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Alumni Newsletter

May 2020



Join us for the virtual graduation ceremony!

**Saturday, May 16, 2020
1 p.m.**

Click [here](#) to attend

(Also available for viewing after the ceremony)

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Dean's Roundtable Town Hall

We invite you to join Dean Costello for a Roundtable Town Hall Regarding COVID-19 Response

Wednesday, May 27 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Hosted on Zoom - click [here](#) to join

Continuing Education Courses

The Center for Continuing Dental Education has scheduled several live webinars, and will continue to add more in the coming weeks.

We are trying to adapt to these challenging times and continue to provide you with quality continuing education. Hopefully, this can be a productive time to meet your CE needs and requirements. You can participate in these courses from your home (by computer, tablet or smartphone). For re-licensure purposes, this live webinar format counts the same as a live course.

We appreciate your commitment to continuing dental education. Stay well and stay safe.

Radiation Safety and DEP Regulations

Friday, May 22, 2020

10 a.m. to noon

Infection Control In The Era of COVID-19: What Dental Practitioners Need to Know

Friday, May 29, 2020

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Please check our [course calendar](#) frequently, as we will be adding additional webinars.

FACULTY NEWS**Pitt Dental Medicine Welcomes New Dean for Strategic Development and Operations**

Dear Pitt Dental Medicine Alumni and Friends,

When I accepted my position with the School of Dental Medicine, I was a bit leery of my April 1 start date, given the tradition of tricks and pranks that accompany that day. Little did I know then, that April 1 this year would also be in the midst of a global pandemic that forced us all to distance ourselves and work from home as much as possible. Needless to say, my first weeks on the job did not go exactly as I had planned. Although I didn't get off to quite the start I had envisioned, my excitement about joining the School has never waned. I am thrilled to be joining an incredible team that does tremendous work every day to support the School of Dental Medicine's mission of improving oral health through teaching, research, and service.

The plus side of starting my new job during a pandemic, is that I have seen the team at the School of Dental Medicine responding to crisis and rising up to meet the gravest of challenges. I have seen incredible passion, dedication, and commitment from so many to keep our students learning, our research functions vibrant, and our emergency clinic open for patients. I have seen an inspiring amount of compassion and caring for students, patients, and colleagues to make sure we all made it through this difficult time together. I got to see the very best our team had to give, and it was something truly special to behold. As alums of Pitt Dental Medicine, you all would be very proud of the work that has happened here on campus.

I know that this pandemic has affected all of us in some way. My hope is that you and your family are safely tackling this challenge and are ready and able to move toward the future. If there is any way that we can assist you, I hope you will reach out and let us know.

As we turn to the future, I want you to know that I look forward to connecting with as many of you as I possibly can. I am excited to work closely with Nancy Poe, who many of you know is our Alumni Relations Manager, to learn how we can best support you and to make sure you know how much we value you being part of our Pitt Dental Medicine family.

In the meantime, please don't ever hesitate to reach out if I can be of assistance or if you have ideas to help us grow more connected in our community of those who are so grateful for Pitt Dental Medicine. What I've learned already is that this community that makes up the School of Dental Medicine - Alumni, Faculty, Staff, and Students - is very special. Our mission is incredibly important and we have the team to fulfill it. If we all work together and support each other, I don't see how anything, even a global pandemic, can stop us!

All the best and Hail to Pitt!

Jim

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