



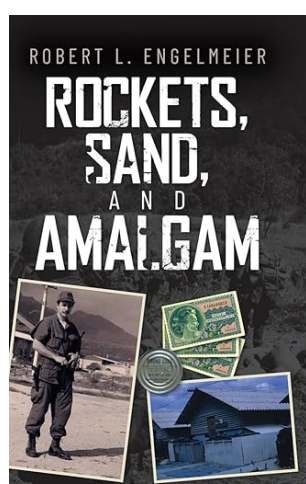
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Pitt Dental Students Embrace New Technology

Reid Frye and Victoria Hart are both fourth-year dental students at Pitt Dental Medicine. Frye plans to pursue a career in both clinical and academic dentistry and Hart wants to continue a career in General Dentistry. Frye has special interests in digital workflows, dentoalveolar surgery and implant prosthodontics and Hart is especially interested in prosthodontics, implantology and oral surgery. Both students played a large role in implementing new technology at Pitt Dental Medicine. Read more about them and learn about the new technology by clicking on the link below.

*Reid Frye and Victoria Hart*[READ MORE ABOUT REID FRYE](#)[READ MORE ABOUT VICTORIA HART](#)

Pitt Dental Alumnus Releases Book



Robert L. Engelmeier (DEN '70), who served in the U.S. Air Force for 24 years, was stationed at the 483rd USAF Hospital at Cam Ranh Bay only three months after graduating from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine. The book of his memoirs from Vietnam, "Rockets, Sand and Amalgam," can now be purchased on [Amazon](#).

In addition to working as a dentist in the U.S. Air Force and retiring as a colonel, Engelmeier worked as a professor at the School of Dental Medicine for 12 years, where he held the role of chair of the Prosthodontic Department. Plus, he spent several years treating head and neck cancer patients at UPMC Montefiore.

Dental Assistant Apprenticeship Program

The goal of the Pitt Dental Medicine Dental Assistant Apprenticeship program is to address the ongoing shortage of dental assistants by offering apprentices hands-on training in accordance with Pennsylvania state guidelines. Apprentices earn hourly wages and learn valuable knowledge to prepare for National Entry Level Dental Assistant (NELDA) certification. If your practice is interested in employing an apprentice during training, please email daprogram@pitt.edu or contact Heather Laabs at 412-624-6165. Applications for the July 2024 program are opening in February. If you know anyone who would be interested in applying for the program, they can [visit our website](#), complete [this form](#) or [attend one of our webinars](#).

In January 2023, Pitt Dental Medicine welcomed its first cohort into the Dental Assistant Apprenticeship Program and students like Carlidine, Deema and Laychell are now implementing their skills in the departments at Pitt Dental Medicine.

*Carlidine, Deema (in blue) and Laychell (in yellow) are pictured in the photos above, from left to right.*

Save the Dates: 2024 Alumni Receptions

Pitt Dental Medicine will be hosting an alumni reception on **Saturday, March 9** in New Orleans during the 2024 American Dental Education Association Annual Session. Formal invitation and registration information to come!

Please join us to welcome our new chair of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Helen Giannakopoulos. We hope to see you **Friday, March 22** at Sienna Mercato in Pittsburgh from 5-8 p.m. Formal invitation and registration information to come!

Pitt Dental Medicine will be hosting an alumni reception on **Thursday, April 18** in Los Angeles during the 2024 American Association of Endodontists Annual Meeting. Formal invitation and registration information to come!

Pitt Dental Medicine returns to New Orleans in **May** for an alumni reception held during the 2024 American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session—registration details to come!

Continuing Education Opportunities

Friday, March 1, 2024

Do Your Dentures Suck?...They Should! Achieving Suction the Digital Way
Ronni A. Schnell, DMD, MAGD, FICD

[Register Now](#)

Friday, March 8, 2024

The Esthetic Revolution
James Braun, DDS, MS

[Register Now](#)

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Periradicular and Peri-Implant Extended Lesions (In 2D and 3D)
S. Craig Schneider, DDS, MAGD, LLSR

[Register Now](#)

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Actions and Algorithms for Medical Emergencies: How to Save a Life (Including Your Own)
Daniel G. Pompa, DDS

[Register Now](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking to get involved with Pitt Dental Medicine? Along with the Dental Alumni Association, we are working to build a community of mentors for current students and recent graduates. These opportunities include one-on-one time, school events, sporting events, virtual opportunities and more.

For more information, please email Alumni Coordinator Gionna Pitrone at gmp83@pitt.edu.

