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!
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
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.
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.

**ABSTRACT DEADLINE:** MARCH 15, 2019

**SUBMIT ABSTRACT/VIEW AGENDA**
## Upcoming Events

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**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!

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**CLASS OF 2022**

**White Coat Ceremony**

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