**Dr. Mark E. Davis Retires after 38 years**

**Dr. Mark Davis**, a pioneer of the new operative dentistry curriculum in UFCD and educator for more than 38 years has retired. Dr. Davis graduated in 1965 from the University of Texas-Houston earning his DDS degree. From 1965 to 1967 he served as captain in the US Army for the First Infantry Division Republic of Vietnam. He received the Combat Medical Badge, the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service, and the Army Commendation Medal. After serving our country Dr. Davis opened his private practice in Houston, Texas and then moved to the Bruce W. Carter VA Medical Center in Miami, Florida, where he worked as a chief dental faculty member for 20 years. In 1990, he moved to the Lake City VA Medical Center in Lake City, Florida and worked as staff dentist for ten years. In 2000, he became an associate professor at the University of Florida, College of Dentistry until his retirement in 2008. From 2008 to 2020 he worked as adjunct faculty for the division of Operative Dentistry, where he guided junior faculty, shaped dental students, and graced everyone with his positivity. Dr. Davis was always willing to help and improve our mission with the use of kind and wise words. On December 3rd, UFCD honored Dr. Mark E. Davis with “Bowtie Day”, where students, faculty and staff wore a bow alongside Dr. Davis.

**Celebrating “Boss’s Day” with Dr. Dilbone**

**Dr. Deborah Dilbone** was surprised on October 16 during “Boss Day”. Faculty and staff gather together and had the opportunity to show her the appreciation of her leadership and mentorship. Her support and generosity has brightened our department, and she continues to advance the department in the right direction.
Nascimento, Ribeiro and Dilbone participated in CODE

Drs. Marcelle Nascimento, Ana P. Ribeiro and Deborah Dilbone participated and represented the University of Florida in the annual Consortium of Operative Dental Educators (CODE) in Greenville, NC. Eleven dental schools attended the 3-day discussion on preclinical and clinical teaching in operative dentistry with a main focus in the new INDBE and patient live boards.

Dr. Ana Ribeiro honored as 2020-2021 ADEA Leadership Institute

Dr. Ana P. Ribeiro was named a 2020-21 American Dental Education Association Leadership Institute Fellow, an honor bestowed annually to the nation’s most promising dental educators and leaders. The fellowship is a year-long program and is conducted in four phases. The program includes sessions in leadership theory, team building, communications, managing change, public policy, educational policy, legal issues, research, and budgeting and financial management. She also received the Faculty Enhancement Opportunity (FEO) to sponsor the course. Congratulations!

Faculty updates

- Dr. Valeria Gordan was appointed by the UFCD Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs to assist with the UFCD Faculty Retreat in spring of 2020. She was also appointed by the Dean of UFCD as a member of the Peer Review Committee.
- Dr. Ana Paula Ribeiro was named director of curriculum for the Department of Restorative Dental Sciences.
- Dr. Andre Reis was appointed as the new course director of graduate clinics.
- Dr. Marc Ottenga was appointed as CDCA dental board examiner.
- Drs. Jean Francois Roulet, Dayane Oliveira and Mateus Rocha participated in the National Nanotechnology Day (NanoDay).
- Dr. Marcelle Nascimento was honored as a recipient of a UF Research Foundation Award.


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Professional Presentations (August-December 2019)

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Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and spent time with friends and family. As I reflect on 2019, I see what a successful year it was for everyone in the division and I am incredibly proud of everyone's accomplishments. Last year, we had many teaching awards, not only at the college level, but also at the national level. We even had another class advisor. In addition, we were prolific in our research and published more than 50 peer-review article, many of which we presented as posters and oral sessions at major congresses, such as IADR, AOD, ADEA and ADM. We hired several new teachers who joined our division with outstanding backgrounds and even recruited former students as courtesy faculty. Our service within the community has been exceptional with many teachers leading programs and mentoring students while providing oral care to our Gainesville community. In addition, we obtained the highest passing rate in the live-patient portion for the Florida Board. With all these achievements and accomplishments, I would like to thank all the faculty who devoted their valuable time and energy to advance the division and the college. I look forward to making our college, department and students proud while working together again in 2020.