.D.S., joined the UF Department of Endodontics in 2017 and is serving as the endodontics predoctoral program director. While most of her focus is on teaching; she is also providing endodontics care in the faculty practice.

A Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics, Natera-Fernandez earned her dental degree in 1995 from the Universidad de los Andes and completed her endodontics advanced education from the Rutgers School of Dental Medicine in 2017. She completed several internships and residencies in the interim, including the UF Comprehensive Dentist Program in 2009 and a UF program in translational clinical research in 2010. In 2010 she also completed a fellowship at UF in endodontics. She holds memberships in the American Dental Education Association, the American Association of Endodontics, the American Dental Association and the Academy of General Dentists, in addition to other professional memberships.

**Esteban Mulkay**, D.M.D., P.A., joined the college in June 2017 as a clinical associate professor in community dentistry and behavioral science. Mulkay’s focus is primarily delivering clinical and didactic instruction in the UF Hialeah Dental Center as a team leader with students in the Advanced Education in General Dentistry program. In that role he focuses on patient care management, leading seminars, case presentation and oversight of student care delivery for patients.

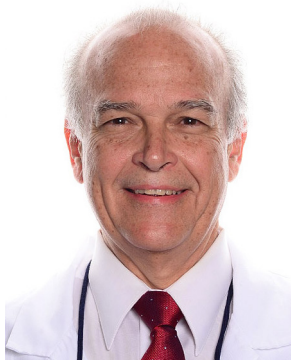
Mulkay earned his dental degree from UF in 1978. He worked in private practice in South Florida and, throughout his career, has played a role in mentoring dental students, volunteering as a courtesy faculty member for the UF Hialeah Dental Center, and serving as a guest lecturer with the college, the South Broward Dental Society and the Memorial Dental Study Club. Mulkay has been very supportive of the college’s Academy of Alumni & Friends, including serving as a class leader since 2004. He is a member of the American Dental Association, the Florida Dental Association, the South Florida Dental Association, the Academy of General Dentistry and the Pierre Fauchard Academy, in addition to other professional dental organizations.

**Robert C. Shields**, Ph.D., became a research assistant professor in oral biology in July 2017. Shields is focusing on research in the Burne Laboratory, collaborating with other research groups in the college and mentoring postdoctoral and doctoral students and other research trainees. Shields earned his bachelor’s degree in marine biology in 2009 and his doctoral degree in microbiology in 2014, both from the Newcastle University in Newcastle, United Kingdom. Following that he joined UF as a postdoctoral research associate in oral biology before becoming a faculty member.

His research interests include oral microbiology, biofilms, molecular biology and streptococcal genetics. He recently submitted a proposal to the National Institutes of Health for his research project, “Systems biology approaches for analysis of *Streptococcus mutans*.”



Marianella Natera-Fernandez



Esteban Mulkay



Robert Shields

WELCOMING NEW FACULTY

**Joy K. Wang**, D.D.S., M.S., joined restorative dental sciences in July 2017 as a clinical assistant professor in prosthodontics. She earned her dental degree in 2013 from The State University of New York University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine; her master’s degree and a certificate in prosthodontics from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Dentistry in 2016; and a certificate in oral oncology and maxillofacial prosthetics in 2017 from the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Wang worked in prosthetics as a dental technician before attending dental school and has been a member of the American College of Prosthodontists since 2013. She is also a member of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics and the International Anaplastology Association.

Wang spends most of her time teaching in the predoctoral and the prosthodontics residency program, and providing patient care in the college’s UF Health Faculty Dental Practice, in addition to working on clinical and translational research projects.

**Panagiotis C. Zoidis**, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D., joined the college in April 2017 as a visiting clinical associate professor in restorative dental sciences in the prosthodontics division. In February 2018, he became a clinical associate professor. He focuses on teaching and mentoring dental students in the preclinical and clinical areas, conducting research and also working in the UF Health Dental Faculty Practice.

Zoidis was born in Athens, Greece. In 1992, he earned his dental degree from the Dental School of Athens National and Kapodistrian University and, in 2009, his doctoral degree in biomaterials. In 1996 he earned his certificate in prosthodontics and his master’s in oral biology from the Temple University School of Dentistry in Philadelphia.

He served in the Greek Navy as a prosthodontist from 1996 to 1998. His academic experience includes serving on the faculty of the Dental School of Athens National and Kapodistrian University from 1996 through 2017. He has lectured extensively, has a diverse research background and has a clinical focus on full mouth reconstructions, fixed and removable prosthodontics, implants, and treatment of temporomandibular disorder.



Joy Wang



Panagiotis Zoidis





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**Third row:** Deborah Dilbone, Marcio Guelmann, Shannon Wallet, Patty Xirau-Probert

**Top row:** Robert Burne, César Migliorati, Franklin Dolwick



# Burne Honored as Louis and Marge Atkins Endowed Professor

University of Florida College of Dentistry Associate Dean for Research Robert Burne, Ph.D., was among the distinguished UF academic health center faculty honored at UF Health's Celebrating Distinction event Oct. 26, 2017, at the McKnight Brain Institute. Burne, a distinguished professor and chair of UFCD's department of oral biology, was installed as the Louis and Marge Atkins Endowed Professor.

The gift was funded by the estate of Dr. Louis and Mrs. Marge Atkins to support a professorship in the college. Louis Atkins, D.D.S., The tireless commitment of Louis Atkins, D.D.S., helped lead to the opening of UF's College of Dentistry in 1972, and his love for the Gators brought him into leadership positions with the UF Health Science Center, the UF Foundation and

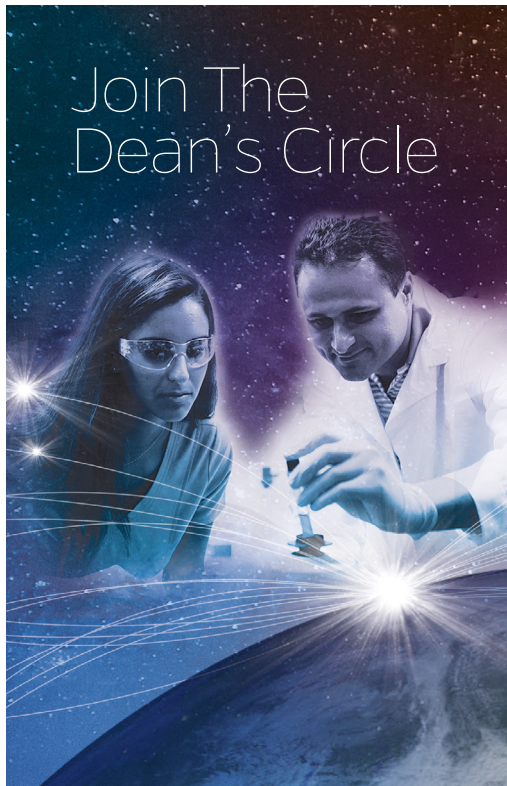
Gator Boosters, among many other groups. He passed away in 1997. Marge Atkins remained active with UF until her death in 2016.

The primary interests in Burne's laboratory are in the molecular mechanisms governing the ability of bacteria that are capable of causing diseases in humans to modulate their virulence in response to environmental influences.

Burne, who accepted the role of associate dean for research at UFCD in 2010 and was named distinguished professor in 2011, earned his undergraduate degree in microbiology from Pennsylvania State University in 1981, then went on to earn his Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology from the University of Rochester in 1987.



Robert Burne, seated, with his wife, Andrea, and their daughter, Alexandra.



The University of Florida College of Dentistry's Dean's Circle is a newly established giving society that recognizes our donors who contribute \$1,000 or more annually. Their dedication and continued support is vital to the college's mission of excellence in innovative dental education, scientific research and the highest quality patient care.

Membership in the Dean's Circle also comes with the following benefits:

- **Dean's Circle lapel pin and certificate**
- **Invitation to a donor recognition event**
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- **Great pride knowing your support makes a profound difference in our work**

Dean's Circle members are investing in the future of dentistry at UF, moving our profession forward as we dedicate ourselves to serving the oral health of our patients and advancing scientific knowledge that will benefit generations to come.

Membership in the Dean's Circle is initiated and sustained through a gift of \$1,000 or more annually to any fund at the UF College of Dentistry, or a \$5,000 pledge payable over five years.

**For more information about the Dean's Circle, contact Richard Miller, senior director of advancement, at 352.273.5779 or [rwmiller@dental.ufl.edu](mailto:rwmiller@dental.ufl.edu).**

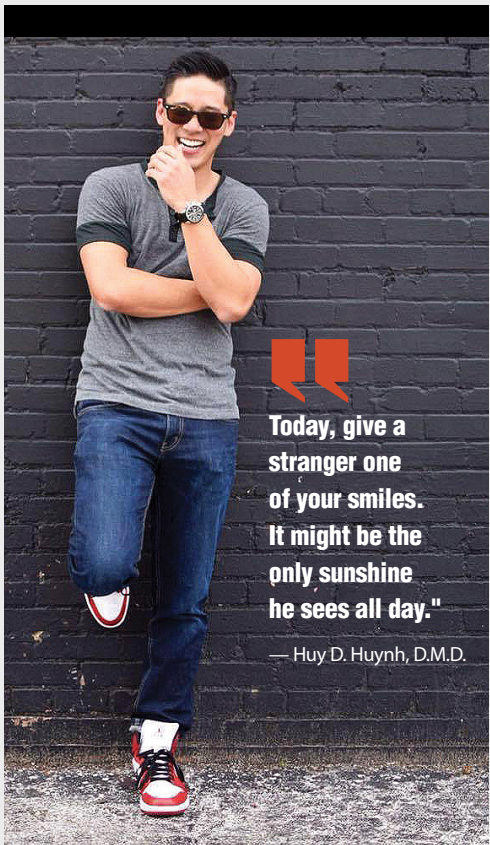


# Huy Huynh Memorial Scholarship

The family of Huy D. Huynh, D.M.D., established an endowed scholarship to honor his life and make a difference in the lives of others.

After living with brain cancer for 24 months, Huy D. Huynh, 33, passed away on June 14, 2017, at his home in Lakeland. He was a great son, brother, fiancé and true friend to many.

He earned his bachelor's, master's and dental degrees from UF, completing his dental degree in 2013. During his time at UF, Huynh was a trailblazing leader who was heavily involved with every facet of student life. He held a cabinet director position for UF Student Government, served as a presidential host with the Florida Cicerones, was inducted into Florida's Hall of Fame, was the first Vietnamese-American tapped into Florida Blue Key, served in various roles within the Asian American Student Association and the Filipino Student Association, and



Huy D. Huynh, D.M.D.

Today, give a stranger one of your smiles. It might be the only sunshine he sees all day."

— Huy D. Huynh, D.M.D.

was a founding brother of Pi Delta Psi's Sigma Chapter — the first Asian-American Fraternity in the state.

A speaker during his class white coat ceremony in 2011, Huynh said, "Today, give a stranger one of your smiles. It might be the only sunshine he sees all day."

Indeed, Huynh's endearing smile and infectious personality brought an unlimited amount of joy to everyone he met. He selflessly impacted the lives of many, as both a mentor and inspiration.

To honor his memory, Huynh's family established the Dr. Huy Huynh UF College of Dentistry Memorial Scholarship Fund. The endowed fund provides annual scholarships to students exhibiting excellence in academics, leadership and community service. Currently over \$56,000 has been donated to the scholarship, which will help generations of dental students to come.

To make a gift to the scholarship, please visit [ufl.edu/appeals/Huynh](http://ufl.edu/appeals/Huynh) or contact Richard Miller, senior director of advancement, at [rwmiller@dental.ufl.edu](mailto:rwmiller@dental.ufl.edu) or 352.273.5779.

# DONOR HONOR ROLL

It is an honor to share the news with you that for fiscal year 2017, the UF College of Dentistry achieved the highest alumni giving participation rate among all UF colleges. In fiscal year 2017, 9.8 percent of our alumni gave back to the college, making a real difference in the lives of our students and faculty.

In total, our alumni and friends donated \$4.1 million last fiscal year. These generous contributions help ensure that our tradition of excellence continues in the

years to come. All gifts, no matter the size, help provide UFCD students with the best educational experience possible.

Please visit [dental.ufl.edu/alumni-giving](http://dental.ufl.edu/alumni-giving) for the list of alumni and friends donors. To see your name on the honor roll for next year, make your gift today!

If you have questions, please contact Rick Miller, senior director of advancement at 352.273.5779 or [rwmiller@dental.ufl.edu](mailto:rwmiller@dental.ufl.edu).







Richard Miller, Senior Director of Advancement

## New Senior Director of Advancement

Richard Miller joined UFCD in January as the new senior director of advancement. He is responsible for identifying and cultivating major gifts for the college, formulating and implementing fundraising plans and policies, and building and managing relationships and programs that support UFCD alumni relations and development goals.

“As senior director of advancement, Rick will work closely with leadership, faculty and staff to create and implement strategies for continued success as we leverage the recently launched UF Go Greater capital campaign. I have every confidence in his ability to take UFCD to even

higher levels of alumni and donor engagement,” said A. Isabel Garcia, D.D.S., M.P.H., dean.

Miller has 10 years of experience in development at UF and Florida State University. He comes to UFCD from the UF Levin College of Law, where he served as the director of development since 2014.

Miller grew up in Inverness, Florida, and earned his bachelor’s in history from UF in 2005 and his master’s in sports administration in 2008 from FSU. Before beginning a career in development in higher education in 2008, he worked as a high school teacher in St. Petersburg.

## A Night Out at the Alhambra

Shreena Patel, D.M.D., class of 2005, generously hosted a fundraiser for the University of Florida College of Dentistry at the Alhambra Theatre & Dining in Jacksonville on Sept. 1, 2017. The event included a silent auction, dinner and the “Dixie Swim Club Show”, featuring actress Morgan Fairchild. All proceeds benefited the college.

Since graduation, Patel has remained very involved with the College of Dentistry. She was appointed an adjunct professor in the department of

orthodontics and served as treasurer for the Orthogators Alumni Association. Patel makes it a point to give back to the college that has helped shape her success as an orthodontist.

“I tremendously value the education I received and take every opportunity I can to give back. I felt exceedingly comfortable and prepared when I completed my residency, and the experiences, friendships and memories during my time at UFCD are irreplaceable. I truly feel that there is a mutual respect between the school and

its graduates at the University of Florida,” she said.

Patel owns her own practice, Beaches Orthodontics, in Jacksonville. In 2012, she established a local chapter of Smiles for a Lifetime, a nonprofit organization, to provide pro bono orthodontic care to underserved individuals in the community. From serving as a Dental Ambassador in dental school to currently being an active member of the Ponte Vedra Rotary Club, community service has always been important to her.



From left to right: Dr. Calogero Dolce, Dean Isabel Garcia, Kelly Dolce, and Dr. Shreena Patel.



Judith Rodriguez-Bec, D.M.D.

### Alumni and Friends,

Twenty eight years after graduating from the University of Florida College of Dentistry, I had the privilege of speaking at the commencement ceremony in May 2017. As I welcomed the new dental graduates to the Academy of Alumni and Friends, or AAF, I could see the sparkle in their eyes. They were excited about their future and the opportunities that lay ahead. I was also overwhelmed with a profound sense of gratitude to the college.

I believe that the key to success and happiness in dentistry and, indeed, in life is to be grateful. Gratitude makes us focus on what we have and forces us to live in the present. Those that feel gratitude have the positive energy to create great things and live in the expectation of great things to come.

Serving on the board of the AAF for the last three years and giving generously to the annual fund is my way of showing

gratitude to the college. The faculty and staff taught me so much and provided me with the education that is the foundation of my clinical practice today.

With the launch of the UF Go Greater capital campaign, we are all called to serve. We can give back to the university by mentoring a student, returning to campus for a class reunion, going on a tour of the university with a student and giving to the annual fund. The UFCD annual fund helps support all student initiatives such as peer-to-peer tutoring, the white coat ceremony and commencement.

Remember, “To whom much is given, much will be required.” Use your talents, wealth, knowledge and time for the service and benefit of others.

Go Greater and Go Gators!

All my best,

Judith Rodriguez-Bec, D.M.D., Class of 1989  
President, Academy of Alumni and Friends

## SETZER RECEIVES FDA AWARD



Barry Setzer, D.D.S.

Barry Setzer, D.D.S., received a Public Service Award from the Florida Dental Association, or FDA, for his humanitarian service to the state during the 2017 FDA Annual Meeting in Orlando.

Setzer volunteers with the college as a courtesy clinical associate professor in pediatric dentistry and is also a member of the college’s Academy of Alumni and Friends, or AAF, where he has served as an active leader for the association for many years, including as president. While the word “alumni” in the association title is self-explanatory, the word “friend” means anyone who has been an active supporter of the college.

When the college was first created in the late 1960s there were many Florida dentists dedicated to the idea of having a state dental school and who advocated and worked tirelessly on behalf of the college, both in the beginning and throughout the ensuing years. These people became known as “friends” when the association was formed and Setzer, who earned his dental degree from the University of Maryland, certainly exemplifies the spirit of that title.

A native of Jacksonville, Setzer completed his residency in pediatric dentistry at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. He has been in private practice dentistry in Jacksonville since 1977. In addition to his volunteer teaching at the dental college, he is a courtesy assistant professor in pediatrics at the UF College of Medicine – Jacksonville. He and his wife, Ellen, have one daughter, Dena, a son-in-law, Jason Rosen, and a grandson, Adam Shepherd “Shep” Rosen.

We are proud to count him as a “friend” of our college!



NOVEMBER 17 & 18

**2017 DENTAL**

**FALL WEEKEND**



**THE 2017 DENTAL FALL WEEKEND** brought almost 300 alumni, friends and family together for events that included D.M.D. class reunions, a CE course, a spirited tailgate and the UF football game against the University of Alabama at Birmingham. The 2018 Dental Fall Weekend is scheduled for November 16 & 17; we hope you will make plans to join us.

We are very grateful to these class leaders who organized successful reunions for their D.M.D. classes:

**MARVIN WELLS, Class of 1977**

**JAY GARLITZ, Class of 1982**

**REI AND MARTHA GONZALEZ, Class of 1987**

**DAN MCSHERRY, Class of 1992**

**PETER LEMIEUX, Class of 1997**

**MEENAL PATEL, Class of 2007**

**BRANDON GREENWALT, Class of 2012**

Of special note is the work that Dan McSherry, D.M.D., put forth rallying 42 of his classmates to attend the 1992 reunion — 70 percent of the class!



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*November 2017*

There were happy smiles, emojis and popsicles as the sophomores met the juniors who will serve as their guides as they enter the clinical environment.



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DMD CLASS OF 2020  
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Thank you to Gerri M. Ferris, D.M.D., class of 1980, for generously sponsoring the Hinman Gator Dentist reception for the past six years.

The reception is open to all UFCD alumni in the Atlanta area and those attending the Hinman conference. It's a great opportunity to reconnect with your classmates and meet current students — we look forward to seeing you there next year!

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# GRATEFUL GATOR DAY



On March 14, students across UF and at UFCD took the time to thank donors who give to the university in support of student life and scholarships during Grateful Gator Day. For more photos from the event, visit the album on our Facebook page.

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## ACADEMY OF ALUMNI & FRIENDS

# ALUMNI UPDATES

Left: Members of the DMD Class of 2010 after their 2008 Professional Coating Ceremony.

### ANDREW FAGIN, D.M.D.; MONICA ISKANDER, D.M.D. | CLASS OF 2017

Andrew Fagin, D.M.D., and Monica Iskander, D.M.D., released their newest original song "Rise" on YouTube. Iskander and Fagin met in dental school and frequently performed together at the annual Acid Etch Talent Show. They won first place their senior year performing "Rise," which Fagin wrote as part of his "Vignettes" project. They are now recording that project. Iskander practices at Arlington River Family Dental in Jacksonville and Fagin practices at Advanced Dental Care of Bradenton.

### ERNEST MCDOWELL, D.M.D. | CLASS OF 1985

Ernest McDowell, D.M.D., and Randy Feldman, D.D.S., of Blue Wave Orthodontics in Tampa, served as contributing experts in the recently published book, A Reason to Smile: Fixing Broken Confidence with Cosmetic Dentistry. The book was written for patients who seek factual and honest advice about cosmetic dentistry procedures and features qualified experts in numerous dental specialties.

### NICHOLAS KAVOUKLIS, D.M.D. | CLASS OF 1986

Nicholas Kavouklis, D.M.D., was appointed to the Florida Board of Dentistry by Gov. Rick Scott. The Florida Board of Dentistry plays an important role in health care through communications with the public, legislature, dental colleges and national dental organizations. Kavouklis has 30-plus years as a practicing general dentist and 25-plus years in the dental insurance market. He is founder and chief executive officer of Argus Dental and Vision Inc.

### JILL MORRIS, D.M.D. | CLASS OF 1985

Jill Morris, D.M.D., and her husband, Burr Bakke, D.D.S., are celebrating the 30th anniversary of their practice, World Class Dentistry, in Sarasota. Wagner is an accredited member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry.

### WILLIAM SCOTT WAGNER, D.M.D. | CLASS OF 1998

Scott Wagner, D.M.D., was named by Jacksonville Magazine as one of the Top Docs in Jacksonville. Wagner has practiced dentistry for 19 years and has received the Top Doc designation for the last 10 years. Wagner is a Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies Fellow and has served there as a clinical instructor. He opened his practice, Eccella Smiles, in 2010 in Jacksonville Beach.

## WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

We would love to share updates and special events in your personal or professional life. Please email [meganpoole@ufl.edu](mailto:meganpoole@ufl.edu), and let us know where you are, what you're doing and any life events you'd like to share.

Photos are welcome! To read more about fellow Gator Dentist alumni, visit our 'Alumni Spotlight' section on [dental.ufl.edu](http://dental.ufl.edu) under Alumni & Giving.