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Dear Alumni and Friends,



The cover of this issue of Pitt Dental Medicine depicts a chromosome, which, of course, provides the roadmap in life to create distinguishing characteristics for each of us. This is particularly emblematic in that this issue explores the distinguishing characteristics of the School of Dental Medicine, which is its people. As any organism is comprised of its component parts, so is our school comprised of its faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Together, it is a remarkable, energetic, robust, and vibrant organism. It is, however, in exploring the individual parts that we see what a truly wonderful creation the School of Dental Medicine represents. This issue will highlight those individuals who have contributed so much, and some aspects of the school which demonstrate its continuation to grow.

Our lead article highlights Dr. Mary Marazita who, this year, received the University of Pittsburgh Chancellor's Distinguished Research Award. This is a highly prized recognition and, most notably, Dr. Marazita's research deals with the genetics of facial development. Additionally, a small sampling of our faculty members is also recognized for their varied and appreciated contributions. This magazine will highlight some of those individuals, including Dr. Alex Vieira, who joins Dr. Marazita in genetics research especially with a clinical application, such

as the Dental Registry and DNA Repository, and Drs. Costello and Sfeir who have been noted in past articles for their remarkable research into clinical applications dealing with maxillofacial injuries, especially as related to reconstructing injuries and deformities from the trauma of combat. Additionally, Dr. Schleyer is one of the foremost informatics researchers in the country, and perhaps the world, in the area of dental medicine, and is a valuable contributor to advances in applications of information and technology to the school and to the Health Sciences at Pitt.

The school also has individuals who have been recognized for their accomplishments in teaching and service, and for their participation in leadership activities, such as state and national dental associations. Not to be overlooked are our students. They include residents, such as Dr. Richard Bauer, the president of the national Residents Organization of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (ROAAOMS) and recently graduated predoctoral students, Dr. James Martin and Dr. Maria Martinez, who served in national leadership roles in student dental associations. Our staff, too, have consistently gained recognition for their service efforts throughout the community and by the Chancellor and the University. Our School of Dental Medicine has been acknowledged for its efforts in diversity and inclusion with the creation of an office and a designated director, Dr. David Anderson.

This magazine also reveals the school's ability to grow and to morph consistent with the times and future dental education. In that regard, our administrative structure is constantly changing to enhance our curriculum, our clinical affairs, and our faculty development aspects through the appointment of prominent individuals in those areas, with new areas of responsibility.

Our alumni have consistently and increasingly been an important and distinguishing characteristic of our school, and continue to play active roles in our Dean's Scholarship Ball, the White Coat Ceremony, the diploma ceremony, and our annual Bowser lecture among many others. The annual Health Sciences' Winter Academy, which takes place in Naples, Florida, is greatly assisted by the participation of our school's alumni in the Naples area who serve on the organizing committee.

This magazine will hopefully provide insight into the ongoing activities of all of those components of the school and the direction of the school in the future. The most notable monument to future development is recognition of the school's continued research, both basic and clinical, and the building of a new research tower and adjacent common student area that will connect the school and the research tower.

It is my sincere hope that this Pitt Dental Medicine magazine will provide for you the opportunity to gain insight into the continued growth, pride, and distinguishing characteristics of the School of Dental Medicine.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Braun, DMD '73, PHD '77
Professor and Dean



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Marks of Distinction

Dr. Mary Marazita

Of the many facets that distinguish the School of Dental Medicine, it's the people who make the difference. From researchers to teachers, from staff members to students, our school is made up of over 1,000 people who contribute to its overall progress. Much like an individual's genetic make-up will determine his/her development and future, the SDM's DNA is made up of many individuals who collectively determine the development and future of our school.

Research

Over the past two decades, **Dr. Mary Marazita** has dedicated her life's work to the genetics of craniofacial anomalies. Her combined expertise in statistics and genetics has proven to be a powerful force in craniofacial research. As director of the Center for Craniofacial and Dental Genetics at the School of Dental Medicine, Dr. Marazita has served as principal investigator on numerous projects funded by the National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), part of the National Institutes of Health. Her latest NIDCR-funded research, the FaceBase Project (www.facebase.org), is a multidisciplinary collaboration to create a massive database for craniofacial research. This initiative will focus on understanding the genetic basis of craniofacial development and the mechanisms underlying craniofacial diseases and disorders with the long-term goal of accelerating development of molecular medicine for improved risk assessment, effective prevention, screening and treatment strategies, as well as functional restoration in oral, dental, and craniofacial disorders. The FaceBase Project will provide a comprehensive knowledge base for a systems-level understanding of normal and abnormal craniofacial development and will be primarily open access to the research community so that researchers can look at systems of genes as compared to a gene-by-gene approach.

As a result of her distinguished research career

at the University, Dr. Marazita was recently honored as the first-ever SDM faculty member to receive the Chancellor's Distinguished Research Award. The award represents Dr. Marazita's research career as a whole: to gain an understanding of what causes cleft lip and palate from a genetics standpoint. She was nominated by five individuals within the University and by five prominent researchers in the field.

"To be honest, I was really surprised and very honored, because this is one of the highest awards at the University and I am the first to be recognized from the School of Dental Medicine," Dr. Marazita said.

After earning her PhD in genetics with a specialty in biostatistics from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Dr. Marazita went on to complete a postdoctoral program in craniofacial biology at the University of Southern California where she developed an interest in cleft lip and palate. During her training there in medical genetics, she was struck at how upset families were during genetic counseling when they realized their child has a facial birth defect.

"A large part of the bonding experience is by looking at the face," said Dr. Marazita. "They wanted to know what the chances were of having another child with a similar anomaly. They also wanted to know if they had done anything wrong. Since there were no definitive answers, I became interested in finding answers for these families."

Prior to joining the faculty at the SDM, Dr. Marazita served on the faculty at the University of California Los Angeles and the Medical College of Virginia where she became board certified by the American Board of Medical Genetics. She also served as director of the Birth Defects Registry for the commonwealth of Virginia. Dr. Marazita began international collaborations in cleft lip and palate research in 1992. When the School of Dental Medicine had an opening for director of the Cleft Palate Center, Dr. Marazita was attracted because the position pulled together many of her interests.

"It was important to me that the dental school was part of a large-research oriented university with a particularly strong department in human genetics."

As a result, Dr. Marazita has been able to form international research collaborations and to date, 5,000 people have been assessed in countries across Asia, Europe, and South America.

"We hypothesize that the reason we see this pattern of skipping generations is that some people are carrying those risk genes, but they're not expressing them. They didn't end up with a birth defect; however, there are physical features that we can measure which are due to the same gene." As a result of Dr. Marazita's research, several genes have been identified as important in the development of cleft lip and palate. She also will soon report multiple significant genetic discoveries from other NIH-supported studies with research in dental caries and premature birth.

Dr. Marazita currently has more than \$6 million in NIH grants and over 220 publications. She also is heading a large study of dental caries genetics in the Northern Appalachian region and is collaborating on a genetics study of premature birth with Dr. Jeff Murray of the University of Iowa.

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Dr. Alexandre Vieira

Many faculty at the SDM lecture regularly in addition to their teaching and research. **Dr. Alexandre Vieira**, assistant professor and director of the Dental and Craniofacial Clinical and Translational Research Center and the Dental Registry and DNA Repository, has been selected to present the December lecture as part of 12 at 12, a prestigious lecture series developed by Dr. Arthur Levine, senior vice chancellor of Health Sciences.

Dr. Vieira will present "Individual Susceptibility to the Most Common Infectious Noncontagious Disease of Humankind: Caries." Dr. Vieira is the first faculty member from the SDM to participate in the series.

"It's an honor to be selected and demonstrates our school's growth in research," Dr. Vieira said. Through a \$1.9 million grant from the National Institute of Craniofacial and Dental Research, Dr. Vieira is working to determine the Genetics of Caries.

A recent paper authored by Dr. Vieira, Genome-Wide Scan Finds Suggestive Caries Loci, was the first in the area of caries research to take a genome-wide approach. The results of that paper which was published in 2008 in the Journal of Dental Research, led to this study narrowing in on genes that control enamel formation, saliva function or composition, and immune response. The project will make use of data collected in a previous study on the genetics of cleft lip and/or palate from a population in rural Philippines. The goal of the grant is to understand the biology behind caries so that alternative preventive treatments can be developed.

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Another major research effort at the SDM is the \$3.9 million contract with the U.S. Department of Defense's Office of Technology Transition. **Dr. Charles Sfeir and Dr. Bernard J. Costello**, associate professor in the Department of Oral Biology and professor in the Department of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery respectively, are working together to bring new technology to the armed forces with their project, Novel Bone Cement for Craniofacial Regeneration, focusing on regenerating new bone in patients with tumors and trauma defects as well as congenital disorders. Through a collaboration with the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine, Drs. Sfeir and Costello are working with Dr. Prashant Kumta, engineering professor at the Swanson School of Engineering; on a tight deadline to bring this technology to the benchtop.

This project is the outgrowth of several other research projects from Dr. Sfeir's laboratory over the last few years. For their current project, Dr. Sfeir conducted pre-clinical trials with his team of researchers and identified a manufacturer for the cement. The project is working toward the



Dr. Bernard J. Costello and Dr. Charles Sfeir

clinical trial phase in which Dr. Costello will treat 20 patients with craniofacial defects.

The cement will be used to fill craniofacial defects as a result of shrapnel injuries or other defects to the skull vault, forehead, eye sockets, and cheekbones. This technology will provide safer, more efficient treatments for such injuries. Alternative treatments include dismantling the entire craniofacial vault to remove strips that can be used to fill in gaps or grafting bone from some other part of the body.

Participants in the clinical trials will be monitored over the course of 12 months and there is potential for additional funding from the Department of Defense based on the results of the first phase of the contract.

Dr. Sfeir's lab also is researching adding growth factors such as bone morphogenic protein to help generate bone. Future clinical applications with the calcium phosphate cement could include printing 3-D structures to exact specifications based on computed tomography scans as well as various orthopedic applications.

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Dr. Titus Schleyer

Another distinction in research for the SDM is having the first dentist in nearly twenty years to be elected into the American College of Medical Informatics (ACMI). **Dr. Titus Schleyer**, associate professor and director of the Center for Dental Informatics (CDI), is one of five dentists to join the elite college of fellows from across the United States and abroad who have made significant and sustained contributions to the field of medical informatics.

"We don't normally think about growing disciplines—we think about growing grants, portfolios, publication lists, and individual careers, but it is really helpful to draw on the wisdom of the senior members of ACMI to find out how dental informatics can grow faster and better," said Dr. Schleyer. He hopes to learn from ACMI fellows who served as the first generation of biomedical informatics, who know it's origins and have watched it grow.

While medical informatics has yielded dramatic innovations and progress in terms of how physicians use computers in clinical care, the same innovations cannot be easily applied to dental informatics as dentistry focuses primarily on the head, neck, and mouth unlike other disciplines in medicine.

Dr. Schleyer has directed Pitt's CDI since 2002 and noted that the school's biomedical informatics training program is the only training program in the United States to offer dedicated courses in dental informatics from the certificate program through post-doctoral training. Recent graduates from the program have gone on to work for prominent organizations such as the Centers for Disease Control.

"Our graduates are getting increasingly high profile positions in dental informatics," he said. "Five years ago, we didn't have those kinds of positions or the people to fill them."

One of the goals of the CDI is to make computer systems more useful in the clinical setting. Current projects include a software that will allow dentists to use natural language when dictating findings, the use of dental informatics tools for periodontal risk assessment, and an electronic practice based research network that can make the most of patient records for research and quality assurance.

Faculty

Faculty at the SDM have a profound impact on the future of dentistry through teaching and service. The SDM is distinguished to recognize, **Dr. Mark Ochs** (DMD '82), associate dean, professor and chair of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; who was honored with The Golden Apple Award for Inspiring Careers in Dental Education in 2009. The award recognizes the achievements of dental educators for outstanding mentoring of dental students at the predoctoral and postdoctoral levels.

"Under Dr. Braun's leadership, I've seen an insurgence of excellence and enthusiasm in our students," said Dr. Ochs. "We have high-caliber students and that just makes teaching all the more enjoyable. I like watching the students learn and progress and the saddest day is when they leave." In addition to teaching, Dr. Ochs is an active mentor and supports Pitt's American Student Dental Association chapter.



Dr. Mark Ochs

Dr. David Anderson (MDS '84), director of diversity and inclusion and assistant professor in the Department of Prosthodontics, has been making great strides since his appointment as director in 2008. He completed an assessment measuring 34 areas for diversity and inclusion specific to health sciences, developed a strategic plan, and formed vital partnerships with local organizations as well as educational institutions nationwide. As a result of his efforts, minority enrollment has increased at the SDM.

In 2009, the School of Dental Medicine was recognized with the inaugural Senior Vice Chancellor's Diversity Award for outstanding efforts in diversity and inclusion. Dr. Anderson accepted the award along with Dr. Dennis Ranalli, professor and senior associate dean, on behalf of the school at the Health Sciences Minority Alumni Reunion Banquet where Dr. Louis Sullivan, the 17th secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, was the keynote speaker. Dr. Anderson continues to work within and outside the school to cultivate diversity.



Dr. David Anderson

Dr. R. Donald Hoffman (DMD '72, PhD '88), associate dean for education and curriculum and associate professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry/Comprehensive care, was honored recently with an Award of Appreciation at the Eleventh Annual Dean's Scholarship Ball for his support of dental education and scholarships as well as for his leadership in organized dentistry.

Dr. Hoffman has been on the faculty at the SDM since 1972, the same year he earned his DMD. Dr. Hoffman also went on to earn a master's degree and PhD in education through the University of Pittsburgh.

He was in private practice as a general dentist and held a part-time faculty position until 1989. Dr. Hoffman directed the school's Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) program from 1989 through 2001, when he was appointed associate dean. Dr. Hoffman is a consultant to the Commission on Dental Accreditation and the North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners, and was a trustee to the Pennsylvania Dental Association. He has served as treasurer of the PA Dental Association for five years.



Dr. R. Donald Hoffman

Throughout the course of his 38-year academic career at the SDM, **Dr. Dennis Ranalli**, professor and senior associate dean, has held a broad range of administrative leadership positions. In recognition of his dedication to the SDM, Dr. Ranalli was presented with the Distinguished Alumnus Award - Advanced Education in 2004.

His clinical and academic interests in dentistry for children and adolescents, cleft palate and craniofacial abnormalities, child abuse and neglect prevention, sports dentistry, and dental traumatology have been recognized throughout his career by increasingly important leadership roles in local, state, and national dental organizations. In 1991, Dr. Ranalli was selected as a fellow into the prestigious Pew National Dental Leadership Development Program. He served at the national level as president of the Supreme Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon in 1992, president of the American Society of Dentistry for Children in 1997, and president of the Academy for Sports Dentistry in 2000.

His honors include the PA Society of Dentistry for Children Award of Excellence in 1995, the Pennsylvania Dental Association Recognition Award in 2006, and the Academy for Sports Dentistry Distinguished Member Award in 2009.



Dr. Dennis Ranalli



Dr. Robert Weyant

Dr. John Baker, associate professor in the Department of Oral Biology first came to the SDM from the National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research where he conducted research in dental immunology. Today he teaches microbiology and immunology to predoctoral, dental hygiene, and nursing students. He also demonstrates leadership through his involvement with the Faculty Senate since 1993. Dr. Baker served as president of the senate for three consecutive terms between 2006 and 2009 and currently serves on the senate's executive committee. During his presidency, the senate changed the bylaws to have equal representation across the University's schools, changed the sexual harassment policy, promoted women's issues including policies for child care and providing facilities for nursing mothers.

Dr. Baker also is a member of the senate budget policies committee, the University planning and budget committee, the Board of Trustees Budget Committee, the Senate Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, and the Senate Benefits and Welfare Committee.



Dr. John Baker

Dr. Robert Weyant (DMD '82), associate dean for Public Health and Outreach, and professor and chair of the Department of Dental Public Health/Information Management; is a past-president of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry and is the current editor-in-chief of the Journal of Public Health Dentistry. As editor, he processes and approves more than 300 manuscripts submitted to the quarterly journal each year. The editing process ensures the standard of the science in the journal is high quality.

Since accepting the role as editor, Dr. Weyant has published several special issues dedicated themes such as the dental workforce and methodology in behavior and social science research. Dr. Weyant recently served on the Institute of Medicine's Committee on an Oral Health Initiative, which provided Congress with a plan for improving oral health policy within the Department of Health and Human Services. He also is a member of the National Advisory Dental and Craniofacial Research Council of the NIH and the Public Health Advisory for the American Dental Association.

Students

As a top-ranking institution in dental education, the SDM accepts the top three percent of students each year and retains high caliber students in each of its programs. **Dr. Richard Bauer** (DMD '07), fourth-year oral and maxillofacial surgery resident, is a fine representative for the SDM. As a predoctoral student, he served as the national vice president of the American Student Dental Association. Today, he is the vice president of the resident organization of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) and is preparing to serve as president next year. As one of his projects with the AAOMS, Dr. Bauer is working to establish an online resident learning resource center on a wealth of critical non-clinical information such as business practice models, risk management, and financial planning. He also is assisting with the second edition of a digital resident manual for oral and maxillofacial surgery.



Dr. Richard Bauer



Dr. James Martin

Dr. James Martin (DMD '11) served as district three trustee of the American Student Dental Association (ASDA). He also is the immediate past president of Pitt's ASDA Chapter. As a past trustee, he will participate in an ADA council meeting and represent ASDA at the ADA Annual Session in Las Vegas in October. In addition to his service as a trustee, he also served on the ASDA Council on Professional Issues and the Council on Membership.

Dr. Martin recently organized the second annual district three meeting representing 35 predoctoral students from the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Maryland, Howard University, and Temple University.

As president of Pitt's ASDA chapter, Dr. Martin was instrumental in establishing the Steel City Dental Expo.

"Our ASDA chapter has a really neat function in that it is a small form of organized dentistry on Pitt's campus," said Dr. Martin. "Much of its functions are to bring faculty and students together and I've always been impressed with the support and sponsorship from our faculty and administration."

Dr. Maria Martinez (DMD '11) served as a national student representative on the Hispanic Dental Association's (HDA) Board of Trustees. Her service with the HDA has led to other leadership opportunities such as the American Dental Association's Student Ambassador Program, where she was one of five students from across the country to organize an agenda for a day-long program for more than 70 dental students to learn about becoming an ambassador for diversity in dentistry. She also represented students during the HDA's Annual Session in Chicago this past October.

Dr. Martinez was first inspired to become active with the HDA when she attended the annual session during her second year of dental school. During the 2010 session, she assisted Dr. Yolanda Bonta, executive director of the HDA, with forming a council consisting of the president and vice president from each student chapter for a more direct link between the student members and professional members of the HDA.



Dr. Maria Martinez

Staff

Staff members are a vital part of the SDM's success, ensuring smooth operation in all of its departments, offices, and clinics. The SDM has been fortunate enough to have had three staff members honored with the Chancellor's Award for Staff Excellence over the past several years.

Mr. James Gallagher, research systems manager at the Center for Craniofacial and Dental Genetics, is the most recent awardee for his work with the Boy Scouts of America. He is an assistant scout master, outdoor coordinator, and a previous scout master in a local troop.

"I learned from my scout master that it's important to give back—he instilled that in me and that's why I'm doing this for the kids," Mr. Gallagher said. He works with scouts by coordinating trips and has mentored over 300 young men in obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout. He also is a member of the adult training team, the activities committee, and has been involved with the Boy Scouts for over 20 years.



Mr. James Gallagher

Ms. Debora Whitfield, financial counselor, was honored with the 2010 Award for Service to the Community for her various leadership rolls in her home community of Sheraden. Ms. Whitfield's long-time activism to improve her community through organizations such as the West Pittsburgh Weed and Seed steering committee; the Order of the Eastern Star, of which she serves as deputy grand matron; the Sheraden chapter of the Kiwanis Club, of which she serves on the Board of Directors; and the Sheraden Community Council, of which she serves as president.

Ms. Whitfield also helped to establish the Sheraden Kiwanis Foundation as a non-profit organization with the intent of working with other non-profits in the community to enhance programming. She also has been appointed to the Citizen Police Review Board by Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl.

In 2008, Ms. Harriet Puccone, former staff member in the Office of Education and Curriculum, received the Chancellor's award for her work with the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



Ms. Debora Whitfield



Facilities

Physical space plays a large role in setting the standard for an academic institution. The School of Dental Medicine has continuously sought to improve its facilities since its establishment in 1896. While the school has called many locations home, Salk Hall has become synonymous with Pitt's School of Dental Medicine. From the addition of Salk Hall Annex to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Simulation Lab, the school has celebrated many milestones at Salk Hall. And the next milestone is right around the corner: the Research Tower and Commons Area.

Over the next two years, the University of Pittsburgh has commissioned construction of this five-story building adjacent to Salk Hall to support the growth of research.

Research is a chief priority at the School of Dental Medicine and it is ranked 12th on the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research's list of top dental schools in research funding.

Research at the school not only establishes national and international prominence, but also promotes high quality instruction. Through sharing their research knowledge, faculty encourage students to develop critical thinking regarding the scientific basis of practice and appreciation of the rapid changes within the profession.

While faculty, staff, and students continue to improve the SDM's education programs, research and service, the administration recognizes the need for balance. This

latest Salk Hall addition, which will serve both the SDM and the School of Pharmacy, also features the Commons Area, which will connect Salk Hall with the Research Tower while providing a beautiful atmosphere for faculty, staff, students, and alumni to meet, study, or relax. The spacious atrium will include a 40-chair conference room, a coffee/sandwich shop, and an original work of art by Virgil Cantini, Pittsburgh artist and professor emeritus at the University of Pittsburgh.

The Commons Area also will feature a donor wall containing names of the many individuals who support the School of Dental Medicine.

To support this sizable project, the School of Dental Medicine has embarked on an ambitious capital campaign and we need your support. For information on how you can support this important cause, please contact Mr. Paul Casey at 412-383-7544 or pbc8@pitt.edu

Thanks to faculty, staff, and students, *Pitt Dental Medicine* is proud to share just a few marks of distinction at the School of Dental Medicine.

In addition to the leaders featured in this story, there are many others who tirelessly serve to make the School of Dental Medicine the best it can be.

Dental Med Notebook



Students listen to faculty presentations as part of the GENA Project

Faculty Member Participates in GENA Project to Enhance High School Education in Genetics

Dr. Manika Govil, assistant professor in the Department of Oral Biology, has worked in conjunction with Ms. Pamela Connolly, a biology teacher at North Catholic High School in Pittsburgh, to enhance the genetics curriculum as part of the Geneticist-Educator Network of Alliances (GENA) project. The goal of the project is to clear misconceptions about genetics while creating a sound base of knowledge with the hope that the project will encourage more students to pursue science and genetics after high school. Dr. Govil is one of five scientists to partner with a high school in this national effort supported by the American Society of Human Genetics.

The current state of curriculum requirements for science across the country is inadequate based on the growing need for an educated workforce in the sciences. The partnerships for the project were selected by principal investigators of GENA, based on the availability of scientists and local schools with an interest in participating.

In addition to helping Ms. Connolly develop a new genetics curriculum, Dr. Govil visited the high school for three days where she taught about genetics and

clefing. The students also took a field trip to The Center for Dental and Craniofacial Genetics where they heard a lecture on genetics by Dr. Mary Marazita, professor and associate dean for research, and director of the center. While at the center, they also did three hands-on activities in phenotyping including an ultrasound, lip prints, and a 3-D image to study minor physical variances, common minor physical differences, and laterality.

The students also visited Salk Hall for a lecture on clefting from a clinician's perspective by Dr. Dennis Ranalli, senior associate dean, professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, and a North Catholic High School alumnus ('64).

Dr. Govil administered a pre-test and



SDM Alumni Reception at the PDA Annual Session, from left: Dr. William Spruill, immediate past president of the PDA, Dr. Thomas W. Braun, and Dr. Dennis J. Charlton (DMD '81), PDA president

post-test with the students and plans to test the students for a third time one year later to see how much they retained.

Give Kids a Smile Days Celebrates Its Ninth Year

Give Kids a Smile (GKAS) Days, sponsored by the Department of Pediatric Dentistry in conjunction with the Student Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (Pedo Club) and the American Student Dental Association, kicked off its ninth year with a total of 103 patients seen in the Pediatric Dentistry and Dental Hygiene Clinics over the course of two days in February and March. Ms. Janel Marcelino, third-year predoctoral student and president of the Pedo Club, worked with staff in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry including Ms. Diane Cervi, who has had a hand in organizing this event since its inception. The event brings together teams of faculty and students who together provided cleanings, fluoride treatments, radiographs, sealants, restorations, and extractions to uninsured children and adolescents. Dental hygiene students provided participants with a brief instruction about how teeth are used and an interactive discussion about what a dentist does. The participants also were guided through stations to learn about radiographs, nutrition, plaque, brushing, fluoride, and tooth loss.

White Coat Ceremony 2011 Be a Part of the Tradition

By sending a donation of \$50, your support of the School of Dental Medicine White Coat Ceremony will bring a warm welcome to incoming predoctoral and dental hygiene students. The White Coat Ceremony is held during the General Assembly at the beginning of the academic year. It is a tradition in which students receive their first white coats signifying the beginning of their careers in dental medicine and dental hygiene.

In addition to supporting the 2011 White Coat Ceremony, you may wish to write a predoctoral or dental hygiene student some words of encouragement as they embark on a time of intense study and personal growth. Family members, friends, faculty, and alumni are encouraged to attend this meaningful ceremony. The 2011 White Coat Ceremony is scheduled for August 29 at 3 p.m. in Scaife Hall, rooms 5 and 6. The White Coat Ceremony receives support from the Harry K. Zohn, DMD '84 and Cecile A. Feldman, DMD White Coat Endowment Fund as well as contributions from our alumni and friends.



Thank you for your support!

White Coat Ceremony Donation Form

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I would be interested in student mentoring events at the School of Dental Medicine.

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Surgeon General Regina Benjamin and Dr. Paul Moore

Faculty Member Weighs in on Surgeon General's Expert Panel on Prescription Drug Abuse Among Youth

Dr. Paul A. Moore, professor and chair of the Department of Dental Anesthesiology, was invited to represent the dental profession on the U.S. Surgeon General's Expert Panel on "Prescription Drug Abuse in Youth" held in Washington DC on March 28 and 29. The panel met to address the increasing abuse of opioid analgesics such as Vicodin and Percocet among the nation's youth. Additionally, the panel addressed gaps in research, services, and policies needed to reduce the impact of prescription drug abuse among youth.

Faculty Member Appointed to The Society for Clinical and Translational Science Board of Directors

Dr. Alexandre Vieira, assistant professor in the Department of Oral Biology and director of the Dental and Craniofacial Clinical and Translational Research Center and the Dental Registry and DNA Repository, was recently appointed to the board of directors for the Society for Clinical and Translational Science. As part of his new role, Dr. Vieira attended the 2011 Clinical and Translational Research and Education Meeting in April in Washington, DC.

Fulbright Scholar Alumna Shares Her Experience in Jordan with Faculty, Staff, and Students

Professor Michelle Darby (RDH '68) visited Salk Hall while she was in town to accept the Distinguished Alumna Award at the Eleventh Annual Dean's Scholarship Ball. During her visit, she spoke to over 100 predoctoral and dental hygiene students about her service in Jordan as a Fulbright Scholar. Ms. Darby worked with the Jordan University of Science and Technology to bring the university's standards in line with the Commission On Dental Accreditation's standards for United States dental hygiene curricula and to establish a Jordanian Dental Hygiene Association.



Dean Thomas W. Braun, Dr. Jennifer Senge, and Dr. R. Donald Hoffman

Pitt's ASDA Chapter Lauded with Several Awards from the 41st Annual Session

Eight members of Pitt's American Student Dental Association (ASDA) chapter travelled to Anaheim, Calif., for the 41st ASDA Annual Session and returned with several awards including Ideal ASDA Outstanding Involvement with Organized Dentistry, the American Dental Association Insurance Plans Enrollment Award, Pre Dental Membership Incentive Award, and the Ideal ASDA Predental Activities Award.

Student Accolades

Matthew Pavlick, DMD, MD (OMS '11) was recently awarded for the best presentation at the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. He presented "Reconstruction of Avulsive Mandibular Continuity Defects with BMP2."

Dr. Jennifer Senge (DMD '11) and Mr. Matthew Silverstein, fourth-year predoctoral student, recently received ADEA/Johnson & Johnson Healthcare Products Preventive Dentistry Scholarships. The purpose of the scholarships is to support predoctoral students who have demonstrated academic excellence in preventive dentistry. Dr. Senge and Mr. Silverstein are two of only 12 predoctoral students nationally to receive the scholarship this year. Dr. Senge also was awarded with a Leadership Award from the International College of Dentists.

SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE HOMECOMING



The University of Pittsburgh will
celebrate Homecoming Weekend
October 14 – 16, 2011



Friday, Oct. 14:

Homecoming CE Course - Pharmacology: Drugs and Dentistry – Including Herbs and Natural Products
Dr. Richard Wynn; sponsored in part by an educational grant from Delta Dental of Pennsylvania
Edward J. Forrest Continuing Education Center, Salk Hall
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
See www.dental.pitt.edu/ce for more information.

Golden Alumni and Class Reunion Dinners

University Club
123 University Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15260
6:00 PM Cocktails - 6:30 PM Dinner

Please contact the following alumni about Class Reunion Dinners for more info:

52nd - Class of 1959: Dr. Theodore Rohm, rohmd6@comcast.net or 412-364-6704
Golden Alumn (Class of 1960 and earlier): Nancy Poe, poen@pitt.edu or 412-648-8910
50th - Class of 1961: Dr. Richard Cribbs, rwcribbs@comcast.net or 724-837-6668
40th - Class of 1971: Dr. Eugene Best, ebestdmd@yahoo.com or 330-468-0177
26th - Class of 1985: Dr. John Grady, jmarshallgrady@aol.com
25th - Class of 1986: Dr. Dina Dempsey Nuhfer, drnuhfer@earthlink.net or 814-725-4700
10th - Class of 2001: Dr. Gary Kopesky, drkopeskydmd@yahoo.com or 570-470-9143
Organizer Needed for dental hygiene classes and the following dental classes: '66, '76, '81, '91, '06
Please call the dental alumni office at 412-648-8910.

The University Club Rooftop Terrace will be open after dinner for guests to view the fireworks and laser display.

Saturday, October 15:

Pitt vs. Utah Football (Time TBD)
Single-game home tickets will go on sale to the general public on September 4.
1-800-643-PITT

Hotel Information at <http://www.alumni.pitt.edu/homecoming/hotels.php>

For addition information, please contact Nancy Poe at 412-648-8910 or poen@pitt.edu.

SDM homecoming activities are supported in part by a grant from Eastern Dentists Insurance Company (EDIC).

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THE LEGACY OF THE CLASS OF 1962 WILL LIVE ON FOREVER



Rep. Jim Marshall, Dr. Lance Rose, Ms. Katherine Rose, and Chancellor Mark Nordenberg

Alumni and Students Take Part in Pitt Day in Harrisburg

On April 5th, over 350 students and 150 alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of the University traveled to Harrisburg to meet with legislators to showcase Pitt's endeavors. Dr. Lance Rose (DMD '84), past president of the SDM Dental Alumni Association, and his daughter, Ms. Katherine Rose, participated in the trip and met with multiple representatives and senators to advocate for their consideration of reinstatement of funding for higher education, specifically for the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Rose and his daughter are pictured with Rep. Jim Marshall and Chancellor Mark Nordenberg in the photo above.

Faculty Members Participate in The Sixth International Conference on Ethical Issues in Biomedical Engineering

Dr. David Anderson, assistant professor in the Department of Prosthodontics and director of diversity and inclusion, and Dr. Christine Wankiiri-Hale, assistant professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry/Comprehensive Care, presented "Dental Registry and DNA Repository: Ethical Concepts Imposed on Reasons for Nonparticipation" and "Issues that Affect Recruitment of African American

Applications to Dental School: A Qualitative Evaluation" respectively, at the Sixth International Conference on Ethical Issues in Biomedical Engineering in New York City this April.

American Dental Association Annual Session in Las Vegas

On October 10, the Dental Alumni Association will host an alumni reception in the Mandalay Bay Hotel, Tradewinds Room F between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.



Las Vegas

American Dental Association
ANNUAL SESSION
OCTOBER 10 - 13, 2011

Eleventh Annual Spring Research Symposium

On May 18th, the Eleventh Annual Spring Research Symposium took place at Scaife Hall. Students who recently participated in the Dean's Summer Research program presented their findings. Ms. Barbara Graham presented "Bioengineering Salivary Glands using Elastometric Poly (glycerol sebacate) Scaffolds," Ms. Diane Ko presented, "Time-motion Study of Patient Care in Dental Offices," and Mr. Matthew Maropis presented "Role of BMP-2 Peptide in the Mineralization of MC3T3 Cells by Examining Osteogenic Protein Production." Dr. Matthew Gornick, orthodontic resident, presented "Digital Three-dimensional Stereophotogrammetry: Accuracy and Precision of Facial Measurements Obtained from Two Commercially-available Imaging Systems." The keynote speaker, Dr. Justin Starren, director of Northwestern University Biomedical Research Center, presented "Connecting the (Digital) Dots: How Informatics is Changing Health Care and Biomedical Research." Dr. Mary Marazita, professor in the Department of Oral Biology and associate dean for research, presented "Genetics and Phenotypes of Nonsyndromic Orofacial Clefts."



Dental Students in Thackeray Hall

These aspiring clinicians of the School of Dental Medicine could never comprehend the cost of a dental education in the years to come. Debts in excess of \$200,000 upon graduation are common. Scholarships and awards are of increasing importance to our students and the School.

Knowing firsthand the lifelong value of a dental education, members of the class of 1962, joined together to establish the School of Dental Medicine Class of 1962 Student Endowment Fund.

Their support is an outstanding demonstration of the commitment to their profession and helps to ensure that students receive the financial assistance they need while lifting the burden of student loans.

Alumni have continued to donate to the fund since it was founded in January 2010 through annual donations and estate planning.

If the school is already in your estate plans, please let us know so that we can make sure that your gift will be used as intended.

For additional information on scholarship funds, the building campaign, or a program of your choice, please contact Paul Casey at:

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SYNERGIZING

The School of Dental Medicine

As Dean Thomas W. Braun noted in his letter on page 2, the most important asset of the School of Dental Medicine is the people who fill its many offices, clinics, and classrooms. In a new initiative to better equip faculty, staff, and students to achieve educational and research goals, Dean Braun recently announced a restructuring including the creation of three new offices which will work together to facilitate curriculum advancement, patient clinical services, and faculty development.

Dean Braun appointed Dr. Jean O'Donnell (DMD '90), assistant professor and vice chair in the Department of Restorative Dentistry and Comprehensive Care, as assistant dean in the area of education and curriculum; Dr. Marnie Oakley (DMD '92), assistant professor and chair of the Department of Restorative Dentistry and Comprehensive Care, as assistant dean in patient clinical affairs; and Dr. Heiko Spallek, associate professor in the Department of Dental Public Health and Information Management, as associate dean in faculty development. Drs. O'Donnell, Oakley, and Spallek will coordinate their efforts. The Offices of Faculty Development and Information Management, Education and Curriculum, and Clinical Affairs have already had a positive impact at the school and will improve the overall experience for faculty, students, and patients moving forward.

Since the appointments were made official in November, the new deans have hit the ground running. To start, Dr. O'Donnell has chaired the Curriculum Committee since 2008. This experience will allow her to work closely with all administrative areas as curricular revisions embrace new developments in research, patient care, and technology.

"It is critical that faculty receive the support and training they need to teach our students in the classroom and in the clinic, and I believe that can be accomplished through the collaborative efforts of these offices," said Dr. O'Donnell, a 2008 graduate of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Leadership Institute.

The curriculum is subject to an ongoing review as the committee looks to update content, remove outdated material, improve delivery to students, and add innovative teaching practices. The committee consists of representatives from all departments in the SDM as well as student officers and consultants from various offices within the SDM and the University.

Some of the recent changes to the curriculum include earlier, active patient involvement by students for immediate application of classroom learning to clinical practice; the use of standardized patient experiences for students to practice skills such as communication and behavioral change; and the intro-

duction of case presentations by students in all four years of the curriculum, culminating in a capstone senior case presentation.

"Before there was a significant separation between the first two years of the curriculum which were mostly science and the last two years which were all clinical," said Dr. O'Donnell. "Now the curriculum is much more blended."

Dr. O'Donnell's vision for the Office of Education and Curriculum is for students to have greater involvement with interprofessional education (IPE) experiences, which includes the delivery of patient care with students from other health science disciplines; expanding the use of standardized patients; involving all students in research; exploring the area of salivary diagnostics; and preparing students to be first-responders in emergency situations.

In the Office of Clinical Affairs, Dr. Oakley has initiated an assessment process for all aspects of patient care. This assessment will integrate the evolving student curriculum and faculty teaching and interaction into the general scheduling and flow of patients. Education and curricular initiatives include off-site rotations, clinical research projects, and patient relations. Faculty development initiatives include training sessions for clinical faculty to revisit the latest evidence-supported trends in the profession. Over the summer, training sessions will cover implantology, evidence-based dentistry, cariology, and oral pathology.

"In conjunction with Drs. Spallek and O'Donnell, our collective efforts have been centered on assuring sound clinical teaching, faculty calibration, and evidence-based care at the

SDM Leadership Legacy

The ADEA Leadership Institute is a year-long program designed to develop the nation's most promising individuals at academic dental institutions to become future leaders in dental and higher education. Graduates gain knowledge of the inner workings of a dental education institution as well as leadership skills, administrative competencies, and policy issues affecting academic dentistry. As a result of faculty participation in the Leadership Institute, the School of Dental Medicine has benefited from strengthened relationships with dental education institutions nationwide.

SDM," Dr. Oakley said.

The University's Human Resources Office of Organization Development is working closely with Dr. Oakley to wholly assess the patient experience from the moment a patient calls the school, to clinical procedures for continuity of patient care, to proper record-keeping and reviewing. As part of the restructuring, two managers have been appointed to lead in the areas of quality care and patient support and information services. Their leadership will support the existing Quality Assurance Program and the SDM Standards of Care which will continue to be essential components of the Office of Patient Clinical Affairs.

"Through our robust Quality Assurance Program, we will continue to focus efforts targeted to monitoring and improving our SDM Standards of Care, as innovative clinical curricular advances occur," said Dr. Oakley.

Dr. Oakley consistently has demonstrated her organizational and administrative skills as shown by her oversight of the recently successful Commission on Dental Accreditation site visit, and as American Dental Education Association Annual Session Program coordinator for two consecutive years. In addition, Dr. Oakley is a 2004 graduate of the ADEA Leadership Institute.

Dr. Spallek's first order of business as associate dean for faculty development and information management was to create a series of podcasts to introduce the new office and present the many services it will offer to accommodate faculty development and information management. Dr. Spallek aims to make the most of new technologies through the Office of Faculty Development and Information Management and continues to use podcasts as an alternative communication channel for faculty.

The new office will be invaluable to faculty because it will operate as a service organization, much like the school's IT Help Desk. However, the Office of Faculty Development and Information Management will provide training to benefit faculty in their core responsibilities: teaching, research, and service. In addition to providing training, the office also will offer a faculty consultation service to help faculty with various needs, translating into job satisfaction and career progression. For example, when a faculty member is working on a syllabus, he or she can come to the Office of Faculty Development and Information Management for assistance in instructional design method to create a syllabus that will help students learn the school's core competencies.

These one-on-one consultations can range from training with Blackboard or other new technologies that can be used in the classroom, to assistance with starting a research project. The office will collaborate with the Office of Research to streamline the survey process required for validating research projects through the Institutional Research Board. Faculty consultations will focus on assisting faculty in their career development and teaching, including instructional technology training and support, mentoring, and research.

Dr. Spallek's background in informatics and academia is ideal for his role as associate dean. He also is a 2010 graduate of the ADEA Leadership Institute.

"The leadership institute was a big help for me in my career," said Dr. Spallek. "It wasn't corporate executive training, it was tailored for academia, specifically for dental schools. My peers there were mid-career faculty from other dental schools across the country, so I gained a lot of perspective through the Leadership Institute."



Dr. Jean O'Donnell



Dr. Marnie Oakley



Dr. Heiko Spallek



SDM inductees into the Beta Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the National Honor Dental Society

School of Dental Medicine Student Awardees

First Professional Program

Academy of General Dentistry Award
Dr. Jordan Collins

Academy of Osseointegration Award
Dr. Sean Quigley

American Academy of Craniofacial Pain Award
Dr. Elizabeth Skelly

American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award
Dr. Jared Kneib

American Academy of Implant Dentistry Award
Dr. Li-Sin Chang

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award
Dr. Brian Nalls

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Award
Dr. James Martin

American Academy of Oral Medicine Award
Dr. Steven Barket

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Certificate of Merit
Dr. Jennifer Senge

American Academy of Periodontology Award
Dr. Daniel Bair

American Association of Endodontists Award
Dr. Brian Nalls

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, Dental Implant Award
Dr. David Wilcox

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, Dental Student Award
Dr. Peter Alfano

American Association of Oral Biologists Award
Dr. Daniel Bair

American Association of Orthodontists Award
Dr. James Martin

American College of Dentists Award
Dr. James Martin

American Dental Society of Anesthesiology, Horace Wells Senior Student Award
Dr. Jonathan Mendia

American Student Dental Association Award of Excellence
Dr. James Martin

Lathe Bowen Student Award
Dr. Elizabeth Skelly

Elliott Brodie Award
Dr. Matthew Whipple (Delta Sigma Delta)
Dr. Nathan Fowler (Non-Frat)

Dentsply International Award
Dr. Brett Cole

W. Arthur George Prosthodontic Award
Dr. Jared Kneib

International College of Dentists Award (USA Section)
Dr. Jennifer Senge

International Congress of Oral Implantologists Award
Dr. Daniel Bair

Northeastern Society of Periodontists Award
Dr. Kate Quinlin

Gerald Orner Award
Dr. Daniel Bair

Pierre Fauchard Academy Certificate of Merit
Dr. Brian Nalls

Pittsburgh Schweitzer Fellow Award
Dr. Sherwin Matian

Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Periodontics
Dr. Lydia Chang

Quintessence Award for Research Achievement
Dr. Ida Anjomshooa

Quintessence Award for Clinical Academic Achievement in Restorative Dentistry
Dr. Elizabeth Skelly

Robert Rapp Award of Distinction in Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Lisa Babb

Dr. Gilbert N. Robin Continuing Education Scholarship Award
Dr. Jim Wai Chiu, Dr. Brad Lentz, Dr. Kimberly Masuga, Dr. Joshua Matonak, Dr. Peter McPherson, Dr. Jonathan Mendia, Dr. David Pringle, Dr. Yenshuo Shen, Dr. Joseph Troupe, Dr. Mallory Troynacki

Whip Mix Corporation - West Hanau Best of the Best Prosthodontic Award
Dr. David Wilcox

Robert Zugsmith Memorial Award
Dr. Brett Cole, Dr. Agata Drozda, Dr. Candice Fresques, Dr. Elizabeth Gordon, Dr. Ryan Hartle, Dr. Jonathan Henry, Dr. Jeremy Huttner, Dr. Jennfier Senge, Dr. Yenshuo Shen

Omicron Kappa Upsilon
Inductees in order of appearance in the photo at left: Dr. Joshua Kucharshi, Dr. Brian Nalls, Dr. Jordan Collins, Dr. Nicole DeShon, Dr. Lisa Babb, Dr. Luke Schweiss, Dr. Matthew Whipple, Dr. James Martin, Dr. Nathan Fowler, and Dr. John Ference, faculty member in the Department of Prosthodontics.

Dental Hygiene Program

Western Pennsylvania Dental Hygiene Association Outstanding Student Award
Ms. Katelynn E. Weaver

Hu-Friedy Golden Scaler Award
Ms. Rebecca Moore

Dr. Clark J. Hollister Award for Dental Health Education
Ms. Brianne Constable

Elliott Brodie Award for Clinical Competence
Ms. Natalie Hand

Sigma Phi Alpha
Ms. Nicole DiCerchio, Ms. Chloe Huey, Ms. Katelynn Weaver

Student Total Achievement Recognition Award
Ms. Chloe Huey



From left: Ms. Chloe Huey, Ms. Katelynn Weaver, Ms. Rebecca Moore, Ms. Natalie Hand, and Ms. Brianne Constable

Congratulations to Our Graduates

On May 21st, the School of Dental Medicine held its annual Diploma Ceremony at Heinz Hall in downtown Pittsburgh. The First Professional Program graduated 78 dentists, the Dental

Hygiene Program graduated 31 dental hygienists, and 27 residents graduated with various specialties.

Dr. Louis Jannetto led the ceremony as grand marshal with Dean

Thomas W. Braun presiding. A reception followed in the courtyard on a beautiful sunny day. Over 500 alumni, family, and friends, were in attendance to support the class of 2011.



Dr. Margaret Gurtner (DMD '90), DAA president



Dr. Thomas Braun and Dr. Kimberly Masuga



Class of 2011



Heinz Hall



Before the ceremony



Dental Medicine Class of 2011



Dr. Jordan Collins – dental class president 2011



Dr. Louis Jannetto, grand marshal



Dr. Timothy Weber & Dr. Michael Dobos, hooders



Dr. Joseph F.A. Petrone, director of residency education



Ms. Katelynn E. Weaver, 2011 dental hygiene valedictorian



Dental Hygiene Class of 2011

FACULTY AND STAFF UPDATES

Dr. David Anderson has been appointed to the rank of Assistant Professor in the Department of Prosthodontics.

Dr. Lionel Carlos has been appointed to the rank of Adjunct Instructor in the Department of Dental Public Health/Information Management.

Mr. John Close has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of Dental Public Health/Information Management.

Dr. Matthew Cooke has been appointed to the rank of Assistant Professor in the Department of Dental Anesthesiology.

Dr. Michael Dobos has been appointed as the Vice Chair in the Department of Restorative Dentistry/ Comprehensive Care.

Ms. Mary Dorer has been appointed to the rank of Instructor in the Department of Periodontics/ Preventive Dentistry- Dental Hygiene Program.

Dr. Joseph Giovannitti has been promoted to the rank of Professor in the Department of Dental Anesthesiology.

Dr. Katarzyna Glab has been appointed to the rank of Clinical Instructor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry/Comprehensive Care.

Dr. Manika Govil has been appointed to the rank of Assistant Professor in the Department of Oral Biology.

Dr. Margaret Gurtner has been appointed to the rank of Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry.

Dr. James Guggenheimer, professor in the Department of Diagnostic Sciences, and **Dr. Paul Moore**, professor and chair of the Department of Dental Anesthesiology, published a paper in the January issue of the Journal of American Dental Association addressing recent concerns by the Food and Drug Administration about acetaminophen (Tylenol) use. The article is titled "The Therapeutic Applications and Risks Associated With Acetaminophen Use: A Review and Update."

Dr. Mary Marazita, professor, associate dean for research, and director of the Center for Craniofacial and Dental Genetics, recently received the 2011 Chancellor's Distinguished Research Award for her work in cleft lip and cleft palate research. She is the first faculty member at the School of Dental Medicine to receive this prestigious award.

Dr. Marazita also was recently featured in the American Association of Dental Research's (AADR) online issue of Science Advocate under Strides in Science. The feature highlights AADR members' accomplishments and comments on how their involvement with the AADR has been an important part of their career in research.

Dr. Jean O'Donnell, assistant professor and vice chair in the Department of Restorative Dentistry and Comprehensive Care, and assistant dean for education and curriculum, and **Dr. Heiko Spallek**, associate professor in the Department of Dental Public Health and Information Management and associate dean for faculty development and information management, are featured in the June edition of ADEA's Bulletin of Dental Education in the Around the Dental Education Community section.

Dr. Juan Taboas has been appointed to the rank of Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Oral Biology.

Dr. Konstantinos Verdelis has been appointed to the rank of Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry/Comprehensive Care.

Dr. Adriana Modesto Vieira has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. In addition, Dr. Modesto Vieira recently received the top J. Morita Award at the 23rd Congress of the International Association of Pediatric Dentistry.

Dr. Seth Weinberg has been appointed Director of Resident Research for the Department of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics.



From left: Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg, Mr. Sherman Watson, Dr. Dennis N. Ranalli, and Ms. Joann Steinhauser

During the annual Staff Recognition Ceremony, Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg honored Pitt employees who have served for 20, 30, 40, 40-plus, and 50 years. **Mr. Sherman Watson**, staff member in Instrument Management Systems, was one of only two University employees honored for 50 years of service. To mark his many years of service, Mr. Watson received a University of Pittsburgh chair.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MESSAGES



Dr. Margaret Gurtner

Hello there, my name is Maggie Gurtner and I am the current president of the Dental Alumni Association. I'm pleased to follow in the footsteps of Dr. Michael Dobos who has laid a great foundation for my goals as president. One of my first duties as president of the association was to address the class of 2011 at their diploma ceremony on May 21st. This brought back wonderful memories from my diploma ceremony in 1990.

After welcoming our new graduates into the Dental Alumni Association, I shared some advice passed on to my class of 1990 by Dr. James Smudski, then-dean of the SDM. He told us, "you gotta work hard and you gotta play hard." I took these simple words of wisdom with me through dental school, my pediatric dentistry residency, and into practice. I know our SDM graduates are hard workers. They wouldn't have made it through dental school otherwise. And I encouraged them to take time to enjoy life. Much like dental school, practicing dentistry can be challenging and it's good to surround yourselves with others who can provide encouragement, wise counsel, and support in times of trouble. While graduation is bittersweet in that graduates go their separate ways to grow roots and practice dentistry, the silver lining is that they are also ushered into a wonderful network of people who have gone before them: the Dental Alumni Association.

It's nice to have others to share this journey with and I encourage all alumni to become involved with the Dental Alumni Association as we mentor students, continue our education, and become the best we can be whether you're a dental hygienist, dentist, specialist, or faculty member or part of a research team. I hope you will take the time to join us at some point over the next year. We are an active association with student mentoring sessions, volunteer projects, Homecoming, and the Dean's Scholarship Ball to name a few events that take place each year. Whether you graduated this year or decades ago, don't be a stranger. Be proud to be a Pitt Alum. I am honored to lead the Dental Alumni Association and I look forward to the year to come.

Dr. Margaret Gurtner (DMD '90)
President, Dental Medicine



Ms. Susan Ban

Greetings dental hygiene alumni! My name is Susan Ban, and I will serve as the Dental Alumni Association's Vice President for Dental Hygiene when Judy Gallagher retires this August. I received my certificate in dental hygiene at the University of Pittsburgh in 1980 and worked in private practice for many years.

When our children went off to college, I enrolled in the dental hygiene degree completion

program here at Pitt. Some of my classes were held in the School of Dental Medicine, which allowed me to see firsthand the dynamic and challenging nature of our dental hygiene program. This inspired me to continue my education by attending graduate school, and to obtain a part-time job as an instructor in the Dental Hygiene Program.

This has been a homecoming of sorts, as my own family's origins are tied to Pitt and its School of Dental Medicine. My husband, Dr. Michael K. Ban, is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon who received his DMD from Pitt in 1981. Our oldest son Christopher (Notre Dame '06) is a dental student in Boston, and our youngest son Michael (Georgetown '08) is a law student here at Pitt.

It is an exciting time to be a dental hygienist in Pennsylvania. The recent expansion of the scope of practice to include administration of local anesthesia has broadened opportunities for our graduating students and for practicing alumni. It's rewarding to see so many Pitt graduates returning to SDM for local anesthesia training and other CE courses. I encourage you to stay connected by getting involved in your alumni organization as well as your professional group.

On August 2, from 9 a.m. to noon, we are inviting alumni to join us for our Dental Hygiene Poster and Table Clinic Session: "Evidence Based Research, Hot Topics and Current Trends Affecting Oral Health Care," presented by our students. This is an opportunity for you to obtain two free CE credits provided by the Academy of Dental Hygiene Studies, for viewing 10 presentations and to interact with our students, who enjoy meeting Pitt dental hygiene alumni. Friends and guests are welcome. There is a \$10 registration fee for non-alums. Please RSVP to me at sub26@pitt.edu if you plan to attend. Additional information will be mailed to all alumni. I look forward to seeing you there!

Ms. Susan Ban (RDH '80)
Vice President, Dental Hygiene

Celebrating the Eleventh Annual Dean's Scholarship Ball



Above left: 2007-2010 Dean's Scholarship recipients; to the right: Mr. Steve Blass, Dr. Thomas Braun, and Dr. Dennis Charlton



Mr. Donald Zier, Dr. Yvonne Zier, Drs. Jean and Chris O'Donnell, Drs. Gisela and Heiko Spallek, Mr. Evan Oakley, and Dr. Marnie Oakley



Dr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Cole



1982 Classmates Col. Priscilla Hamilton, Dr. Lisa Angelici, Dr. Robert Weyant



Mr. Daniel Rolotti, Mr. Lance Grant, and Ms. Corrine Treinkman



Ms. Christine Gallagher, and Dr. Lisa Babb



Dr. Leslie Hoffman and Dr. R. Donald Hoffman



Mr. Blass, Dr. Craig Eisenhart & Dr. Dennis Ranalli



Dr. Stephen Gurtner, Dr. Margaret Gurtner, Ms. Lisa Welsh, Dr. Robert Good, Mr. Steve Blass, Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Good, Dr. Karin Bittner and Mr. Ronald Talarico, Dr. & Mrs. James Meyers



Drs. Loren and Ellen Roth, Mrs. Liz Braun, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Miller, and Dr. and Mrs. Fred Gropp



Delta Sigma Delta



Dr. Joseph Fera, Dr. Richard Celko, and Dr. David Mock

School of Dental Medicine faculty, students, alumni, and friends gathered for an evening of entertainment at the Eleventh Annual Dean's Scholarship Ball on April 2 at the Senator John Heinz History Center. Mr. Steve Blass, Pittsburgh Pirates broadcaster and former pitcher, served as the master of ceremonies at the black tie event.

The annual event supports predoctoral scholarships and honors the school's alumni with the Distinguished Alumni awards and the Award of Appreciation. More about the scholarship recipients and alumni award-ees can be found on the following pages.

The School of Dental Medicine extends its gratitude to the following Dean's Scholarship Ball premium sponsors for their generous support:

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- PNC



Dr. and Mrs. Martin Eichner, and Judge and Mrs. Donald Machen



Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Roccia



Dr. Michael Dobos, Mr. Steve Blass, Dr. Robert Engelmeier, and Dr. Louis Jannetto



Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Miloser



Ms. Leslie Petrone, Ms. Michele Darby, Dr. Dennis Darby, Ms. Angelina Riccelli, Dr. Joseph Petrone

2011 Dean's Scholarship Recipients



Mr. Richard Craven, Mr. Gregory Sencak, and Dr. Thomas Braun

The Dean's Scholarship recipients are exemplary role models for their peers in dental schools.

Mr. Gregory Sencak is an early admission to the School of Dental Medicine. He will complete his bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Pittsburgh in 2012. During his undergraduate

career, Mr. Sencak volunteered at the Relay for Life and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk. He also is an active member with Circle K, a community service club in which he volunteered to help acquaint new students during the University's orientation week. Mr. Sencak is a volunteer with the School of Dental

Medicine's Dental Registry and DNA Repository, where he collects and prepares samples for the research database. He is a Pittsburgh native and a graduate of North Hills High School.

Mr. Richard Craven is a 2010 University of Pittsburgh graduate with a bachelor's degree in neuroscience. With his sights set on dentistry as a freshman at Pitt, Mr. Craven began volunteering in the UPMC emergency room and was later offered a job as a nurse's aide at UPMC Montifiore where he gained invaluable experience in patient care.

During his undergraduate studies, Mr. Craven received a research fellowship from the Conte Center for the Neuroscience of Mental Disorders to work as an undergraduate researcher at the UPMC Translational Neuroscience Program. He believes this experience helped him to refine his attention to detail. In addition, Mr. Craven plays the guitar and believes the intricate finger dexterity he has developed will serve him well as he studies dentistry. His hometown is Bolivar Ohio.



Dr. Thomas Braun and Judge Donald Machen



Dr. Thomas Braun, Judge Donald Machen, Col. Priscilla Hamilton, Dr. R. Donald Hoffman, and Ms. Michele Darby

Alumni Honored at the Dean's Scholarship Ball

Over the years, the Dean's Scholarship Ball has grown to also celebrate the accomplishments of our alumni with the Distinguished Alumni Awards and the Award of Appreciation.

This year's Distinguished Alumni include Col. Priscilla Hamilton (DMD '82) - Dental Medicine, Judge Donald Machen (DMD '72, Cert. '74, Ortho. '76) - Advanced Education, and Ms. Michele Darby (RDH '68) - Dental Hygiene. In addition, Dr. R. Donald Hoffman, associate professor and associate dean, was honored with the Award of Appreciation for his many years of service and support to the school.

Col. Hamilton was featured in the last issue of Pitt Dental Medicine in an article about her leadership of the Army Dental Corps. Ms. Darby was featured in the 2010 Winter/Spring issue in an article about her Fulbright Scholarship. You can also read more about her work in Jordan in this issue's Dental Med Notebook.

Judge Machen spent seven years studying at the School of Dental Medicine. While dentistry is his first passion, Judge Machen has also gone on to become a lawyer, judge, financial analyst, risk management consultant, and physician.

As a young man, Judge Machen had his sights set on the University of Pittsburgh where he earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry with the intention of continuing his studies at the University's School of Dental Medicine. He completed the dental school's First Professional Program one year ahead of schedule and

went on to residency programs in pediatric dentistry and orthodontics.

Judge Machen opened a private practice in Squirrel Hill in 1972 and continues to practice as an orthodontist there. While he achieved his goal of becoming a dentist, along the way he developed a robust aptitude for learning.

His career path at the School of Dental Medicine reflects a broader pattern of his quest for education in the years that followed. As a dental student, he was drawn to orthodontics. However, he applied to the Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program out of the desire to learn more about the formation of dentition before enrolling in the Orthodontic and Dentofacial Orthopedic Residency Program.

Judge Machen's quest for knowledge brings new meaning to the term "professional student." His education includes postgraduate studies in temporomandibular joint dysfunction; a law degree from Duquesne University; graduate judicial degrees in advanced evidence and general jurisdiction from the National Judicial College; a master's in business administration from the University of Chicago; a doctor of medicine from the University of Health Sciences Antigua School of Medicine; and becoming a chartered financial analyst—all while practicing dentistry. He also is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists and a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics.

Judge Machen practiced law for eight years before becoming a magistrate

in 1992, chief magistrate in 1994, and was appointed to trial court by then-governor Tom Ridge in 1995.

His typical day begins in his orthodontic office at 7 a.m. where he sees patients for two hours before beginning his judicial duties in the criminal division of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County. After serving on the bench, he returns to the orthodontic office to practice until about 7:30 p.m.

In addition, Judge Machen owns Risk Management Consultants, in which he consults dentists in risk management and developing and implementing strategic practice plans. After passing his CFA exam, he started a hedge fund, which he later sold to his partners because it was too time-consuming.

When asked if he could have dinner with anyone—living or dead, his first response was Ben Franklin because he was always innovating and exploring.

"I would like to study his thought process, because he was so creative and involved in a variety of disciplines—it's very demanding."

While Judge Machen has spent the majority of his life learning a vast array of disciplines, he looks forward to shifting his focus to his consulting company over the next few years. Considering his long list of degrees and qualifications, Judge Machen finds himself gravitating back to his original passion: dentistry.

Seventeenth Annual T. F. Bowser Memorial Lecture



From left: Dr. Dennis N. Ranalli, Dr. Michael Dobos, Dr. Paul Child and Dr. F. Eugene Ewing

On March 26, over 300 alumni, faculty, and friends of the School of Dental Medicine gathered for the Seventeenth Annual T. F. Bowser Memorial Lecture at Scaife Hall in auditoriums five and six. Dr. Paul Child Jr. presented Dental Products, Technology, Trends, and Techniques. He is CEO of the CR Foundation, a non-profit educational and research institute and conducts

Dental Alumni Association Annual Business Meeting



From left: Dr. Dennis N. Ranalli, Dr. Michael Dobos, and Dr. Margaret Gurtner

The Dental Alumni Association met for its Annual Business Meeting on March 26, during the luncheon break for the Seventeenth Annual T. F. Bowser Memorial Lecture. During the meeting, Dr. Michael Dobos, immediate past-president of the association, passed the gavel to Dr. Margaret Gurtner who will serve as president over the next two-year term.

extensive research in all areas of dentistry. In addition, Dr. Child directs the publication of the Gordon J. Christensen CLINICIANS REPORT®. His lecture included information about new products, techniques, and devices that have surfaced in the dental industry and helped participants to debunk any claims of superiority and recognize questionable marketing tactics. While some products do work better than others, Dr. Child's lecture aimed at helping participants to make the best choice for clinical results.

The survey results from the lecture were positive. Participants earned six hours of continuing education credits.

The T. F. Bowser Memorial Lecture Series was established in 2001 by Dr. Ellsworth T. Bowser, to honor his father, Theodore Bowser. It has hosted notable speakers on a variety of topics and continues to be the Center for Continuing Education's most well-attended lecture.

Dr. Dobos' leadership of the Dental Alumni Association has resulted in strengthened relationships between alumni and predoctoral students. One of the key initiatives of his leadership as president was mentoring and he worked with the SDM Office of Alumni Affairs and Development to organize several successful mentoring events for first- and fourth-year predoctoral students that helped students to form relationships with practicing dentists who have gone before them. The mentoring events had different formats and targeted younger alumni who could easily relate to the rigors of being a dental student and the excitement and challenges of graduation.

As a sign of gratitude, the SDM Office of Alumni Affairs and Development presented Dr. Dobos with a gift for his dedicated service.

Dr. Gurtner has been active with the Dental Alumni Association and served as vice president - dental affairs over the last two years. She hopes to build on the progress that Dr. Dobos has achieved by continuing an emphasis on mentoring.

IN MEMORIAM

- DR. STANLEY J. BEHRMAN (DMD '45) 1/30/2011
- DR. KENNETH B. BILGER (DMD '70) 03/07/2010
- DR. CHARLES E. BUSCH JR. (DMD '53) 12/30/2010
- DR. PAUL R. DASH (DMD '67) 11/21/2010
- DR. DAVID W. DEGRANGE (DDS '56) 2/13/2011
- DR. JAMES W. FAZIO (DDS '62) 4/14/2011
- DR. RAYMOND C. FORBES (DMD '67) 5/13/2011
- DR. RALPH A. FREW (DDS '60) 1/26/2011
- DR. HENRY A. GREGORY (DDS '55) 12/23/2010
- DR. GEORGE K. HAUDENSHIELD (DDS '43) 2/19/2011
- DR. EDWARD L. HENDEL (DDS '64) 11/29/2010
- DR. ARTHUR H. INGRAM (DMD '59) 03/30/2011
- DR. ANTHONY R. KRIZNER (DDS '55) 1/20/2011
- DR. DENNIS R. KROLL (DMD '66) 12/28/2010
- DR. KENNETH E. LEMLEY (DDS '45) 04/29/2011
- DR. FRANK M. MCCARTHY (DDS '45) 1/20/2011
- DR. RONALD G. MIDKIFF (DDS '58) 11/15/2010
- DR. GEORGE T. PAUSTENBACH II (DMD '71) 1/20/2011
- DR. JOSEPH L. POLITOSKE (DDS '58) 1/24/2010
- DR. JACK J. PONTORIERO (DMD '65) 11/11/2010
- DR. HAROLD W. POSNER (DDS '44) 1/30/2011
- DR. JOSEPH E. PRUNETTI (DDS '47) 12/31/2010
- DR. RALPH A. RITROVATO (DDS '43) 10/30/2010
- DR. DONOVAN SHOCKEY (DDS '37) 2/1/2011
- MR. TIMOTHY SPAULDING (CLASS OF 2014) 12/14/2010
- DR. DAVID A. SPORCIC (DMD '72) 11/6/2010
- DR. WENDELL L. SPRAGUE (DDS '49) 11/25/2010
- DR. RAYMOND L. SPRECHER (FACULTY) 2/19/2011
- DR. VIRGIL ST. CLAIR (DDS '51) 2/7/2011
- DR. PHILIP C. THOMAS JR. (DDS '70) 11/1/2010
- MS. JOANNE Y. VOUTSIOTIS (CLASS OF 2014) 2/7/2011
- DR. JOHN N. WADDELL (DMD '69) 2/22/2011
- DR. DAVID L. WEBBER (DDS '45) 12/25/2010



DR. STANLEY J. BEHRMAN

of Dr. Stanley Behrman's parents. The endowment fund provides financial support to first-year predoctoral students.

Dr. Stanley J. Behrman (DMD '45) was the co-recipient of the 1996 Distinguished Alumnus Award and the inaugural initiate for the University's Legacy Laureate in 2000. He was a long-time supporter of the SDM and established along with his brother, Dr. Lawrence Behrman (DDS '46), and his nephew, Dr. David Behrman (DMD '80), the Herman and Dorothy Behrman Scholarship fund in honor

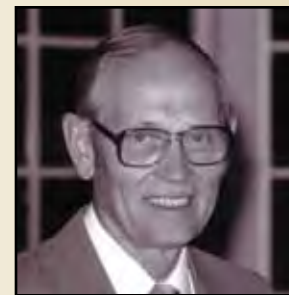


DR. HAROLD W. POSNER

Dr. Posner and his wife, Dr. Ilse F. Posner, established an endowed professorship at the SDM.

Dr. Harold W. Posner (DDS '44) was the recipient of the 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award. After graduating in 1944, he was able to serve his country as an Army dentist. Dr. Posner traveled throughout the European Theater of Operation until the end of World War II. Several years later, he served at Andrews Air Force base during the Korean conflict. Dr. Posner maintained a robust dental

Dr. Virgil St. Clair (DDS '51) served in World War II before his dental studies at Pitt. He built a successful dental practice in Arizona and devoted himself to providing dental services for children with disabilities and children who were born with cleft palate. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion, El Zaribah Shriners of Phoenix, and the Scottish Rite of Free Masons. Dr. St. Clair and his wife, Mae, established a trust to benefit future generations of students at the SDM.



DR. RAYMOND L. SPRECHER

Pharmacology and retired as a professor emeritus in 1990.

Dr. Raymond L. Sprecher, served as a faculty member at the SDM for 25 years. He earned his DMD at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Dr. Sprecher earned a Ph.D. in physiology from the University of California at San Francisco and completed a two-year post doctoral fellowship at the University of Alabama Medical Center before coming to teach at the SDM. He was a chair in the former Department of Physiology/

Alumni Update Form

Please send us information about your career advancements, papers presented, honors received, appointments, and further education. We will include your news in future issues of Pitt Dental Medicine as space permits. Please indicate names, dates, and location. Photos are welcome. Also note changes of address, phone, or e-mail.

Name: _____

Degree(s) and year(s) of graduation: _____

Home address: _____

Home phone: _____

Business address: _____

Business phone: _____

Preferred e-mail: _____

Position(s): _____

Please complete and return to: School of Dental Medicine, Office of Alumni Affairs & Development, 3501 Terrace Street, 440 Salk Hall, Pittsburgh, PA 15261, Attn: Nancy Poe

**Don't forget to register at the alumni section of www.dental.pitt.edu to make sure the University of Pittsburgh and the School of Dental Medicine have your most current contact information.*

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI GUIDELINES

The University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine Distinguished Alumni Awards may be presented in each of the following categories: Distinguished Alumnus-Dental Medicine; Distinguished Alumnus-Dental Hygiene; and Distinguished Alumnus-Advanced Education Program, to individuals who have excelled in one or more of the following areas:

1. One whose contribution of time and effort to the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine has been exceptionally significant, beyond that which would normally have been expected.
2. One whose significant attainments and high professional standards have been of such character as to have materially aided and advanced the art and science of dentistry.
3. One whose public life and activities have been of such a nature as to reflect great credit upon the profession and the School of Dental Medicine.
4. One who has contributed to original research in the dental profession.

A one-page biographical sketch of each candidate must accompany the nomination and should be sent to the DAA Awards Committee, 3501 Terrace Street, Suite 440, Pittsburgh, PA 15261.

Deadline for nominations: November 1st

Alumni Spotlight



Dr. Kai-Woh Loh

Dr. Kai-Woh Loh (MDS '82) was recently elected as president of the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society (APOS) at its annual meeting held in Sydney, Australia. APOS is composed of orthodontic associations/societies from 16 countries with more than 14,000 fellows. To find out more about APOS, visit www.ap-os.org.

Dr. Loh graduated from the University of Singapore in 1976 and obtained his Master of Dental Science in orthodontics from the University of Pittsburgh in 1982 through a scholarship awarded by the National University of Singapore. After graduation, he returned to the National University of Singapore as a full-time instructor until 1986.

He served as the Honorary General Secretary of the Singapore Dental Association between 1986 and 1988. In addition, he founded the Association of Orthodontists, Singapore in 1991 and was president of the association for the first two years.

Dr Loh has lectured in Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Singapore, Japan, Thailand, China, Philippines, and South Korea. To find out more about his orthodontic practice, please visit his website at www.alohadental.sg.

Alumni Volunteers Needed

July 19 – Student Mentoring Event: Share your experience with third- and fourth-year students - sponsored in part by Coulter, Peterson, Binstock & Associates. The event will take place between 5 and 7 p.m. at Wyndham University Place. Please RSVP to Nancy Poe at 412-648-8910 or poen@pitt.edu.



July 31 – Veteran Wheelchair Games: The 31st National Veterans Wheelchair Games will be held in Pittsburgh and there is a great need for support at the Pittsburgh International Airport on July 31. The SDM is organizing a group of alumni, student, faculty and staff volunteers for the 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. shift. Training will be conducted

at the start of each six hour shift. Parking will be provided and a free volunteer T-shirt is also included. For more information, please go to www.dental.pitt.edu/alumni or call or email Nancy Poe at 412-648-8910 or poen@pitt.edu.

By volunteering your time and energy, you will help us demonstrate Pittsburgh's spirit of warmth and hospitality. It is our time to serve our nation's heroes.

Alumni Updates

Dr. Todd M. Angelo (DMD '01, Ortho Cert '04) is serving as current president of the Scranton District Dental Society.

Dr. John Buzzatto, (DMD '78, MDS '81) is president-elect of the American Association of Orthodontics. He will become president of the association in two years.



Dr. Gene Chianelli and Mrs. Emily Chianelli

Dr. Gene Chianelli (DDS '58) and his wife, Emily, were featured in a Smith Mountain Eagle article in February. The Chianelli's own a summer home at Smith Mountain Lake in Virginia and have vacationed there since 1987. Mrs. Chianelli first met her husband as a nursing student. Dr. Chianelli was stricken with polio and was in an iron lung and Mrs. Chianelli was his nurse during a break from nursing school. Two years later, Mrs. Chianelli graduated and returned to her hometown of Williamsport, Pa., where she spotted Mr. Chianelli who had since recovered. They were later married in 1963. Today, Dr. and Mrs. Chianellis volunteer at the Free Dental Clinic of Lynchburg, where he is a mentor for visiting students from the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry in Richmond.

Ms. Margaret Lappan Green (DA '68), 2000 recipient of the SDM's Distinguished Alumna Award for Dental Hygiene, recently became founding chair of the American Dental Hygienists' Association's Toothfairy Campaign designated to "help educate and mobilize the public to respond to the 'silent and painful epidemic' of pediatric oral health disease." Ms. Lappan Green served as president of the ADHA from 2005 to 2007 and is recognized nationally for her efforts to establish dental hygienists as key players in solutions for America's oral health crisis.

Dr. Jerel Owens (DMD '75) was featured in Journal of the Michigan Dental Association for his commitment to treating underserved populations in Detroit, Mich. Dr. Owens' practice averages about 70 to 80 percent Medicaid patients. Dr. Owens is an oral surgeon and was part of a work group that put together "A United Voice for Oral Health," a comprehensive analysis of the access to care issues in Michigan as well as a number of rec-

ommendations that could help change things for the better. The report was issued by the Michigan Dental Association (MDA). Dr. Owens also serves on the MDA's Special Committee on Access to Care.

Dr. David H. J. Pavasko (DMD '88) recently received a Service Award from the American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities for his dedication to the treatment of patients with special needs.

Dr. Diane Damratoski Romaine (DMD '95) is now the president-elect of the Maryland State Dental Association and will take the office of president in September 2011.

Dr. Julie Ann Smith (OMFS Cert. '01) was recently appointed by the governor of Oregon to be a commissioner on the Oregon State Board of Dentistry.

Dr. Bryan Sipes (DMD '03, AEGD '04) opened a general dentistry private practice in February 2011 in York, PA.

Dr. William Sulkowski (DMD '78) was elected to a two-year term as president of the Pitt Varsity Letter Club.

Dr. John Taylor (DDS '49) recently received the Muskingum University's Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Beth Troy (DMD '05) married Mr. Gennaro Marsico on November 5, 2010 at St Vincent Basilica in Latrobe and now resides in Moon Township.

Dr. Angela Torres (DMD '07) is pictured in the latest issue of the ADA News with Dr. Raymond Gist of the ADA at the Jemez Dental Clinic in New Mexico where Dr. Torres serves as a supervising dentist. **Dr. Jasmine De Guzman** (DMD '07) is also featured in an advertisement for Army Dental in the same issue.

Ms. Lauren Wivell (DH '10) recently presented a dental health program to seven preschool classes throughout the North Hills of Pittsburgh. Ms. Antonia Ambrosino, instructor in the Dental Hygiene Program, said, "It's great to have alumni involved in community projects. Lauren volunteered and did a great job!"



Ms. Lauren Wivell demonstrates dental hygiene techniques to preschool students.



Stroke: Time is Brain

UPMC Winter Academy 2011

Lawrence R. Wechsler, MD
Professor and Chair
Department of Neurology

Winter Academy

For the sixth year in a row, Senior Vice Chancellor Arthur Levine and faculty of the Schools of Health Sciences gathered in sunny Naples to share the advances in research that are taking place at the University of Pittsburgh. Alumni and friends of the University were invited to attend and listen to faculty members from the schools present their latest findings heightening philanthropic interest and support for their endeavors.

The annual Winter Academy is organized by the Medical and Health Sciences Foundation and held at the Ritz Carlton Resort in Naples as a result of the large alumni population in Florida. However, many alumni travel to the event each year to listen to the lectures and re-connect with the University. The speakers are some of the most exceptional researchers at the University and work toward changing the future of health care in Pittsburgh and around the world. After the lectures, guests are invited to dinner where they can mingle with the speakers, and reconnect with alumni.

“It’s a great educational experience—there’s a lot to be learned there,” said Dr. Robert Verklin (DDS ‘47). “It’s also lots of fun to see old friends and to renew acquaintances.

As a result of the Winter Academy, the University has received generous gifts as the Medical and Health Sciences Foundation continues to reach out to everyone who is interested in attending this event—not only those alumni and friends who live in Florida, but nationwide.

Each year, the School of Dental Medicine is well represented with over 20 alums and their spouses in attendance.

“I’ve enjoyed seeing Dr. Braun and hearing updates about the dental school,” said Dr. Paul Rosofsky (DDS ‘59). “The academy has provided a reintroduction into the University where we have gained insight about what’s new in research. Our University is one of the great research centers of the world. We can all be very proud of what has been accomplished at Pitt.”

The 2011 Winter Academy agenda included A lifetime of Good Health through Research presented by Dr. Levine, Stroke: Time is Brain presented by Dr. Lawrence R. Wechsler, professor of Neurology and Neurosurgery; Move It or Lose It: Maintaining a Healthy Spine through Exercise presented by Dr. Gwendolyn A. Sowa, assistant professor of physical medicine and

rehabilitation and co-director of the Ferguson Laboratory for Orthopaedic Research; and Big Macs to Big Pharma: Media and Your Health in 2011 presented by Brian A. Primack, assistant professor of Medicine and Pediatrics.

Dr. Brian Generalovich (DMD ‘68), who served on the host committee and is chair of the SDM Board of Visitors, said, “It makes me, as an alumnus and trustee of the University, so very proud. It is a wonderful event.”

The next Winter Academy will be held on Friday, February 17, 2012. Anyone who is interested and may like to attend can visit the Winter Academy website at www.winteracademy.pitt.edu or contact Mr. Paul Casey at 412-383-7544 or pbc8@pitt.edu.



From left: Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Gattuso, Dr. Salvatore Migliore, Mrs. and Dr. Carmine Durzo



From left: Dr. Robert Verklin & Dean Thomas Braun



From left: Meryl Rosofsky, Dr. Paul Rosofsky, & Mrs. Deana Rosofsky



From left: Dean Thomas Braun, Dr. Ellsworth Bowser, & Dr. Terry Buckenheimer



From left: Dr. R. Donald Hoffman, Ms. Angela Scherder, Dean Thomas Braun, Dr. Jack Smith, & Dr. Terry Buckenheimer

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- July 19** Student Mentoring, Wyndham University Place, 5 - 7 p.m.
- July 31** Veteran's Wheelchair Games, more info at www.dental.pitt.edu/alumni
- August 29** General Assembly and White Coat Ceremony, Scaife Hall, Rooms 5 and 6, 3 - 4 p.m.
- September 19** Dental Alumni Association Executive Committee Meeting, Salk Hall, Room 430, 5 p.m.
Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting, Salk Hall, Room 457, 6 p.m.
- October 10** SDM Alumni Reception, ADA Annual Session, Mandalay Bay Hotel, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Tradewinds F
- October 14-16** University Homecoming Weekend and SDM Reunions, Homecoming CE Course
- November 1** Deadline for submission of Distinguished Alumni Nomination
- November 14** Dental Alumni Association Executive Committee Meeting, Salk Hall, Room 430, 5 p.m.
Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting, Salk Hall, Room 457, 6 p.m.
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- February 13** Dental Alumni Association Executive Committee Meeting, Salk Hall, Room 430, 5 p.m.
Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting, Salk Hall, Room 457, 6 p.m.
- March 31** 12th Annual Dean's Scholarship Ball, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens
- April 21** Eighteenth Annual T F Bowser Memorial Lecture, Scaife Hall, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., and
Dental Alumni Association Annual Business Meeting, Scaife Hall, 1 p.m.
- April 27** SDM Alumni Reception at the PDA Annual Meeting, The Hotel Hershey