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Pitt Day of Giving Recap



Thank you to everyone who supported Pitt Dental Medicine on Feb. 27, 2024, for the eighth annual Pitt Day of Giving. More than 200 donors supported the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, raising our donor count by more than 50% from last year.

The Department of Restorative Dentistry and Comprehensive Care won both of Dean Oakley's challenges. The Department received an extra \$1,000 in challenge funds from Dean Oakley personally for having the highest donor count and most funds raised.

We are so grateful for your support.

Alumna and Faculty Member Spotlight

Katie Ryan (DEN '14), assistant professor of restorative and comprehensive care, School of Dental Medicine, talks about her involvement with dental medicine and reflects on Women's History Month.

What does Women's History Month mean to you in your profession or your day-to-day work?



"Women's History Month is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements, contributions and resilience of women throughout history, including those in dentistry. Ultimately, I think it allows for important conversations about gender equality, diversity and inclusion within the dental community and encourages recognition of the challenges women may face in the field. I am very fortunate that in my day-to-day work I have incredible female role models, leaders, mentors and friends that support each other and foster an environment where we can thrive despite challenges that have historically been in place. I am proud to be a woman, proud to be part of the Pitt Dental Medicine family, but most proud of my beautiful, growing family and my role as a mother and wife."

[Read the Full Story](#)

New Technology Enhances Education



Suvendra Vijayan, assistant professor in the Department of Diagnostic Sciences at the School of Dental Medicine and director of 3D printing and advanced technologies in the Offices of Academic and Clinical Affairs, talks about how new technology is making a difference to students and faculty in the School of Dental Medicine. Read about it in the story below.

[Learn More](#)

Upcoming Alumni Events Calendar

Pitt Dental Medicine will be hosting an alumni reception on **Thursday, April 18, 2024**, in Los Angeles during the 2024 American Association of Endodontists Annual Meeting. [Register Here](#).

Pitt Dental Medicine returns to New Orleans on **Saturday, May 4, 2024**, for an alumni reception during the 2024 American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session. [Register Here](#).

Join Pitt Health Sciences for the next virtual health academy on **Tuesday, May 7, 2024**. The event will feature Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology Rebecca Price. Along with her colleagues, Price will share insights on the developments and highest-priority needs within the broad scope of improving treatment for stress and anxiety. Additional details and registration will be provided closer to the event date—stay tuned!

Save the dates for Health Sciences Alumni Weekend: **Sept. 20-21, 2024**. Join us on campus for a weekend full of programming and reconnect with your classmates, engage with faculty and learn about new things happening at Pitt Dental Medicine!

Continuing Education Opportunities

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Actions and Algorithms for Medical Emergencies: How to Save a Life

(Including Your Own)

T.F. Bowser Memorial Lecture

Daniel G. Pompa, DDS

[Register Now](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking to get involved with the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine? Along with the Dental Alumni Association, we are working to build a community of mentors for our current students and recent graduates. This opportunity can involve one-on-one time, school events, sporting events and virtual opportunities.

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