



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

To: UF College of Dentistry,

I sincerely hope last week provided those programs that take a spring break time to refresh, recharge, reset and prepare for the rest of this semester. To our fourth-year students, congratulations on the completion of patient board exams!

On February 26, the University of Florida held the inaugural Gator Nation Giving Day – Stand Up & Holler – a one-day giving event to raise money for the university's far-reaching and life-changing work. In one day, over \$12.6 million was raised through 11,535 gifts to the university.

I am proud of the support our college received on giving day. Final numbers are still being tabulated, and to date our college received 75 gifts totaling \$20,674. Special recognition goes to Dr. Roberta Pileggi for rallying her endodontics alumni who gave \$11,725, over half of the UFCD total.

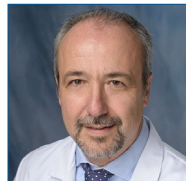
I would like to reiterate my sincerest thanks to our faculty, staff, students, residents, patients, alumni and friends of the college who made a gift or played a role during this event. The generous donations will undoubtedly help drive our success through student and faculty support, and advanced programs and resources that will aid in learning and discovery at UFCD.

We learned in February that five of our faculty and staff members were recognized as 2018-19 UF Superior Accomplishment Award winners. The program recognizes faculty and staff who have shown efficiency in their work, and contributed outstanding and meritorious service to the college, UF Health and the university. Please join me in congratulating Kervin Daniel, Angela DeBono, Kelly Raulerson, Quincy Allen and Dr. Ana Dias Ribeiro on this honor!

Faculty Appointments



Dr. Alex Delgado
Division Director of Operative Dentistry



Dr. Panagiotis Zoidis
Interim Division Director of Prosthodontics



Dr. Scott Tomar
Director of Institutional Analysis and Evaluation



Dr. Luisa Echeto
Director of Patient Assignment and Screening



Dr. Joy Wang
Director of Maxillofacial Prosthetic Services



Dr. Luisa Cassiano
Predoctoral Clinical Program Director for Operative Division

It's moments like giving day and recognizing our Superior Accomplishment Award winners that truly make me proud to be your dean. The dedication and unwavering support of everyone associated with UFCD through many different avenues and roles is what makes our college so special.

The Road Ahead

You have likely heard about "One UF," an initiative of President Fuchs' to further unite the university through common messaging, goals, and bringing together some shared services. An aspect of One UF includes creating closer bonds and support for information technology, in particular for education and research IT infrastructure. We expect that the transition towards One UF IT will evolve over time and that our clinical IT activities will continue to be tied closely to those of UF Health.

UF Health Web Services has created a new website template called Apollo 2. It will eventually be deployed across all UF Health websites but the [UFCD Office of Research team agreed to have their subsite serve as a test site for the new design](#). The new site went live at the end of February. It is fresh, easy to navigate and maintains the UF look and feel throughout.

We are just under a year away from the grand opening of UF Health's new medical facility in Wildlight, a new town under development in Nassau County north of Jacksonville near Yulee, Florida. The health care center is expected to open in December 2019, and we will begin providing dental care in January 2020. We are excited to be a part of this endeavor to positively impact oral health in the area.

We will begin spreading the word about UF Health Dentistry - Wildlight at the Wildlight Elementary Science Fair at the end of March. I thank Dr. Olga Luaces for taking the lead on our first community outreach effort in Wildlight.

We have much to look forward to in the coming months with ADEA's Annual Session next week, Spring Synergy at the end of the month, boards rapidly approaching, followed closely by commencement, AADR and Florida Dental Convention.

I wish you all the best as we gear up for a successful finish to the spring semester.

Best Regards,
Dean Isabel Garcia

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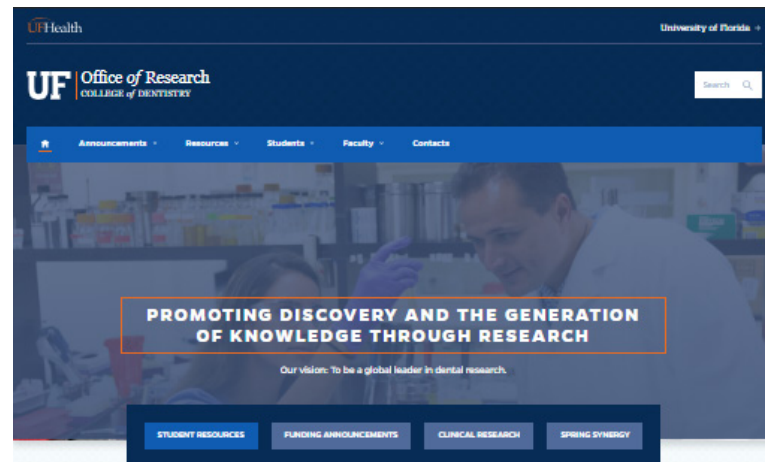
Apollo 2.0 Reveal

A NEW LOOK FOR **UF HEALTH** WEBSITES

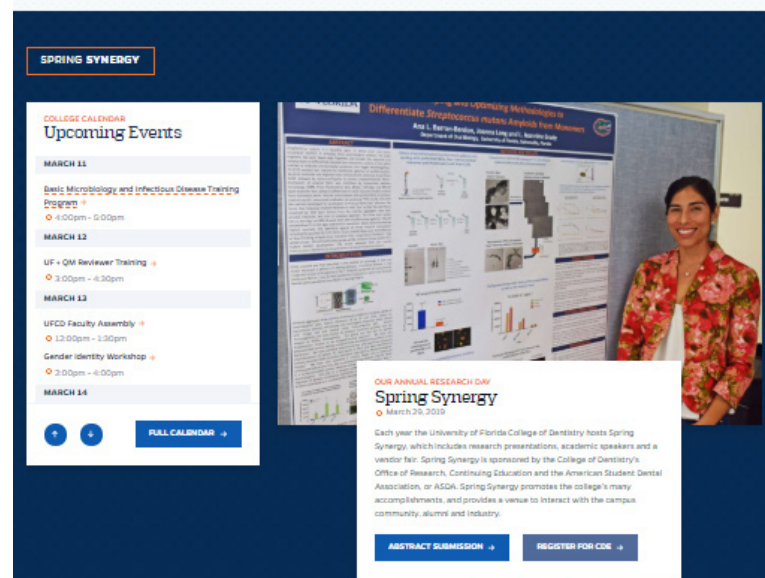
UF Health websites will have a refreshed look this year thanks to a new WordPress theme called Apollo 2. Apollo 2 provides updated aesthetics, easy navigation and modernized features for optimal functionality for website users and visitors.

The theme officially launched at the end of February, and UFCD's Office of Research subsite served as one of the five early adopters for the new template. Check out a sneak peek below and [online](#).

We look forward to getting all College of Dentistry websites transitioned over through the next several months, a process being led by the Office of Communications. Be on the lookout for communication about migration plans for the remainder of our sites.



BY THE NUMBERS



Margeaux Johnson



INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGNER
OFFICE OF EDUCATION



Margeaux Johnson, an instructional designer (ID) at the College of Dentistry, collaborates with faculty in the D.M.D. program to enhance teaching best practices and to encourage scaffolding for meaningful learning. She partners on a range of projects including course development, educational consultations, and the scholarship of teaching & learning. Here is a sample of ID projects that the Curriculum & Instructional Support Team – Gail Childs, Christina Haskins, Margeaux Johnson, and Ben Mertz – are working on currently:

Full Course Development

Dr. Jia Chang is collaborating with ID to create a new version of his *DEN8423: Periodontics for the General Practitioner* course. In Summer 2019 this course will have a more flexible, self-paced schedule to meet the learning needs of busy students in clinic while still providing high quality information and faculty support.

Partial Course Development

To solve a challenge in the *DEN6128: Host Defense* course, Dr. Edward Chan and Dr. Frank Gibson are collaborating with ID to provide some online modules in a hybrid-style course for Summer 2019. Parts of the course will be completed online and includes frequent opportunities for students to receive instructor feedback in-person and through “test your knowledge” quizzes.

Active Learning Consultation

Dr. Edna Perez has a vision for a team-based learning session in her *DEN7452: Fundamentals of Pediatric Dentistry* course. She has been working on case-based scenarios and planning the active learning session, which will take place in late summer, with Curriculum & Instructional Support.

Course Planning Consultation

As a new course director for the Fall 2019 semester, Dr. Carlos Soucy has gotten an early start planning his *DEN6412: Preclinical Fixed Prosthodontics I* course. He and Margeaux attended a “course mapping camp” at the Center for Instructional Technology & Training (CITT) over Spring Break to examine the structure of the class and brainstorm how to best scaffold student learning.

Scholarship of Teaching & Learning

Dr. Annetty Soto & Dr. Olga Luaces are conducting an educational research project to examine student and faculty perceptions of professionalism in dentistry. Margeaux is facilitating focus groups and assisting with data collection.



SUPERIOR

ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARDS

- ▶ **KERVIN DANIEL**
Clerical/Office Support | Oral Diagnostic Sciences
- ▶ **ANGELA DEBONO**
Clerical/Office Support | Restorative Dental Sciences
- ▶ **KELLY RAULERSON**
Scientific/Technical | Community Dentistry & Behavioral Science
- ▶ **QUINCY ALLEN**
Administrative/Professional | Accounting
- ▶ **DR. ANA DIAS RIBEIRO**
Academic Personnel | Restorative Dental Sciences: Operative

Spring Synergy

POSTER ABSTRACT DEADLINE
EXTENDED



Thank you to our **Office of Student Advocacy & Inclusion** and

Robin Byrd from UF's Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (**UF CARD**) for organizing

two wonderful workshops in February on autism and how to translate strategies for patient care in dentistry. The sessions covered

autism disorder, risk factors, characteristics, behaviors and identified common oral health problems and dental visit barriers among those with the disorder. Robin then provided tips on best practices to assist when treating patients with autism spectrum disorders.

Congratulations!

2019-20 ADEA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE FELLOWS

- ▶ Dr. Alex Delgado
- ▶ Dr. Deebea Kashtwari

UF COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

2019 Spring Synergy

RESEARCH | CONTINUING EDUCATION | AMERICAN STUDENT DENTAL ASSOCIATION

MARCH 29

The University of Florida College of Dentistry invites you to **2019 Spring Synergy**, the college's annual celebration of research on the UF Academic Health Center campus.

While the deadline for oral presentation abstracts was March 8, the college is still accepting abstracts for **poster** presentations **ONLY** in the following areas of interest: **educational, clinical** or **basic research**.

Individuals in the following divisions may submit abstracts:

- **Pre-Dental / Undergraduate Students**
- **Current D.M.D. Students**
- **M.S. Graduate / Residents**
- **Ph.D. Students / Post-Doc**

SUBMIT ABSTRACT/VIEW AGENDA

ABSTRACT DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2019



Upcoming Events

March

- 13** Faculty Assembly
D3-3
- 13** Gender Equity Workshop
HPNP G112
- 16-19** ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition
Hyatt Regency Chicago
- 27-29** Spring Synergy
UF Academic Health Center
[Agenda & CE Info](#) | [Submit Abstract](#)

April

- 19** Spring Semester Ends; Last Day Senior Clinic
- 22-26** Semester Break
- 24-May 1** National Boards Part 1 Block
- 27-28** Florida Board Exam Traditional Format

May

- 13-June 21** Summer Health Professions Education Program
- 17** Commencement
- 27** Memorial Day

June

- 19-22** IADR/AADR/CADR General Session
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

HELPFUL TIP



The Fresh Market in Gainesville recently implemented a 10% discount for UF faculty, staff and students. Show your Gator1/UFID to apply the discount. For more perks, [visit GatorPerks online!](#)

CLASS OF 2022

White Coat Ceremony



[FULL GALLERY ON FACEBOOK](#)