



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

I hope everyone enjoyed the summer – we are now gearing up for the start of a new academic year which promises to be very busy and productive.

2019-2024 Strategic Plan

Our new Strategic Plan is done and on our [website here](#). Thank you to everyone who played a role in the development of this plan. We were fortunate to have participation from all areas of our college which is crucial in creating a well-rounded, comprehensive plan.

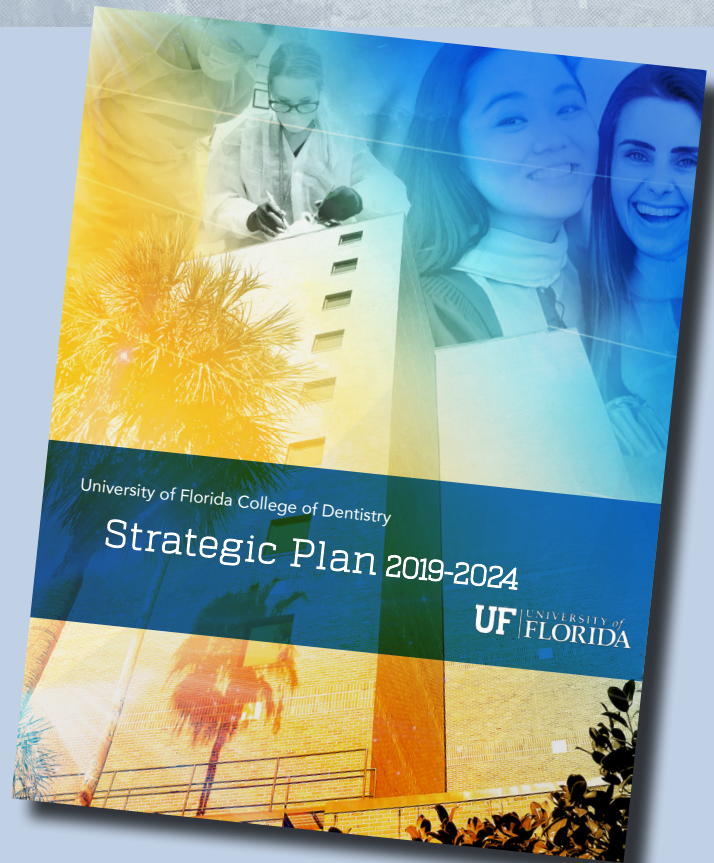
The plan includes goals, objectives and implementation strategies. The next phase is developing action items and measures that will allow us to translate the plan into specific steps that need to be completed. If the plan is a “roadmap,” the action items will tell us how we move from point A to point B along that map.

Developing, measuring and tracking the action items is the responsibility of the [UFCD Strategic Planning Committee](#). I will be relying on its members to ensure that our plan is a dynamic living document that will help us accomplish key institutional needs and opportunities through 2024.

Florida Dental Convention

The 2018 Florida Dental Convention was held in Orlando on June 22- 24. As is customary, UFCD hosted several events during the convention including a meeting of our Academy of Alumni & Friends Board and Class Leaders, and a Gator Dentist Reception. During the AAF meeting, we had the opportunity to update our alumni leaders about recent UFCD accomplishments, to share our

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Florida Dental Convention

For more photos from Gator Dentist events during Florida Dental Convention, visit our [Facebook photo album](#).



goals for the UF Capital Campaign and to ask for their support.

The focal points for our capital campaign are increasing funding for student scholarships, endowed professorships, and centers of excellence in children's, and digital and aesthetic dentistry. Our alumni and friends will play an important role in realizing our ability to meet our goals, and I believe we are poised to see some significant progress in our development efforts with their help.

UF Health Dentistry Wildlight

You may have seen some of the news about Wildlight, a new 2,900-acre community located in Yulee, Florida, in Nassau County, north of Jacksonville. The developer, Rayonier, is working with UF Health to open a health facility in Wildlight that includes a mixed-use master plan to make the development a national model for healthy communities. UF Health asked our college to be a part of the health facility.

Complete with an ambulatory medical center, a UF Health/YMCA Wellness Center, a residential pool complex, a church with pre-K through 12th private school, a public elementary school, extensive trails, parks and open spaces and approximately 1,000 homes, townhomes and apartments for its residents (Phase I), the community is designed to be a "health-making place" with a focus on mind, body and spirit.

The UF Health ambulatory care hub will include a dental center with five operatories and an ADA-compliant operatory where general dentistry, pediatric dentistry, hygiene and select specialty services will be offered. The dental center will be co-located on the second floor of the new building with family medicine, behavioral health, pediatrics and obstetrics/gynecology. The first floor will include an urgent care center complete with radiology and laboratory services. We have been working with leadership at UF Health to design the dental space which will operate as a new faculty dental practice.

The groundbreaking for the facility is August 15 and plans for opening are slated for November 2019. We are extremely excited to be included in this project and see it as a great opportunity to serve the oral health needs of north Florida.



Capital Campaign Prospectus

We are working with the UF Foundation to create a prospectus that reflects college goals and vision for the UF Capital Campaign.

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If you are interested in learning more about Wildlight, visit [their website](#).

Professional Coating Ceremonies

On June 16, we celebrated the DMD Class of 2020 as they move into the clinical realm with our 19th Professional Coating Ceremony. Held for the first time at the University Auditorium, the beautiful venue and ceremony marked a significant milestone in our DMD students' educational journey.

This is the last time that the ceremony will include our entering third year DMD students. With more emphasis on earlier clinical experiences, the Professional Coating Ceremonies are now scheduled earlier. This summer we "caught up" by hosting two Professional Coating Ceremonies. The DMD Class of 2021's ceremony was held July 14 and the DMD Class of 2022's is scheduled for February 2019.

New Acute Dental Pain Management Workgroup

A new UFCD workgroup has come together to address college policies and practices in pain management, particularly the use of opioid analgesics in acute dental pain management. The workgroup has assessed our instruction in pain management and our clinical prescribing practices across UFCD clinical sites. This document will be used to update and calibrate UFCD teaching and clinical practice in this area. The review includes the UF Dentistry Acute Pain Management Guidelines for non-Malignant Dental Pain. Through this effort, we continue our systematic efforts to evaluate and enhance our curriculum, and at the same time respond to misuse of and addiction to opioids – a problem that has become a recognized national crisis.

UFCD Annual Report

We recently published our newest annual report and you can find it on our [website here](#). The report shares a nice overview of recent accomplishments as well as information about our patient visits over the years, a financial overview and our research funding for the last year.

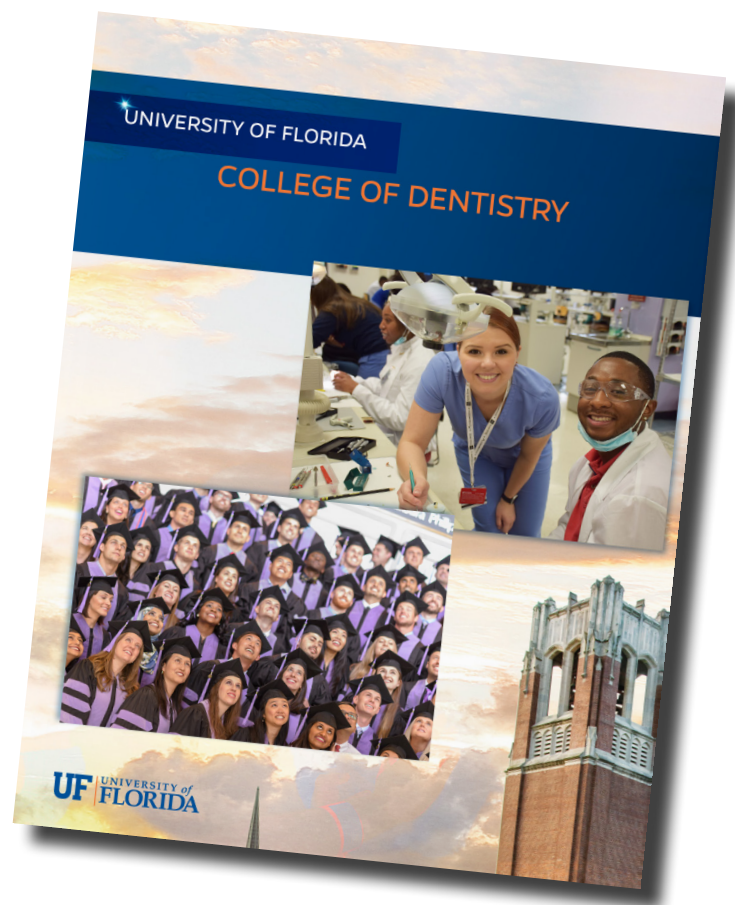
The report only includes a sampling of the many achievements of the past year. Virtually every aspect of our school and every program is constantly evaluating, refining and enhancing its work as we continue to improve our delivery of education and care, and our discoveries in science and research. I remain proud of the level of dedication and commitment I see each day from our students, residents, staff and faculty. Thank you!

Regards,
Dean Isabel Garcia



DMD Class of 2020 Professional Coating Ceremony

For some great photos, visit our [Facebook album](#).



UFCD Annual Report

The most-recent annual report can be found on [our website](#) along with reports from previous years and other college publications.

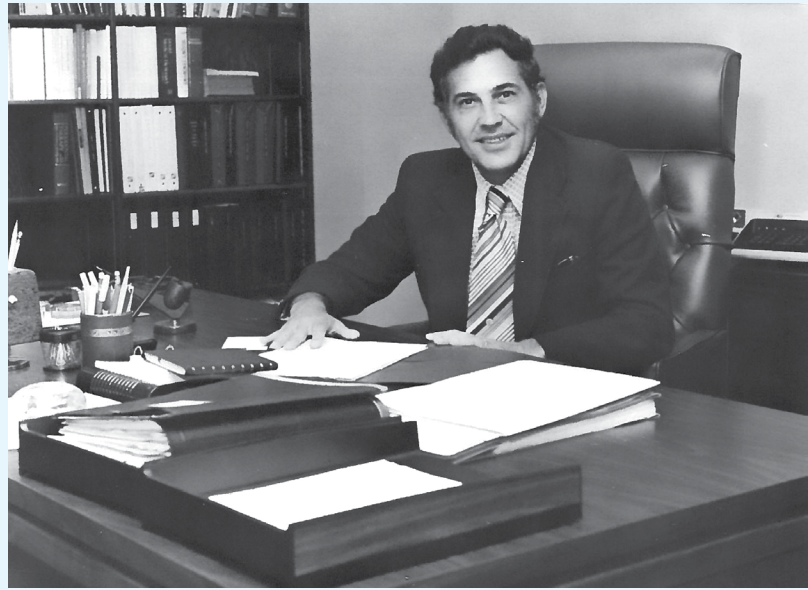
Former Dean Don L. Allen Passed Away

Don L. Allen, D.D.S., former dean of the University of Florida College of Dentistry, passed away on June 22, 2018. He joined the college in its fledgling years, serving as interim dean from June 1973 to September 1974, and as dean from September 1974 to October 1982.

During that time, he oversaw the move of UFCD, which had been operating in several temporary locations, into the dental tower. He was here when we began providing care to our first patients and presided over the commencement of our first graduating class of 24 dentists in 1976. He also ushered in the establishment of advanced education programs and the continuing dental education program, which began in 1981. After leaving UF, he served as dean of the University of Texas School of Dentistry.

Allen received his undergraduate diploma from Elon College. He earned his dental degree at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry followed by a master's in periodontics from the University of Michigan. He spent his postgraduate years in dental education, becoming the dean of the University of Florida College of Dentistry and then the University of Texas School of Dentistry. He was the president of the International College of Dentists in 1982.

Allen was born and raised in Burlington, North Carolina. He is predeceased by the love of his life Winnie Allen, his wife of 55 years, and Margaret Allen Small, his sister.



He has three children, Don L. Allen, Jr., and wife Lisa; Michael D. Allen and wife Ginger; Susan Allen Bossley and husband Clinton. He also has five grandchildren, Catherine, Sarah, Elizabeth, Tyler, Hannah and one great-granddaughter Charlee.

A private memorial was held at Crescent Beach which was his favorite place to spend time with family.

Donatelli Appointed Assistant Program Director for Orthodontics



Richard Donatelli, D.M.D., has been appointed assistant program director for the University of Florida Orthodontics Residency Program effective July 2, 2018.

His duties include assisting the program director with all aspects of orthodontics advanced education including compliance with Commission on Dental Accreditation standards, developing and implementing curriculum, evaluating resident performance and clinical outcomes.

Donatelli earned bachelor's degrees in political science and biological science from Florida Atlantic University then attended the UF College of Dentistry where he earned his dental degree in 2000 and his master's of science in orthodontics in 2008.

He has experience working in private practice in general dentistry and orthodontics. Donatelli joined the college as a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Orthodontics in 2011. Donatelli teaches predoctoral and graduate courses in the clinic and classroom settings for orthodontics and pediatric dental residents.

He is a member of the Angle Society of Orthodontists and the American Dental Education Association.